

Canada's crime writers receive nominations for Arthur Ellis Awards

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TORONTO - Toronto author Maureen Jennings has been nominated for an Arthur Ellis Award by the Crime Writers of Canada for her latest Christine Morris novel, "The K Handshape."

Jennings, the creator of the historical "Murdoch Mystery" series set in old Toronto, was one of five veteran writers who received nominations Thursday for their latest books.

Toronto Star columnist-turned-novelist Linwood Barclay, who left the Star last year to become a full-time fiction writer, is nominated for his latest novel, "Too Close To Home."

James Nichol, another Ontario writer who won an Arthur for best new novel with his first book, "Midnight Cab," has been nominated for his latest "Transgression."

Louise Penny, a former journalist born in Toronto who now lives outside Montreal, is nominated for "The Murder Stone," the fourth book in her Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series.

Finally, Montreal-born writer Michael Rose, who now lives in Sydney, Australia, is nominated for the third book in his Frank Delaney spy thriller series, "The Tsunami File."

The winners of the best novel and all the other award categories will be announced in Ottawa June 4 at the National Arts Centre.

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