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# *Time* by Sarah Riggs, translated from the French written by Etel Adnan and *Magnetic Equator* by Kaie Kellough Win the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize

TORONTO – Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – *Time* by Sarah Riggs, translated from the French written by Etel Adnan (Nightboat Books) and *Magnetic Equator* by Kaie Kellough (McClelland & Stewart) are the International and Canadian winners of the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize, each receiving C\$65,000 in prize money. The other shortlist finalists will be awarded \$10,000 each.

## THE 2020 GRIFFIN POETRY PRIZE WINNERS

### International

#### *Time*

Sarah Riggs, translated from the French written by Etel Adnan

and

### Canadian

#### *Magnetic Equator*

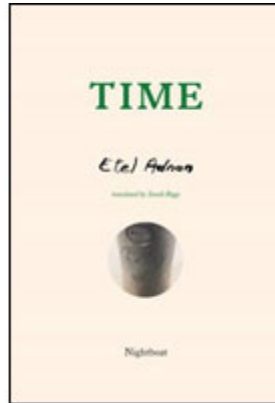
by Kaie Kellough

The Griffin Poetry Prize was founded in 2000 to encourage and celebrate excellence in poetry. The prize is for first edition books of poetry written in, or translated into, English and submitted from anywhere in the world.

The judges for the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize are Paula Meehan (Ireland), Kei Miller (Jamaica/UK) and Hoa Nguyen (Canada). These distinguished writers and poets each read 572 books of poetry, received from fourteen countries around the globe, including translations from eighteen different languages. The trustees of The Griffin Trust For Excellence In Poetry select the judges annually.

### Presenting the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize Winners

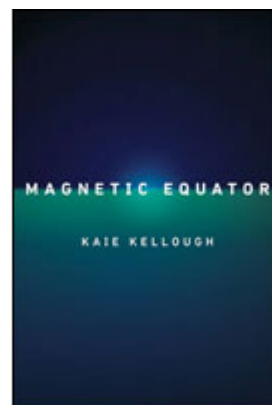
#### International Winner



#### *Time*

by Sarah Riggs, translated from the French  
written by Etel Adnan  
Nightboat Books

#### Canadian Winner



#### *Magnetic Equator*

Kaie Kellough  
McClelland & Stewart

The 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize Shortlist:

## International

- Abigail Chabitnoy's *How to Dress a Fish*, published by Wesleyan University Press
- Sharon Olds' *Arias*, published by Jonathan Cape and Alfred A. Knopf
- Sarah Riggs' translation, from the French, of *Time* written by Etel Adnan, published by Nightboat Books
- Natalie Scenters-Zapico's *Lima :: Limón*, published by Copper Canyon Press

## Canadian

- Chantal Gibson's *How She Read*, published by Caitlin Press
- Doyali Islam's *heft*, published by McClelland & Stewart
- Kaie Kellough's *Magnetic Equator*, published by McLelland & Stewart

Click here to view the 2020 Griffin Poetry Prize winners announcement video.

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Copper Canyon Press:

[coppercanyonpress.org](http://coppercanyonpress.org)

Jonathan Cape:

[penguin.co.uk/company/publishers/vintage/jonathan-cape](http://penguin.co.uk/company/publishers/vintage/jonathan-cape)

McClelland & Stewart:

[penguinrandomhouse.ca/imprints/mcclelland-stewart](http://penguinrandomhouse.ca/imprints/mcclelland-stewart)

Nightboat Books:

[nightboat.org](http://nightboat.org)

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