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9th Annual
Fred Cogswell Award
For Excellence In Poetry



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The Royal City Literary Arts Society proudly presents
The 9th Annual Fred Cogswell Award for Excellence in Poetry

Named after one of Canada's literary giants, the Award honours poetic excellence in the same way Fred Cogswell did through his iconic press, *Fiddlehead Poetry Books*, and the still-running literary magazine he founded, *The Fiddlehead*.

"Fred Cogswell (1917-2004) was a prolific poet, editor, professor, life member of the League of Canadian Poets, and an Officer of the Order of Canada."

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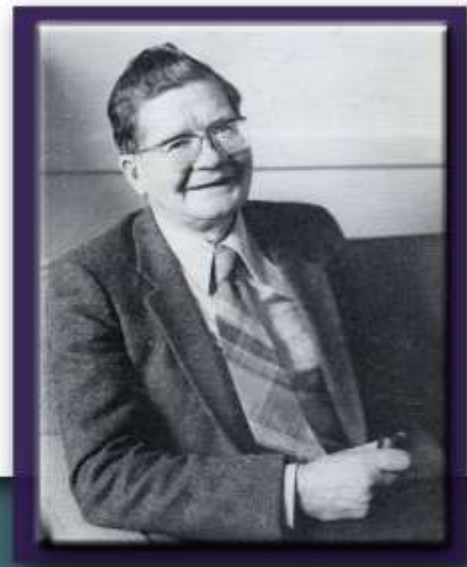
Evelyn Lau

Evelyn Lau is a lifelong Vancouverite who has published thirteen books, including eight volumes of poetry. Her memoir, *Runaway: Diary of a Street Kid*, published when she was 18, was made into a CBC movie starring Sandra Oh in her first major role. Evelyn's prose books have been translated into a dozen languages; her poetry has received the Milton Acorn Award, the Pat Lowther Award and a National Magazine Award, as well as nominations for the Governor-General's and a BC Book Prize. Evelyn's work has appeared in over a hundred magazines and anthologies, including the *Best American Poetry* and *Best Canadian Poetry* series. From 2011-2014, she served as Vancouver's Poet Laureate; she has also served on numerous national grant and prize juries. Evelyn's most recent collection is *Pineapple Express* (Anvil, 2020).

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Top Ten Longlist



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Announcing Our 2022 Longlist

**We are pleased to announce the longlist for the
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In alphabetical order by author:

- "Could Be"* by George Bowering (New Star Books)
- "Antonyms for Daughter"* by Jenny Boychuk (Signal Editions)
- "The Debt"* by Andreae Callanan (Biblioasis)
- "Exhibitionist"* by Molly Cross-Blanchard (Coach House Books)
- "Phantompains"* by Therese Estacion (Book*hug Press)
- "I Will Be More Myself in The Next World"* by Matsuki Masutani (Mother Tongue Publishing)
- "Seven-to-Five"* by Michael Meagher (Gaspereau Press)
- "Little Housewolf"* by Medrie Purdham (Signal Editions)
- "Intruder"* by Bardia Sinaee (House of Anansi Press)
- "Through the Wasmouth I Drew You"* by Nicola Vulpe (Guernica Editions)



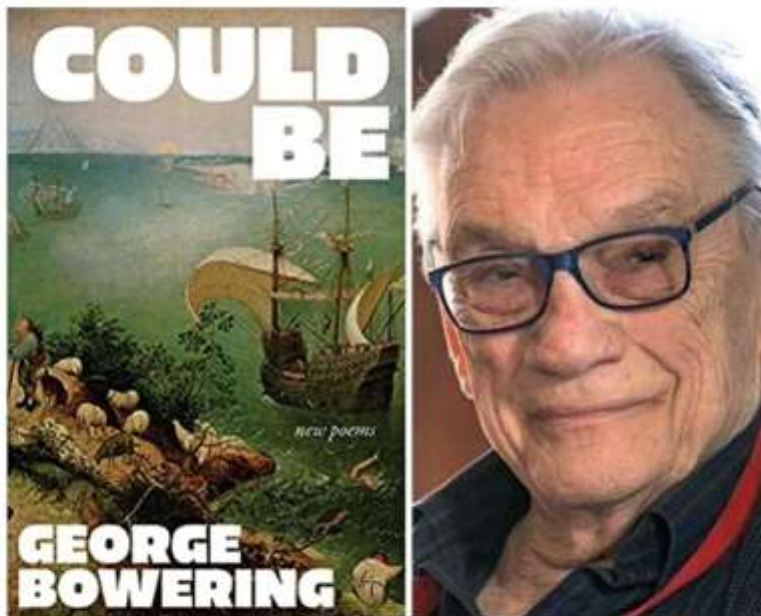
1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced on December 4, 2022.
RCLAS would like to thank all the poets and their publishers who submitted work.
Thank you for your support!

