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Celebrating Canadian literature: MacEwan University’s Book of the Year turns 20

Edmonton – Love Enough by critically acclaimed author Dionne Brand has been named MacEwan University’s Book of the Year for 2017/18. The novel will be taught in English classes across the university beginning in the fall term and the author will visit with students in the spring to provide readings and workshops.

“Love Enough is a beautiful and poetic novel,” says Paul Martin, faculty development coordinator and chair of the Book of the Year committee. “Dionne Brand is a powerful, established writer and we are thrilled that she will visit with students and faculty members in March to discuss the nuances of her novel.”

Set in Toronto, it’s a tale about love and relationships. “Love Enough weaves together the lives of several characters and readers are given a glimpse into the day-to-day events intersecting family members, friends and lovers as they discover things about themselves and those close to them,” added Martin.

Brand first came to prominence in Canada as a poet. Her book of poetry No Language is Neutral, that discussed how the black female body is portrayed, was nominated as a finalist for the Governor General’s Award. 1997’s Land to Light On won both the Governor General’s Award and the Trillium Award. Her novel In Another Place was shortlisted for the Chapters/Books in Canada First Novel Award and her works of nonfiction include Bread Out of Stone and A Map to the Door of No Return.

Brand was raised on the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago where she attended the prestigious Naparima Girls High School. At 17 she moved to Canada to attend the University of Toronto where she eventually earned her doctorate in women’s history. She was an assistant professor in English at the University of Guelph; a professor of women’s studies at Simon Fraser University; and, the Writer in Residence at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

Since 1997, a work of contemporary Canadian fiction is chosen by the Book of the Year committee from nominations by the university community. The committee bases its selection on the book's appeal and its potential to generate interest and discussion at MacEwan University.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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