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Richard Wagamese’s *Indian Horse* named the 2013/14 MacEwan University Book of the Year

Edmonton--MacEwan University’s Book of the Year committee has selected *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese as the 17th MacEwan University Book of the Year.

From the shortlist, *Indian Horse* was chosen over *Come Thou Tortoise* by Jessica Grant, *Essex County Trilogy* by Jeff Lemire, *Love and the Mess We’re In* by Stephen Marche, and *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick DeWitt.

“Each of our shortlisted books was a strong contender for this year,” says Paul Martin, chair, MacEwan University Book of the Year committee. “We didn’t arrive at this decision lightly, and we feel *Indian Horse* will generate a lot of discussion.”

*Indian Horse* (published by Douglas & McIntyre) is the story of Saul Indian Horse, a man who reflects on the life he led in northern Ojibway, “with all its sorrows and joys.” On his deathbed, he looks back on his youth—when he was taken forcibly from his family to be sent to a residential school—and his brief salvation in playing hockey. In 1960s Canada, however, Saul faces the harsh realities of racism, cultural alienation and displacement.

MacEwan University will host author Richard Wagamese in March 2014. Event details will be announced via MacEwan.ca/MacEwanBook. Paperback copies of the book are available in MacEwan Bookstores.

The Book of the Year program is a long-standing tradition at the university, and is sponsored by Faculty Commons, the English department, MacEwan University Bookstores, MacEwan University Library, the Students’ Association of MacEwan University (SAMU), and the Edmonton Public Library.

Each year since the program began in 1997, the university has chosen a book based on its appeal and potential to generate interest and discussion at the university. The book is taught in English courses throughout the university.

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