

2026 Aurora Award Ballot

This ballot is for works originally done in 2025 by Canadians. The Aurora Awards are nominated by members of the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association. The top five nominated works were selected. Additional works were included where there was a tie for fifth place. An online awards ceremony will be held on **Sunday, August 9th, 2026, at 5pm EDT**, with hosts Mark Leslie Lefebvre and Elizabeth May Anderson. Details at www.csffa.ca

Note: Works are sorted by title. Voting will be done online by CSFFA members when they log into their account.

Best Novel

The Bewitching, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Del Rey
Blight, Rachel A. Rosen, The BumblePuppy Press
Direct Descendant, Tanya Huff, DAW Books
The Downloaded 2: Ghosts in the Machine, Robert J. Sawyer, Audible Originals/Shadowpaw Press
Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales, Heather Fawcett, Del Rey
A Shift of Time, Julie E. Czerneda, DAW Books
Written on the Dark, Guy Gavriel Kay, Viking Canada

Best Young Adult Novel

Breath of the Dragon, Shannon Lee & Fonda Lee, Wednesday Books
Fireboy, Edward Willett, Shadowpaw Press
A Lion's Head, D.M. De Alwis, Ahasae Tharu Publications
Minotaur, Jamieson Wolf, Rebel Satori Press
One Morning Sun, Avi Silver, Molewhale Press
Winging It, Jen Desmarais, Renaissance Press

Best Novelette/Novella

The First Thousand Trees, Premee Mohamed, ECW Press
"In the Gardener's Service", Michèle Laframboise, Asimov's, July/August
"The Lure of Stone", Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Uncanny Magazine, Issue Sixty-Six
A Palace Near the Wind, Ai Jiang, Titan Books
The River Has Roots, Amal El-Mohtar, Tordotcom

Best Short Story

"Hunted To Extinction", Premee Mohamed, Gallery Books
"I Ain't Your Doll Face", Jacqueline Thorpe, Polar Borealis Magazine #33
"the love song of house and lake", Gillian Secord, On Spec Magazine, Issue #133
"The Stone Played at Tengen", R.H. Wesley, Clarkesworld Magazine, Issue 230
"What If We Kissed While Sinking a Billionaire's Yacht?", Rachel A. Rosen, Antifa Lit Journal, Volume 1

Best Graphic Novel/Comic

Atana and the Jade Mermaid, Vivian Zhou, HarperAlley
"Bonds of the Forest", Ally Rom Colthoff, Augur Magazine, Issue 8.3
It Never Rains, Kari Maaren, webcomic
Questionable Content, Jeph Jacques, webcomic
Shark Girl, Kate Beaton, Quill and Quire

Best Poem/Song

"*At the Spaceport Bar*", Lisa Timpf, Polar Starlight Magazine #17

"*Bigfoot Farewell*", Carolyn Clink, Cryptids, Kaiju & Corn: Poems and Micro-Stories about Modern Midwest Monsters

"*Dragon Karaoke*", David Clink, Polar Starlight, Issue #18

"*Explosive*", Derek Newman-Stille, Polar Starlight #20

"*flowers without meadow*", Tiffany Morris, Eye to the Telescope #56

"*From Dust*", J. Y. Zhang, Small Wonders

Best Related Work

As the Earth Dreams: Black Canadian Speculative Stories, Terese Mason Pierre, House of Anansi Press

Augur Magazine, Issues 8.1-8.3, Kerry C. Byrne, Toria Liao, André Geleynse, Kelley Tai, and Azure Arther

On Spec Magazine, Issues #131 - 134, Vol 35, Diane L. Walton, Managing Editor, The Copper Pig Writers' Society, Publisher

One Message Remains, Premeem Mohamed, Psychopomp

Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction: Volume Three, Stephen Kotowych, Editor, Ansible Press

Best Cover Art/Interior Illustration

Dancing With the Holly King, Janice Blaine, On Spec Magazine, Issue #134

Seance, Alice M., Heartlines Spec, Issue 7

Lunar Base, Dan O'Driscoll, On Spec Magazine, Issue #132

Starship Librarians, Lorna Antoniazzi, Tyche Books Ltd.

Listen to Me and I'll tell You a Story, Ejiwa "Edge" Ebenebe, Uncanny Magazine, Issue Sixty-Six

Best Fan Writing and Publication

Amazing Stories online columns, Numbers 405-420, Steve Fahnstalk, AmazingStories.com

Book Reviews in The Ottawa Review of Books, Robert Runté

Polar Starlight Magazine, Issues 17-20, Rhea E. Rose, editor

Speculative Poetry and the Hugos, Lynne Sargent, Strange Horizons

Young People Read Old Science Fiction, James Davis Nicoll, online

Best Fan Related Work

Can*Con, Marie Bilodeau, chair and Brandon Crilly, vice-chair, Ottawa

Scintillation, Jo Walton and Rene Walling, co-chairs, Montreal

Two Old Farts Talk Sci-Fi, Troy Harkin and David Clink, podcast

Wizards & Spaceships, Rachel A. Rosen and David L. Clink, podcast, Night Beats

The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett