

Previous Belgian prize winners are Geo Norge, who received the inaugural award in 1971, Suzanne Lilar (1973), Pierre Mertens (1975), Marcel Moreau (1977), Hubert Juin (1979), and Jacques-Gérard Linze (1981). The prize has been awarded to the Canadian writers Gaston Miron (1972), Réjean Ducharme (1974), Marie-Claire Blais (1976), Jacques Godbout (1978), and Victor-Lévy Beaulieu (1980).