

committee reads hundreds of Canadian books (400 in 1972) and selects the best for awards in various categories. In 1972, winners included:

Robertson Davies, Jean Hamelin, Gilles Hénault, Dennis Lee, Antonine Maillet, John Newlove, Mordecai Richler and Yves Roby.

Previous winners include the following widely-read authors:

Margaret Atwood  
Pierre Berton  
Morley Callaghan  
Emily Carr  
R. MacGregor Dawson  
André Giroux  
Anne Hébert

Margaret Laurence  
Irving Layton  
Stephen Leacock  
Jean Le Moyne  
Hugh MacLennan  
Marshall McLuhan  
Farley Mowat  
E.J. Pratt