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Call for entries: 2011 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction

WATERLOO – Entries are being sought for the 2011 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction, a \$10,000 literary award that recognizes excellence in Canadian creative non-fiction.

Designed to encourage new Canadian talent, the award is open to authors who have published a first or second book with a Canadian locale and/or significance. The 2011 award is open to works published in the 2010 calendar year and distinguished by first-hand research, well-crafted interpretive writing and a creative use of language or approach to the subject matter.

Entries must be received by Friday, April 29, 2011 to be considered. To obtain an entry form and a complete list of submission guidelines, please visit www.wlu.ca/staebleraward.

Wilfrid Laurier University is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and the Edna Staebler Award is celebrating its 20th. The award will be presented at a special centennial ceremony Oct. 4, 2011, in Waterloo.

John Leigh Walters won the 2010 Edna Staebler Award for *A Very Capable Life: The Autobiography of Zarah Petri*. Walters wrote the book in the first-person voice of his mother, the sweetly acerbic Zarah Petri. Walters' use of Petri's colloquial and engaging narration makes the book part oral history, part memoir and part re-imagination of the events of the twentieth century.

Other previous winners include authors Linden MacIntyre, Wayson Choy and Elizabeth Hay.

Established and endowed by writer and literary journalist Edna Staebler, the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction is administered by Wilfrid Laurier University, the only university in Canada to bestow a nationally recognized literary award. Staebler, who died in 2006, was an award-winning journalist and a member of the Order of Canada.

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