MacEwan University announces its 2015 /16 Book of the Year

Edmonton—The Department of English at MacEwan University is pleased to announce that author Kim Thuy’s book, Mãn, has been named the 2015/16 Book of the Year.

Mãn is Thuy’s second book and tells the story of the title character, a woman that has had three mothers. One of the mothers becomes a spy to survive and, to save Mãn, pairs her with a lonely Vietnamese restaurateur in Montreal. While living in her new city, Mãn discovers her talents as a chef and her passion for food. But soon her passion extends to another chef—a married man in Paris—through whom she encounters the obsessions and dangers of a love affair.

“Mãn being named MacEwan University Book of the Year confirms my status as the luckiest girl in the world,” said Thuy. “This honour is beyond what my imagination could have imagined.”

First-year English students will be among those reading and studying the English translation of Thuy’s novel and will have an opportunity to ask questions about it during the author’s visit to the university in March.

“We are delighted to honour Thuy’s novel Mãn as the MacEwan University Book of the Year for 2015/16,” said Paul Martin, faculty development coordinator. “Thuy is one of our country’s most gifted and generous writers. This extraordinarily rich novel will greatly enrich our students’ experience of reading and studying,” he added.

The MacEwan University Book of the Year program is a long-standing tradition at the university, and is sponsored by the Faculty Commons, the English Department, MacEwan University Bookstores, MacEwan University Library, the Students’ Association of MacEwan University, 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. The book is taught in English courses throughout the university.

Thuy will be at MacEwan University on March 8, 2016 for a public reading.

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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