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2017 Shortlist

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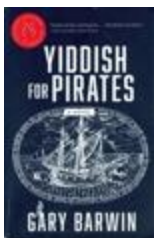
Leacock Medal Shortlist Revealed

The Board of Directors of the Leacock Associates today announced its 2017 shortlist of books in the running for the 70th Anniversary Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour award.

The readers and judges chose the three top books from a longlist of 11 after thoroughly evaluating 68 original submissions.

The shortlist for the 2017 Leacock Medal (in alphabetical order by author surname) is:

Gary Barwin for *Yiddish for Pirates*, Random House Canada.



“Shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and nominated for the Governor-General’s Award for Literature, a hilarious, swashbuckling yet powerful tale of pirates, buried treasure and a search for the Fountain of Youth, told in the ribald, philosophical voice of a 500-year-old Jewish parrot.” Random House

Amy Jones for *We’re All in This Together*, McClelland & Stewart.



“A woman goes over a waterfall, a video goes viral, a family goes into meltdown – life is about to get a lot more complicated for the Parker family.” McClelland & Stewart

Drew Hayden Taylor for *Take Us to Your Chief And Other Stories*, Douglas & McIntyre.



“Infused with Native stories and variously mysterious, magical and humorous, Take Us to Your Chief is the perfect mesh of nostalgically 1950s-esque science fiction with modern First Nations discourse.” Douglas & McIntyre

Commenting on the shortlist, Leacock Associates board president Nathan Taylor explained, “The top books competing for the award this year come from very diverse Canadian authors, each representing a different approach to humour. Coming up with a shortlist of three was no laughing matter. Actually, it was. It will be exciting to see who wins the coveted Medal.”