



Keith Felton of Felton Bookbinding on Guelph Street takes direction from CBC cameraman John Badcock as a film crew was in town last week to film the various stages of binding books for the Giller literary prizes. Felton's part in binding the books will appear in a CBC feature story set to air November 1 on CBC National Magazine.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Felton Bookbinding

# Local firm to get National exposure

When the prestigious Giller Prize literary awards for Canadian works of fiction are presented live on Bravo Channel November 2, the work of a local company will be front and centre during the presentations.

Felton Bookbinding on Guelph Street, Georgetown was commissioned to bind the books which will be presented to the six authors on the short list for the 2000 awards.

"We feel it's quite a feather in our cap to be asked to do this job," says owner Keith Felton, "We've worked for many large Canadian publishers over the years, and our work is well-known, but it's really nice to be able to take part in a project this prestigious."

The job involved taking the six finalists' books and rebinding them in a full leather binding with gold

and blind tooling (lettering) which will be presented at the ceremony.

But Felton's fame doesn't stop there. In fact, the November 2 Giller Prize ceremony will be the windup, since a CBC camera crew was at the Georgetown shop last week to film the binding process in an upcoming story for CBC National Magazine, tentatively airing November 1, the night before the actual awards presentation.

"I expect the story to run about 12 to 15 minutes on National Magazine," said CBC producer Donata Chruscicki. "We'll document the events leading up to the Giller Prize ceremony, and part of it will feature Keith's part in binding the presentation volumes."

To film the process, Felton had each of the six books at various stages in the process, with some beginning by cutting the existing covers off, right down the final

application of the gold lettering to the spine of the book.

The Giller Prize awards \$25,000 annually to the author of the best Canadian novel or short story collection published in English. Named in honour of the late literary journalist Doris Giller, it was founded in 1994 by her husband, Toronto businessman Jack Rabinovitch.

Selected by the jury panel, comprised of authors Margaret Atwood, Alistair MacLeod, and Jane Urquhart, the finalists were chosen from more than 60 books submitted for consideration.

The name of the winner is kept secret right up to the time of the presentation, since Rabinovitch writes out six cheques for \$25,000 and only the winner is known by the jury, who destroy the five extra cheques.

—By Ted Brown, staff writer



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