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And Sometimes They Kill You shortlisted for Donner Book Prize

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(Toronto, ON) Gregory Belton, Chair of the Donner Canadian Foundation, today announced the shortlist for the 2024 Donner Prize, the award recognizing the best public policy book by a Canadian.

"The aim of the Donner Prize is to spotlight books advancing a thoughtful perspective on policy issues facing our society and governments today, and to be a catalyst for debate on these matters among policymakers and the public. Belton continued, the Donner jurors have reviewed a field of over 80 books submitted by a record 47 publishers, in English and French, and have brought forward a shortlist of five books".

The prestigious Donner Prize, founded in 1998, annually rewards excellence and innovation in public policy writing by Canadians. In bestowing this award, the Donner Canadian Foundation seeks to broaden policy debates, and to make an original and meaningful contribution to policy discourse, all of which will contribute to an even stronger and more inclusive Canadian democracy.

The 2024 Donner Prize finalists are:

Fiscal Choices: Canada After the Pandemic; Michael M. Atkinson and Haizhen Mou (University of Toronto Press)

And Sometimes They Kill You: Confronting the Epidemic of Intimate Partner Violence in Canada; Pamela Cross (Between The Lines)

Constraining the Court: Judicial Power and Policy Implementation in the Charter Era; James B. Kelly (UBC Press)

Seized by Uncertainty: The Markets, Media and Special Interests that Shaped Canada's Response to COVID-19; Kevin Quigley, Kaitlynn Lowe, Sarah Moore, and Brianna Wolfe; (McGill-Queen's University Press)

Hard Lessons in Corporate Governance; Bryce C. Tingle (Cambridge University Press)

And Sometimes They Kill You, written by Pamela Cross, describes the pervasiveness of intimate partner violence (IPV) and the need for both response and prevention-based mechanisms to address it. She highlights the ways in which the legal system fails survivors and victims of IPV and particular barriers in accessing support in rural areas like Petawawa.

The 2024 Donner Prize will be presented at a gala dinner in Toronto on May 15, 2025.

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