



STRIKING SPRING BONNET
During the Easter season, even conservative women have been known to go overboard in the millinery department, choosing a hat far removed from their usual selections. For these daring souls, as well as for those who habitually want something striking, Mr. Arnold fashions an off-face picture bonnet of delicate green mesh. Bright silk tulips rise from their tangled green stems atop the crown.

Ryerson Fiction Award is Announced For 1958

Dr. C. H. Dickinson, General Manager of the Ryerson Press, announces that the Ryerson Fiction Award for 1958 has been won by Gladys Taylor, of The King Tree, Quebec, for her novel The King Tree.

The judges for 1958 were: Professor V. B. Rhodenizer, formerly of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; Mr. J. B. McGeachy, Associate Editor, The Financial Post, Toronto; Dr. James Press, Editor, The Ryerson Press, Toronto.

This is the seventeenth year in which the Ryerson fiction award has been offered and it ranks as one of Canada's leading literary awards. It has grown in importance with the growing interest in Canadian authors and their writing. Its list of winners has included some of the most significant writers of fiction in Canada.

The prize is \$1,000.00 in cash outright, upon the announcement of the award. All royalties and other earnings are extra.

Former winners of the Ryerson Fiction Award have been: Joan Walker, Repeat at Leisure, 1957; Gladys Taylor, Pine Roots, 1956; Laura Goodman Salverson, Immortal Rock, 1954; Evelyn Richardson, Desired Haven, 1953; Eann Beattie, Blaze of Noon, 1950; Philip Child, Mr. Ames Against Time, 1949; Will R. Bird, Judgment Glen, and Edward A. McCourt, Music at The Close, joint winners, 1947; Philip Child, Day of Wrath, Will R. Bird, Ere Slays Good Yorkshire, joint winners, 1945; G. Herbert Sallans, Little Man, 1942.

For the 1958 award, the closing date for submitting manuscripts is January 1, 1959. A summary of The King Tree by Gladys Taylor, Winner of the Ryerson Fiction Award, 1956, is as follows:

This is the story of the Kings who came, in 1800, to the Eastern Townships of Quebec from Vermont, and are among the last of the Loyalists. It is also the story of the Michauds, whose numerous family had called Canada home for one hundred and fifty years. All the principal characters are intimately involved in the short-lived Papineau Rebellion, and they are also involved in the much more lengthy clash of fears and rivalries, of race and religion.

The story takes its name from the maple tree that stood in front of the home on the King farm. It became a symbol of the historic and bitter differences in the community, and of the ebb and flow of the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows of neighbours. No one can survive on hate alone. In the end there must come understanding, compassion, reconciliation and atonement.

The author has courageously undertaken the task of discussing the problem of racial animosity in Canada, a theme that has challenged several of our most competent novelists. The characters are numerous, some of them historic personages, and all are vital and interesting.

The major theme of the novel provides the author with an opportunity of suggesting, in her own forthright way, how the bitter barriers may be crossed, how reason if given a chance can lead to justice and to reconciliation, and love triumph over all.

The author of The King Tree, Gladys Taylor, was born in Swan River, Manitoba, the eldest of seven children, and was educated there and in Winnipeg where she received her Normal School certificate, returning to teach in Swan River for four years. In 1940 she married a former school mate and lived in Brandon, Manitoba, and Barrie, Ontario, prior to his being posted overseas in 1941.

In 1943 Mrs. Taylor joined the C.W.A.C., taking her basic training at Vermilion, Alberta, a drafting course in Toronto, and being finally posted to Regina, Saskatchewan, where her talent for writing was discovered, and she was given complete charge of all publicity for the Province of Saskatchewan until her discharge in 1945.

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