



BREAKING NEWS!

Dear Members,

We are pleased (and proud!) to announce the longlist for the LWS inaugural anthology, *Out of the Woods*.

The goal of the anthology project is to provide a showcase and a learning experience for our members – a diverse group of over 100 writers, some of whom have never participated in such an exercise. The responsibility of our First Readers was to review the entries, provide their objective input and scoring in order to guide the longlist selection based on the ranking and volume of entries received. This method was applied to each category, to ensure a fair and equitable process. All entries were judged anonymously.

The panel of First Reader judges was composed of published Canadian authors based in and around London, Ontario. Their full bios and profiles can be found on our social channels and website. They are: Andreas Gripp, Barbara Haworth-Attard, Anne Kay, Margaret Whitley and Kym Wolfe.

We want to take a moment to applaud everyone who participated. Polishing a piece and having the courage to submit it is already something to be proud of, and we know many of you were submitting for the very first time. Overall, the quality of the work was high and our expert panel had their work cut out for them.

Below is the list of authors whose work will be sent to our finalist judge, Emma Donoghue. Congratulations!

The shortlist will be announced on December 15, 2024.

Warm wishes and, again, congratulations to all from the Anthology Committee!

Anthology Longlist

In alphabetical order by author's surname:

Nancy Abra, *Out of the Woods**

JR Boudreau, *Megatheria*

Charlotte H. Broadfoot, *Stumped*

Sue I Brown, *I Spy Spider Pi*

Laurie Browne, *Discovery; Master; and Still*

Krista Carson, *afternoon at the home of a poetess and incandescent*

Trudy Cloudt, *Grandpa's Harvest*

Maureen Connor, *Fences*

Donna Costa, *Firsts; Full Circle; Summer's End; The Idels in March; and Winter Astronaut*

Emily De Angelis, *Reunion*

Michael Ross Dolan, *In Her World; Parents and The Komoka Train*

Tracy Dubue, *The Need to Kill*

C.J. Frederick, *Coated and Rest Stop*

Bess Hamilton, *Heart's Desire*

Stacie Hanson, *Hungry Little Talbot*

Catherine Heighway, *Jasper National Park 2024*

V. Gregory Houlton, *Unquenched*

Meg Howald, *Of Wheels and Woods*

Mackenzie Howson, *Out of the Shadows on Chestnut Avenue*

Eleanor Huber, *Away*

Barbara Johnson, *My Mother*

Mari Johnson, *Covid-19*

Caroline Kaiser, *Dorcas in the Dark*

Diane Kirby, *Carol and Wear A Denim Shirt for Me*

Christine Langlois, *Last Baby and Maude's Chance*

Bruce Lord, *Diving the Maldives and Not Just Lonely*

Adam Love, *A New Program; Doctor Transmogrify; Muse and Romeo & Juliet's Fantastical Moon Adventure*

Jeremy Marks, *A View from Dundas Street*

Brenda Martin, *Natus Mortuus; Now and Then; The Letter and Watching A Man in A Retirement Home Parking Lot*

John Matsui, *Mollusk Apocalypse*

Mary Lou McRae, *Caravanning*

Dominique Millette, *Side Gig*

Martha Morrison, *The Barnyard Duet and The Rollercoaster*

Maureen Murphy, *The Pond*

Jeffrey Edward Orchard, *A Trinity of Trials; Dust – An Ode* and *Radio Waves*

Janice Phillips, *One in Fifty Thousand*

Ruth Rappini, *Ready for Sleep*

Jayn Reed, *In One Piece*

Stephanie Reisler, *Out of the Woods**

Janet Sims, *Schrodinger's Hamster*

Christine Stephens, *The Anger*

George Allan Tucker, *All Trees Matter*

Heather Vanderkam, *Edges of Motherhood*

Laura Wythe, *Alignment*

Mary Zabder Ross, *Sophie's Choice*

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