

Born in Montreal in 1933, Jacques Godbout is both poet and novelist, journalist and filmmaker. He was awarded the France-Canada Literary Prize in 1962 for his novel "L'Aquarium", the Governor General's Prize in 1967 for "Salut Galarneau!", the Prix Dupau of the Académie française in 1973 for "D'Amour P.Q." and the Duvernay Prize for his contribution to literature in general. Mr. Gobout is also President of the Union des Ecrivains québécois.

Previous winners of this award are Belgian poet Geo Norge, who received the inaugural prize in 1971; Canadian poet Gaston Miron, recipient in 1972; Belgian writer Suzanne Lilar in 1973; Canadian novelist Réjean Ducharme (in 1974), Pierre Mertens of Belgium (in 1975), Marie-Claire Blais (in 1976); and, last year, Belgian novelist Marcel Moreau.

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