With appreciation to our 2022 judge **Evelyn Lau**
for her diligence, dedication and time committed
to judging this award.

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George Bowering – *COULD BE*
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Jenny Boychuk – *ANTONYMS FOR DAUGHTER*
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Andreae Callanan – *THE DEBT*
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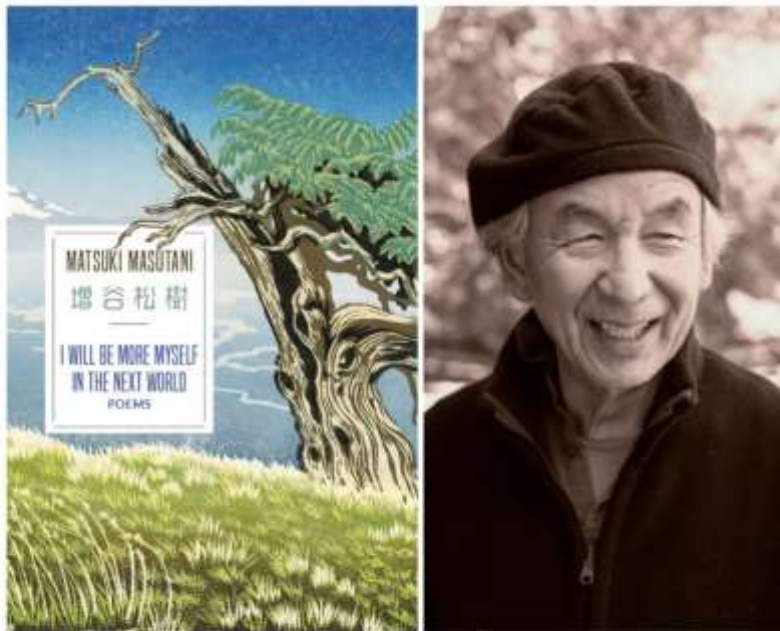


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Therese Estacion – *PHANTOMPAINS*
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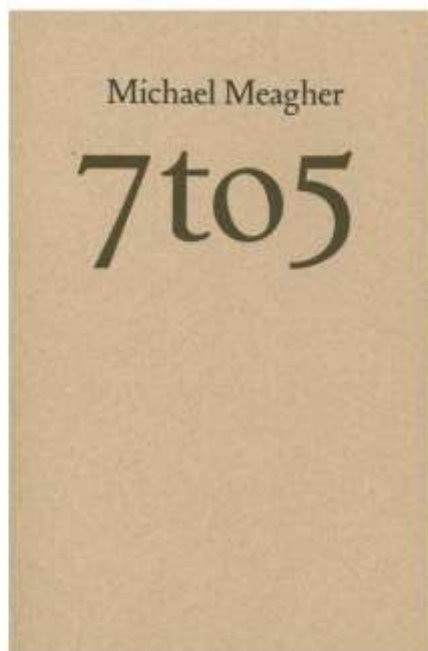


Matsuki Masutani
I WILL BE MORE MYSELF IN THE NEXT WORLD
(Mother Tongue Publishing)

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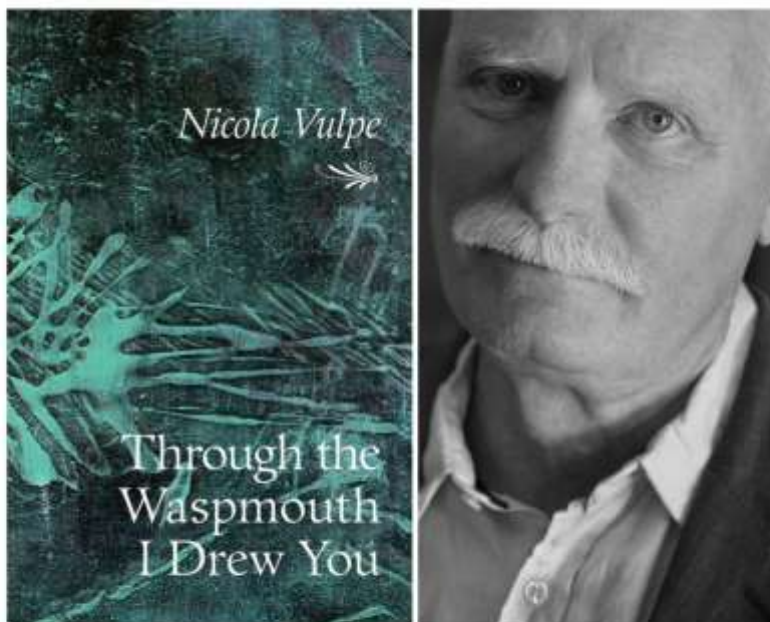


