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Awarding the Leacock Medal for the best in Canadian Literary Humour



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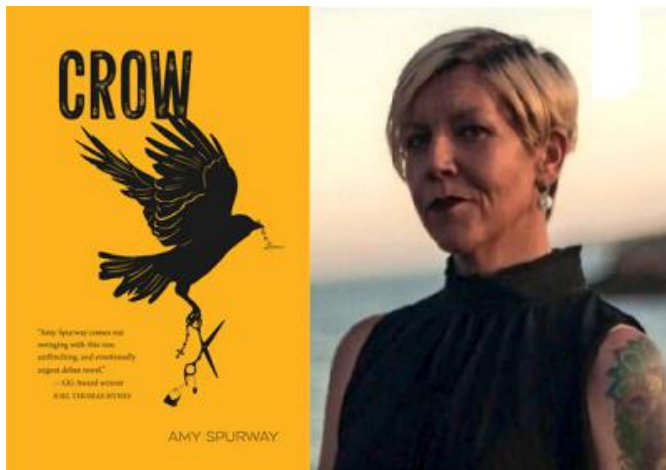
## Jacobs, Spurway and Taylor make Leacock Medal shortlist

ORILLIA, Ont. — The Stephen Leacock Associates board of directors is pleased to announce the shortlist for this year's Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. In the running for the medal and \$15,000 prize are (in alphabetical order by author surname):

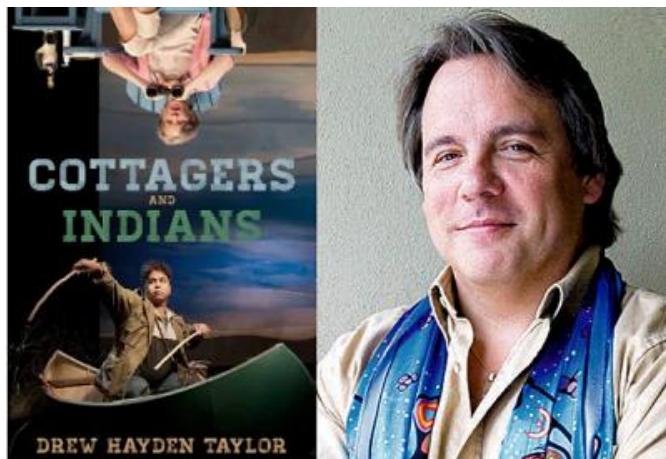
- **Heidi L.M. Jacobs**, *Molly of the Mall: Literary Lass and Purveyor of Fine Footwear* (NeWest Press)  
Heidi L.M. Jacobs was born and raised in Edmonton. While attending the University of Alberta, she worked in a wide variety of retail jobs, including selling shoes. She is currently the English and History Librarian at the University of Windsor.



- **Amy Spurway** *CROW* (Goose Lane Editions)  
Amy Spurway was born and raised on Cape Breton Island, where, at the age of eleven, she landed her first writing and performing gigs with CBC Radio. She has worked as a freelance writer, communications consultant, editor, and performer.



- **Drew Hayden Taylor** *Cottagers and Indians* (Talonbooks).  
An Ojibway from the Curve Lake First Nation in Ontario, Drew Hayden Taylor is an award-winning playwright, a journalist/columnist (appearing regularly in several Canadian newspapers and magazines), short-story writer, novelist, television scriptwriter, and has worked on numerous documentaries exploring the Native experience.



The medal winner will be announced on Friday, June 5, 2020, by press release and social media. The usual Gala Dinner has had to be cancelled owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The shortlisted authors will be invited to the Gala Weekend festivities in 2021.

“Our panel of judges has selected three finalists from the 84 books that were submitted this year,” said Leacock Associates president Michael Hill. “It’s a gruelling process to read and evaluate all those books and come up with three that merit being named to a ‘short’ list. The Leacock Associates thank the readers for their time, effort and expertise.”

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