
QUILL & QUIRE

 CANADA'S MAGAZINE OF
 BOOK NEWS AND REVIEWS

 Search Site
 Exclude Q&Q Omni from results [Advanced Search](#)
[Q & Q OMNI + DEALS](#) | [DIRECTORIES](#) | [QUILLBLOG](#) | [BOOK REVIEWS](#) | [KIDS' BOOKS](#) | [AUTHOR PROFILES](#) | [JOB BOARD](#)
[« Previous post](#)
[Next post »](#)
TOP STORIES
QUILLBLOG

By Allison MacLachlan

December 12, 2011

1:16 PM

 Filed under: [Books of the Year](#), [Anansi](#), [book](#), [books](#), [Booksellers](#), [Canada](#), [crime](#), [Doubleday](#), [Doubleday Canada](#), [House of Anansi](#), [House of Anansi Press](#), [McClelland & Stewart](#), [ob](#), [Ontario](#), [Peter Robinson](#), [Raincoast](#), [Toronto](#), [Winnipeg](#)

33

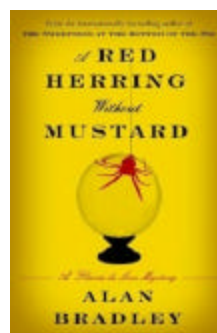
 share

 share
Related posts

- » [Booksellers' picks of the year: travel](#)
- » [Booksellers' picks of the year: international fiction](#)
- » [Booksellers' picks of the year: science fiction and fantasy](#)
- » [Booksellers' picks of the year: graphica](#)
- » [QuebeCrime Festival celebrates crime fiction](#)

Booksellers' picks of the year: crime and mystery

The third instalment of [Alan Bradley's](#) Flavia de Luce series, *A Red Herring Without Mustard* (Doubleday Canada), is one of the most popular crime and mystery titles of 2011, according to booksellers contacted by *Q&Q*.



Two other new books from established authors, [Louise Penny's](#) *A Trick of the Light* (St. Martin's Press/Raincoast) and [Peter Robinson's](#) *Before the Poison* (McClelland & Stewart), are also among booksellers' top 2011 crime and mystery titles.

A lesser-known Ontario author, retired aeronautical professional Liam Dwyer, has been one of the year's top-selling authors at The Sleuth of Baker Street in Toronto. Co-owner Marian Misters says *Murdoch in Muskoka* (Muskoka Dockside Reader), a new omnibus containing the first three titles in Dwyer's murder-mystery series, has been especially popular.

At Whodunit? Mystery Bookstore in Winnipeg, co-owner Jack Bumsted points to local author C.C. Benison's Christmas mystery, *Twelve Drummers Drumming* (Doubleday Canada), as his store's best-selling book of the year. Other top 2011 titles at Whodunit? include *Q&Q* book of the year *The Water Rat of Wanchai* and *The Disciple of Las Vegas*, both from Ian Hamilton's Ava Lee series published by Spiderline, the new crime fiction imprint from House of Anansi Press.

Walter Sinclair, co-owner of Dead Write Books in Vancouver, says the best-selling 2011 books in his store have common features. "All are well-established authors, all with mysteries featuring series characters," he says. Dead Write's top titles this year include William Deverell's latest Arthur Beauchamp mystery, *I'll See You in My Dreams* (M&S), and the U.K. edition of Louise Penny's *Bury Your Dead* (Headline/Hachette).

[Booksellers' picks of the year: LGBT](#)
[Booksellers' picks of the year: graphica](#)
[Books & Company says goodbye to its feline companion, Miss Lily](#)
[Nora Alleyn, 1933–2011](#)
[Quillcast episode three: Charlotte Gill and Eating Dirt](#)

ADVERTISEMENT

TORONTO LIFE

2011 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

90 Picks
TORONTO'S BEST STUFF »»

LATEST ISSUE: DECEMBER 2011

[Subscribe: Digital Edition](#)
[Subscribe: Print Edition](#)
[Buy Back Issues](#)
AWARDS SEASON 2011

Book awards announcements and finalists

[B.C. National Award for Canadian Non-fiction finalists announced](#)
[Slideshow: Introducing the 2012 Canada Reads finalists](#)
[Graphic novel and autism memoir among Quebec](#)
[Writers' Federation Award winners](#)
[GG win "surreal" for deWitt, "surprising" for Foran](#)
[« Previous post](#)
[Next post »](#)

Like

ADD NEW COMMENT

[Login](#)



Type your comment here.