Bardia Sinaee – *INTRUDER*
(House of Anansi Press)

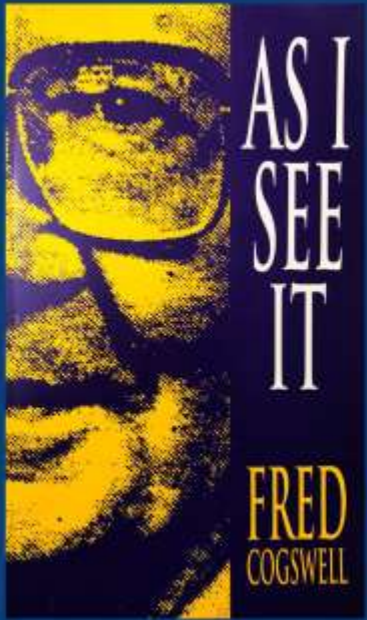
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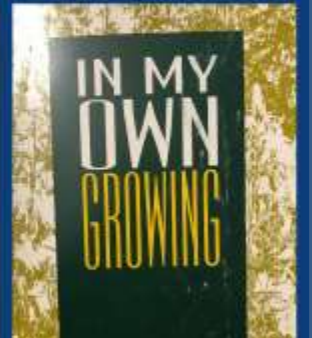
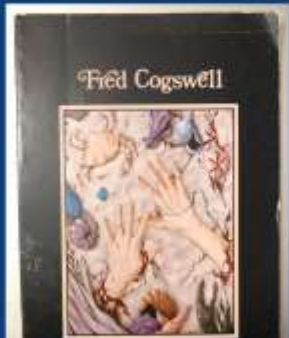
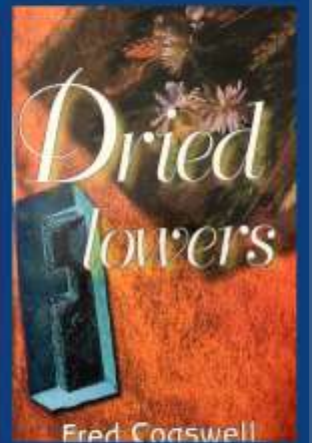
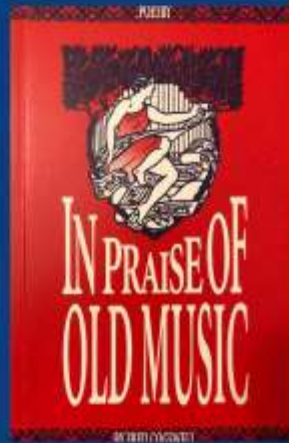
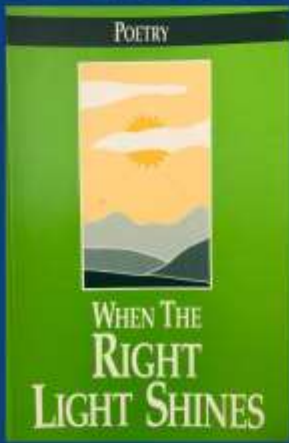
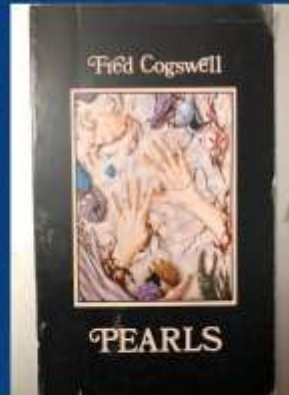
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Nicola Vulpe –
THROUGH THE WASPMOUTH I DREW YOU
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A Tribute To Fred Cogswell





Fred Cogswell, born in East Centerville, New Brunswick, was a prolific poet, translator, editor and scholar and was dubbed “a *Friend of Poets – Amis des Poètes*” for his lifelong commitment to poetry and those who write it. He was the author of 33 books of his own poetry and nine books of poetry translation. He also wrote and published many learned articles and reviews. His poetry was published in magazines, journals, anthologies, and textbooks and has been translated into several languages, including Chinese, Romanian, Spanish, and French.

In 1958 he founded *Fiddlehead Poetry Books*, where he published 307 titles. His publishing house is now one of Canada's more important small press publishers, operating as *Goose Lane Editions*. In addition, Fred Cogswell was a Founding and Life Member of the League of Canadian Poets, a Life Member of both the Association of Canadian Publishers and the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick. Dr. Cogswell was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1981. He spent his final few years in New Westminster.





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