

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), Canadian novelist and playwright Marie-Claire Blais (in 1976), Belgian novelist Marcel Moreau (in 1977); and, last year, Canadian writer Jacques Godbout.

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