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CANADA-FRENCH COMMUNITY OF BELGIUM PRIZE
TO BE PRESENTED TO JACQUES POULIN

The Department of External Affairs and the Canada Council announced jointly that the Canada-French Community of Belgium Prize will be presented to the Canadian writer Jacques Poulin on Thursday, 30 October, in Brussels. The prize, worth \$2,500, is awarded in alternate years to a Canadian or a Belgian francophone writer. The jury's decision is based on an assessment of the author's overall contribution to literature in Canada. The prize is administered by the Canada Council and Canadian financing is through the Arts Promotion Division, Department of External Affairs.

The winners are selected by a jury appointed by the Ministry of the French Community of Belgium and by the Canada Council.

Born at Saint-Gédéon de Beauce in 1937, Jacques Poulin studied at the seminaries at Saint-Georges and Nicolet, and received his degrees in professional counselling (1960) and literature (1964) from L'Université Laval. He has divided his time between writing and translation; his "Faites de beaux rêves" won the Prix de la Presse in 1974, and "les Grandes Marées" won the Governor General's Award in 1978.

His other works include "Mon cheval pour un royaume" (1967), "Jimmy" (1969), "Le Coeur de la baleine bleue" (1970) and "Volkswagon Blues" (1984).

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Among previous canadian winners of the Prize are Gaston Miron, Réjean Ducharme, Marie-Claire Blais, Jacques Godbout, Victor-Lévy Beaulieu, François Charron.

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