

## Media Release

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### **Canada Reads at St. Albert Public Library**

ST. ALBERT — St. Albert Public Library is hosting its fifth Canada Reads on Saturday, March 14 and we're certain this year's battle of the books will deliver the most entertaining debates St. Albertans have seen yet.

The 2020 CBC Canada Reads books will be defended by our own Canada Reads panel made up of local celebrity experts, who are busy reading their books and preparing their arguments as to which book should be named "one book to bring Canada into focus." Join us on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in Forsyth Hall, and add your voice to the debate!

This year, our panel of experts are:

- Scott Hayes, defending *Radicalized* by Cory Doctorow;
- Jason Purcell defending *Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club* by Megan Gail Coles;
- Councillor Jacquie Hansen defending *Son of a Trickster* by Eden Robinson;
- Susie Moloney defending *We Have Always Been Here* by Samra Habib;
- and returning champion Celina Loyer defending *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle.

Adult Services Librarian Michelle Steinhusen hosts the evening, and says Canada Reads is one of her favourite nights of the year. "Canada Reads is always an entertaining, argumentative evening – hearing readers passionately defending books is always a joy, and with such an exciting set of books to be defended, everyone is a winner."

Be part of this fun, stimulating evening, and help St. Albert declare Canada's one book to bring the country into focus. In the weeks leading up to March 14, take part in the SAPL poll and let us know which book *you* think should win. The winning book will be the one that gets the most votes on March 14.

The event is free, but spots fill up fast – register in advance at [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca) or by calling 780-459-1682. Details of the five books are on the Library's Readers' Blog at [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca).

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