



Winners announced in the 2005 Nunavut Literary Prize

Susan Avingaq of Iglulik received the first prize of \$6,000 for her story about the misadventures of a family camping trip. Neevee Uttak of Iglulik received the \$4,000 second prize for her story about trying to fix a disconnected telephone. Jonah Kilabuk of Pangnirtung received an honourable mention for his third-place story about his first walrus hunt. Presentations for the two winners will take place in the near future.

Under *Pinasuaqtavut's* priorities, the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is building a stronger cultural foundation based on Inuit Societal Values and the protection of Inuit languages. The department launched the annual literary prize in 2003 to increase the amount of Inuktitut literature for adult readers. This year over 160 entries were received.

“I am delighted that Nunavummiut participated and chose the literary prize winners,” said Minister Tapardjuk. “This contest will encourage more Inuktitut authors to write their stories.”

Authors of any age were invited to submit their funny stories. A panel of judges selected the top three finalists, with Nunavummiut voting by phone or e-mail for their favourite.

The theme for the 2006 Nunavut Literary Prize is Inuit legends. The deadline to submit entries for the contest is October 1, 2005.

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