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## Laurier's Tamas Dobozy wins Writers' Trust of Canada Prize

WATERLOO – Laurier Associate Professor of English Tamas Dobozy has won the \$25,000 Rogers Writers' Trust of Canada Fiction Prize for *Siege 13*, a collection of short stories about a bloody siege in Budapest during the Second World War.

The jury said Dobozy's thirteen stories "dazzle with their psychological nuance and brilliant attention to detail."

Of the five books up for the prize, *Siege 13* was the only collection of short stories.

"From the dark cityscapes of besieged Hungary to the émigré cafés of contemporary North America, *Siege 13* spans continents and decades, and in doing so illustrates once again that old maxim: the short story can be both as broad and as deep as a novel," says the citation from the jury.

Dobozy said he was attracted to the story of the siege, which began in December of 1944 when the Red Army entered Budapest, because he had family members who lived through it.

"So many civilians were killed, but nobody talks about it," said Dobozy. "I wanted to know what happened."

The other nominees for the Writers' Trust prize included Tim Bowling for *The Tinsmith*, Rawi Hage for *Carnival*, Alix Ohlin for *Inside*, and Linda Spalding for *The Purchase*.

Dobozy's *Siege 13* has also been shortlisted in the fiction category for the prestigious Governor General Literary Awards, which will be announced Nov. 28 in Ottawa.

*Siege 13* is Dobozy's third collection of published stories. His previous book, *Last Notes and Other Stories*, won a Governor General's Literary Award for English-to-French translation in 2007.

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