



# Participating Authors

As part of the effort to prevent Toronto library branch closures and stimulate public discussion on the importance of libraries, each of the following eleven Toronto authors has volunteered to conduct a tour of a Toronto literary site and have lunch at a restaurant of their choice with a small group of contest winners.

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**Margaret Atwood** was born in Ottawa and grew up in northern Ontario, Quebec, and Toronto. She is the author of more than fifty books and her work has been published in more than forty languages. She currently lives in Toronto. She has received numerous awards including the Order of Canada, and the Governor-General's Award.



**Linwood Barclay** was the Toronto Star's humour columnist for many years. A few thousand columns later, he retired from the paper in 2008 to write books full-time including *No Time for Goodbye* and *The Accident*.



**Joy Fielding** is a New York Times Best Selling author. Her books have been published in multiple languages worldwide. She has published to date 22 novels, two of which were converted into film. Joy resides in Toronto and Palm Beach, Florida.



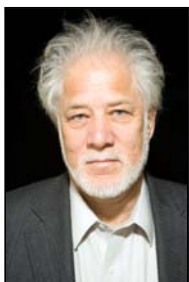
**Judy Fong-Bates** came to Canada from China as a young child and grew up in several small Ontario towns. Her book, *Midnight at the Dragon Café* is the 2011 One Book Community Read for the city of Toronto.



**Sylvia Fraser**, born in Hamilton, is a novelist, journalist and travel writer. In 1987 she wrote the award winning *My father's house: a memoir of incest and of healing*. She served on the Arts Advisory Panel to Canada Council and was a founding member of The Writers' Union of Canada. She lives in Toronto.



**Dr. Vincent Lam** became, at 32, the youngest recipient of the Scotiabank Giller Prize with his book *Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures*. Dr. Lam is from the expatriate Chinese community of Vietnam. Raised in Ottawa, Dr. Lam did his medical training in Toronto, where he now practices emergency medicine.



**Philip Michael Ondaatje** is a Sri Lankan-born Canadian novelist and poet. A Toronto resident, he is best known for his Booker Prize-winning novel, *The English Patient*, which was adapted into an Academy-Award-winning film. He is also the recipient of the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Order of Canada.



**Anna Porter** was born in Budapest, Hungary and emigrated to Canada in 1970. Co-founder of Key Porter Books, she is a prolific journalist and has written several books. She is an Officer of The Order of Canada and has been awarded the Order of Ontario.



**Robert Rotenberg** is one of Toronto's top criminal lawyers. He has written two books, *Old City Hall* and *the Guilty Plea*.



**Susan Swan's** critically acclaimed fiction has been published in twenty countries. A native of southwestern Ontario, Susan Swan makes her home and garden in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood.



**Jeremy Tankard** is a popular award-winning children's author, born in South Africa, but moved to Canada with his family. He illustrates his own books like *Boo Hoo Bird* and *Grumpy Bird*.

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