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1979 CANADA-BELGIUM LITERARY AWARD TO BELGIAN
WRITER HUBERT JUIN

The Department of External Affairs announces that Belgian writer Hubert Juin has been awarded the Canada-Belgium Literary Prize for 1979. The \$2,500 prize is given annually to French-language writers with the award going in alternate years to Canadian or Belgian authors. It is awarded for an author's total contribution to literature rather than for a particular work. The prize is financed, on the Canadian side, by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of External Affairs and administered by the Canada Council.

Laureates are selected by a jury appointed by the Belgian Ministry of French Culture and by the Canada Council. The members of the Canadian jury this year were Louise Maheux-Forcier, Marie-Claire Blais, Gilles Marcotte, Jean-Guy Pilon and Naim Kattan, chairman.

Born in 1926, Hubert Juin is considered to be one of Belgium's best known and prolific writers. Some of his works as novelist, poet, essayist and critic of art and literature include; novels, Les Sangliers (1958), les trois cousines (1968), et Les Hameaux (1978); essay, Les guerriers du Chalco (1976); poems, Poèmes choisis (1962) Dessins de la mise à nu (1971), and L'automne à Lacaud (1972); and, literary criticisms, L'Usage de la Critique (1971) and Marcel Arnould (1973).

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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