Foran, deWitt add GGs to literary accolades



SHOWING 0 COMMENTS

Sort by popular no. ▾

M [Subscribe by email](#) S [RSS](#)

Trackback URL <http://www.quillandquire.c>

BOOKS OF THE YEAR



Take Our Quick Survey

QUILL & QUIRE

MOST SHARED STORIES THIS WEEK

- [Project Manager, Higher Education \(Production\)](#)
- [Quillblog | Quill & Quire](#)
- [Toronto Desk Set challenges librarian stereotypes](#)
- [Wayson Choy author profile | Quill & Quire](#)

BOOK PICTURES

Do you have great photos from a recent book event in Canada that you'd like to share with us? Submit them to the [Quill & Quire Flickr pool](#) and they'll show up here.



RECENT COMMENTS

I love the idea, but Ford believes that cultural institutions should be funded privately through donations. I'm afraid this just confirms his belief that the public purse shouldn't be used to fund...

[Show Rob Ford and TPL some love this holiday season · 2 hours ago](#)

We should send His Worship some books. Heard the bookshelf in the mayor's office is stacked with candy bars and chips.

[Show Rob Ford and TPL some love this holiday season · 2 hours ago](#)

Hi Steve, I believe the 'BBC Radio 4 Drama Readings' is a separate competition. Both focus on short stories, although they have different deadlines and guidelines (and the BBC Short Story Award...

[BBC Short Story Award opens to international writers in 2012 · 7 hours ago](#)

what could be a journal topic based on a character?

[Miriam Toews author profile | Quill & Quire · 1 day ago](#)

Hi Allison,

Could you tell me, please, if this competition and the 'BBC Radio 4 Drama Readings' are one and the same?

Regards,

Steve Wade

[BBC Short Story Award opens to international writers in 2012 · 1 day ago](#)

FOLLOW QUILL



CONTACT US

- [Use our anonymous tipline](#)
- [Report a book deal](#)
- [Contact us via e-mail](#)

QUICK LINKS

- [Home](#)
- [Quillblog](#)
- [Book reviews](#)
- [Children's book reviews](#)
- [Author profiles](#)
- [Job board](#)

Q&Q OMNI

- [Industry news](#)
- [Deals](#)
- [Personnel changes](#)
- [Awards](#)
- [Directories](#)
- [Anonymous tipline](#)

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- [Publications](#)
- [Subscribe to Q&Q magazine](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Advertising info](#)
- [About us](#)
- [Privacy policy](#)

MOST POPULAR TOPICS

[Amazon Awards blog](#) [book](#) [Bookmarks](#) [books](#) [CES](#) [Children's books](#) [CLA](#) [Covers](#) [Design](#) [E-Books](#) [Guardian](#) [Harry Potter](#) [Interview](#) [Libraries](#) [library](#) [Links](#) [Margaret Atwood](#) [Marketing](#) [Media](#) [Money](#) [new york times](#) [Ob](#) [Poetry](#) [Politics](#) [Publishing](#) [Reading](#) [Tech](#) [Toronto](#) [Van](#) [Web](#) [writers](#) [Writing](#) [YA](#)



Canada Council for the Arts / Conseil des Arts du Canada



ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL / CONSEIL DES ARTS DE L'ONTARIO

All content copyright Quill & Quire -- Quill & Quire is a registered trademark of St. Joseph Media

The latest from across the St. Joseph Media network

Drake and Twitter borrow
Ontario's slogan

Photoist: December 12,
2011

OPENING: Introducing
Fatboys Southern
Smokehouse

They said/We said:
British-based fashion
design houses have been
ordered to pay their
interns

Where to watch the Dec.
10 Nobel Prize webcast

Saturday Morning Smile:
How to Celebrate a Goal,
Toddler Style [VIDEO]

Holiday Baking: 6
Squares and Bars

Lunar Eclipse Meets
Winter Solstice,
Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest
Territories

29 Neat Ways To Fold
Your Napkins

Film noir: Osez le noir et
blanc avec les robes et
accessoires du moment