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**Sisters Brothers selected as MacEwan University’s Book of the Year**

EDMONTON - The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt has been chosen as the 2014-2015 MacEwan Book of the Year.

DeWitt’s award-winning novel traces the misadventures of assassins Eli and Charlie Sisters as they make their way through Oregon and California in the mid-1800s. The Sisters Brothers (House of Anansi, 2011) won the Governor General’s Award for Fiction and the Roger Writers’ Trust Fiction Prize in 2011, and the Stephen Leacock Medal for humour writing in 2012. It was also shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

DeWitt will do a public reading at MacEwan University in 2015. Founded in 1997, the MacEwan Book of the Year celebrates a work of contemporary fiction by a Canadian author. The book is taught in English classes at the university, which then culminates in a visit by the writer. Novels by Michael Ondaatje, Annabel Lyon, Guy Vanderhaeghe, Camilla Gibb, Thomas Wharton and Frances Itani are some of the past recipients.

The 2013-2014 selection was Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese, whose visit to MacEwan University in spring 2014 was postponed due to serious illness. Wagamese is expected to visit the university this fall.

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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