Notable and Prize-Winning Canadian Jewish Adult Fiction
2010-2020
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2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize Shortlist.
2016 Governor General's Award for Literature Finalist
A hilarious pirate saga set in 1492 replete with puns, colourful language and Kabbalistic shenanigans.

2016 Jewish Book Award Finalist
2017 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
A childhood friendship evolves into a timeless romance in the years between the world wars.

2014 Scotiabank Giller Prize Shortlist
2014 JJ Greenberg Award for Fiction Winner, Jewish Book Council
2016 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature Finalist
A day in the life of Baruch Kotler, disgraced Israeli politician, as he confronts personal and public disaster.

2014 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
Isaac Helger, son of Lithuanian Jewish immigrants, struggles to find his path in Johannesburg against the backdrop of World War Two.

Botha, Danila. For all the men (and some of the women) I’ve known. Toronto: Tightrope Books, 2016.
2017 Trillium Book Awards Finalist
2017 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
This collection of honest and heartfelt stories is engaging and thought-provoking.

2020 Canadian Jewish Literary Award, Winner
Daniel, child survivor of the Shoah, makes a pilgrimage to Masada in his twilight years seeking truth and redemption.
2018 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
Naomi’s story begins with a happy childhood in Winnipeg’s north end and unravels into miserable confusion in a mental health centre in Toronto.

2018 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
An entertaining expose of the politics of being a class parent in an elementary school.

2015 Canadian Jewish Literary Awards, Winner
Political activist Judith confronts the academic hypocrisy of BDS and anti-Zionism on the campus of her Canadian university.

2016 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
Brothers Robert and Attila flee Budapest in the final months of the Hungarian Revolution.

2020 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
A graphic novel inspired by the grisly legend of Agnes McVee, roadhouse owner, madam and serial killer.

2010 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
Set in a Newfoundland outport, the startling marriage of a fourteen year old orphan to a Jewish remittance man evolves into love.

2014 Scotiabank Giller Prize, Winner
2016 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
The love story of Lev Termen and Clara Rockmore endures through the last century and across continents.

2018 Canadian Jewish Literary Awards, Winner
Survivors of the Shoah, Josef Toback and his family return to Vienna to confront the past.

2011 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
Pavel Bauer and his family struggle as the rising tide of Nazism consumes the Sudetenland.
2013 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
Abandoned as an infant, a young woman searches for the truth behind her mother’s disappearance from post-war Montreal.

2019 Canadian Jewish Literary Award, Winner
The story of celebrated textile artist and Holocaust survivor Miriam Dassin and the most famous wedding dress of the mid-twentieth century.

2017 Trillium Book Award, Finalist
After a dramatic escape from months in captivity, Catherine confronts the aftermath of tragedy.

2018 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Winner
The tribulations of aging fathers and their grown daughters transcend the centuries.

2017 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
Virtuoso pianist Jan de Vries confronts his demons and returns to his first love.

2016 Canadian Jewish Literary Awards, Winner
At the cusp of adolescence, Lev Meyer grows up in his half-Hasidic, half-hipster Montreal neighbourhood.

2015 Canadian Jewish Literary Awards, Winner
2016 Vine Awards for Canadian Jewish Literature, Finalist
The story of a young woman suffering chronic illness in a series of linked stories set in middle class Montreal.