

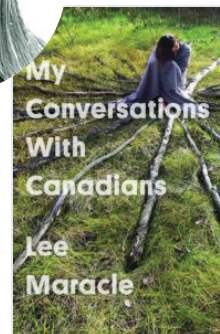
PAST LAUREATES OF THE BLUE METROPOLIS FIRST PEOPLES LITERARY PRIZE



TERESE MARIE MAILHOT – 2019

In 2019, Blue Metropolis awarded the First Peoples Literary Prize to Terese Marie Mailhot, the author of *Heart Berries: A Memoir*. The award ceremony took place in Montreal, at HOTEL10, on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 1 pm. The prizewinner took part in an onstage interview with CBC host Sonali Karnick, in addition to participating in a number of other events.

Terese Marie Mailhot is originally from Seabird Island, in British Columbia. She received a master’s degree in Creative Writing from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Her work has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Rumpus*, *Carve Magazine*, *The Offing*, *The Toast* and *Yellow Medicine Review*.



LEE MARACLE – 2018

In 2018, Blue Metropolis awarded the First Peoples Literary Prize to author Lee Maracle. The award ceremony took place in Montreal, at the McCord Museum, on Sunday, April 29, at 4 pm. The winner took part in an onstage interview with Métis artist Moe Clark, as well as in several other events.

Lee Maracle is the author of a number of award-winning and critically acclaimed literary works, including *Sojourners and Sundogs*, *Bobbi Lee: Indian Rebel*, *Daughters Are Forever*, *Will’s Garden*, *Talking to the Diaspora*, *My Conversations with Canadians* and, more recently, *Hope Matters*. She is also the co-editor of *Telling It: Women and Language Across Cultures*. Lee Maracle is published in anthologies and scholarly journals worldwide. She was born in Vancouver and is a member of the Stó:lō Nation.



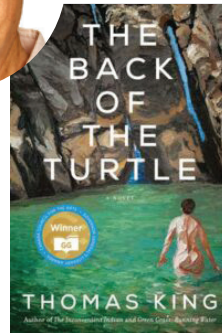
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DAVID TREUER – 2017

In 2017, Blue Metropolis awarded its First Peoples Literary Prize to author David Treuer. The award ceremony took place in Montreal, at the McCord Museum, on Friday, April 28, 2017, at 4 pm. The author participated in an onstage interview with CBC host Duncan McCue.

David Treuer is Ojibwe, from the Leech Lake Reservation, in Northern Minnesota. The author of several novels and works of non-fiction, he has also written for such prestigious publications as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Esquire* and *Slate*. He has a PhD in Anthropology and teaches literature and creative writing at the University of Southern California.



THOMAS KING – 2016

In 2016, Blue Metropolis awarded the First Peoples Literary Prize to Thomas King. The award ceremony took place in Montreal, at McGill University's Moot Court, on Friday, April 15, 2016, at 5:30 pm. The winner took part in an onstage interview with Rosanna Deerchild, author, poet and host of the CBC Radio program *Unreserved*.

Thomas King, who is of Cherokee and Greek descent, is a novelist, scriptwriter and photographer. In 2004, he received the Order of Canada. In 2012, his non-fiction book, *The Inconvenient Indian*, won the National B.C. Non-fiction Award and the Charles Taylor Prize. In 2014, he received the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction for *Back of the Turtle*



MARIE ANNHARTE BAKER – 2015

In 2015, Blue Metropolis awarded the First Peoples Literary Award to poet Annharte, for her collection *Indigena Awry*. The award ceremony took place in Montreal, at HOTEL10, in Salle Godin, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at 11 am. The winner was interviewed by writer, academic and activist Taiaiake Alfred.

Annharte, also known as Mary Baker, is Anishinaabe (Little Saskatchewan First Nation, Manitoba). In addition to *Indigena Awry* (2013), she has published three poetry collections, *Being on the Moon* (1990), *Coyote Columbus Cafe* (1995), *Exercises in Lip Pointing* (2003), and a work of non-fiction, *AKA Inendagosekwe* (2014).