

## Media Release

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

ST. ALBERT — St. Albert Public Library hosts its sixth Canada Reads on March 5 and we're certain it will be the bookiest, most entertaining Zoom battle St. Albertans have seen.

The 2021 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 transport us." Join us on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. online, and add your voice to the debate!

This year, our panel of experts are:

- Scott Hayes, defending *Butter Honey Pig Bread* by Francesca Ekwuyasi;
- Celine Caruso Dixon defending *Hench* by Natalie Zina Walschots;
- Vern Thiessen defending *Two Trees Make a Forest* by Jessica J. Lee;
- Susie Moloney defending *The Midnight Bargain* by C.L. Polk;
- and returning champion Celina Loyer defending *Jonny Appleseed* by Joshua Whitehead.

Our host Librarian Michelle Steinhusen calls Canada Reads one of her favourite nights of the year. "The panellists are always so entertaining, and everyone gets to participate by voting for the winning book," she says. "Of course it's fun to hear the panellists debate their books, but what I really love about Canada Reads at the Library is the connection of the community to reading great Canadian books."

Be part of this fun, stimulating evening, and help St. Albert declare Canada's one book to transport us. In the week leading up to March 5, take part in the poll at [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca) and on the Library social media platforms, or cast your vote at the March 5 event, and let us know which book *you* think should win.

The event is free, but you must register in advance in order to get the Zoom link. Register at [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca) or by calling 780-459-1682. Details of the five books are on the Library Readers' Blog at [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca).

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