

# News of the arts

## Governor General's literary awards

Governor-General Edward Schreyer recently presented the 1980 Governor General's literary awards to the six recipients in a ceremony held in Moncton, New Brunswick.

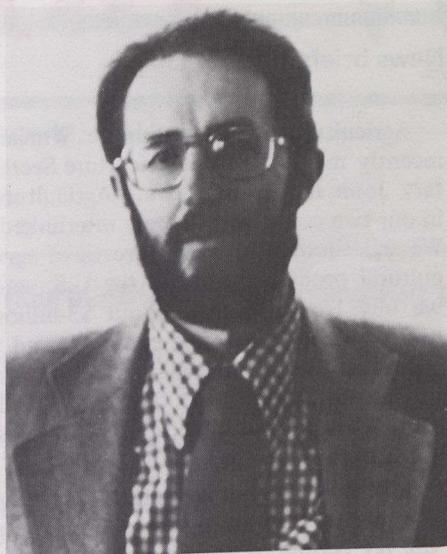
The Governor General presented the awards to George Bowering, Stephen Scobie, Jeffrey Simpson, Pierre Turgeon, Michel Van Schendel and Maurice Champagne-Gilbert.

### George Bowering

Vancouver author, George Bowering, received the prize in the fiction category for his novel *Burning Water*. The novel is a partly fictionalized account of the voyages of George Vancouver, who mapped the Pacific Coast, searched for the Northwest Passage, and helped reclaim the territory of British Columbia for the English. Mr. Bowering, who studied at Simon Fraser University, is also a poet and won the Governor General's award for poetry in 1969. His fiction works include the novel *Mirror on the Floor* and several collections of short stories.

### Stephen Scobie

Scottish-born Stephen Scobie was awarded the prize for poetry for his work, *McAlmon's Chinese Opera*. The poems in the book reconstruct the life of a fictional American (Robert McAlmon). The author studied at the University of British Columbia and now is an English professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He is a founding editor of

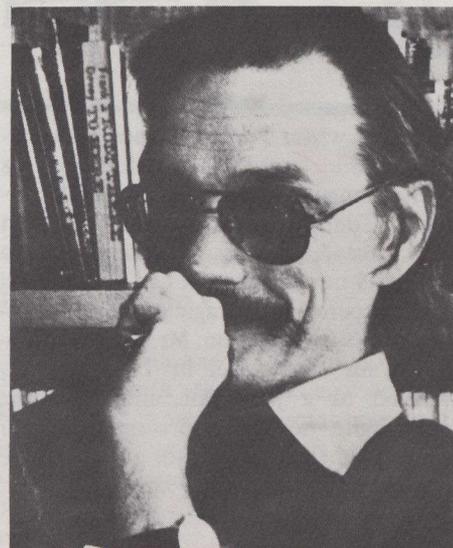


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Longspoon Press in Edmonton and is also a critic and short story writer.

### Jeffrey Simpson

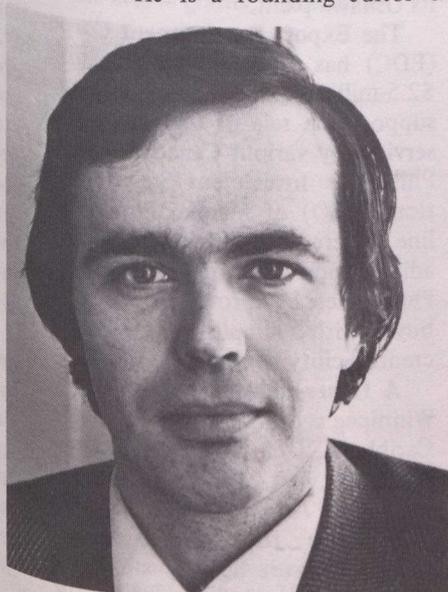
Mr. Simpson, a political journalist for the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, received the Governor General's award for non-fiction for *Discipline of Power: The Conservative Interlude and the Liberal Restoration*. The book deals with the nine-month term of the Conservative government from May 1979 until the return of the Liberals to power in February 1980. Mr. Simpson is a graduate of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and the London School of Economics. He joined the *Globe and Mail* in 1975 and the following year became the newspaper's Ottawa bureau chief. Mr. Simpson is now Euro-



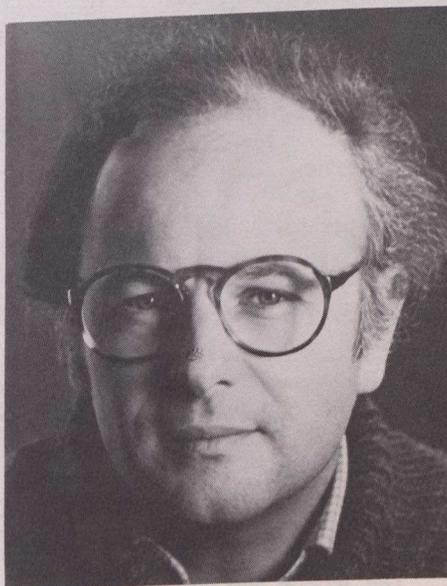
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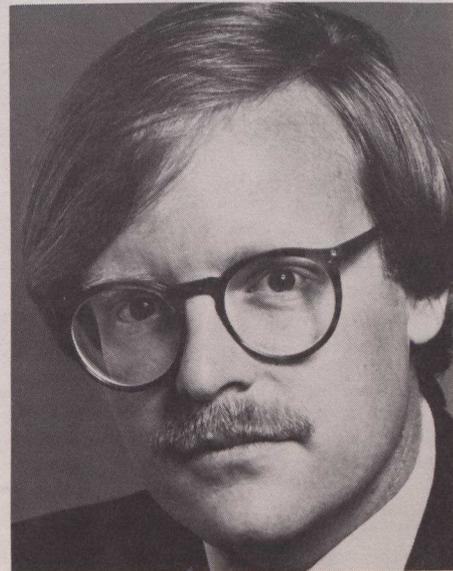
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