ALCUIN CITATIONS BOOK DESIGN AWARDS FOR 1990 PUBLICATIONS

The JUDGES MET on May 4, 1991 to examine some two hundred books published during 1990 and submitted in competition. No doubt as a result of recession there were slightly fewer submissions than last year. There were no decreases in the category of children's books which remains the healthiest segment of the Canadian publishing scene. The categories are the same as the last two years, namely:

General Trade Books: Prose (Fiction and Nonfiction)
General Trade Books: Adult Picture and Photography Books
General Trade Books: How-To, Cookery, and Hobby Books
Poetry
Text and Reference Books
Limited Editions
Juvenile Books

Those making submissions suggested one of the above categories for each item, but the Society's Design Award Committee or the judges reassigned the occasional book to a more appropriate category. First, second, and third prizes are awarded in each category, with ties permitted. In addition, honourable mentions are awarded to books which show some excellent characteristic(s) without as a whole meeting the standards demanded of prize winners. Judging is based on the suitability and harmony of type, illustration (if any), layout, and materials used in the text block, binding/covering, and jacket in relation to the intellectual nature and the quantity of the content.

GENERAL TRADE BOOKS: PROSE (Fiction and Nonfiction)

1ST PRIZE

White Knights and Poison Pills: A Cynic's Dictionary of Business Jargon

by David Olive, illustrated by Barry Blitt. Toronto: Key Porter ISBN 1-55013-260-1

Design: Scott Richardson

2ND PRIZE

A Fool in Paradise: An Artist's Early Life by Doris McCarthy. Toronto: MacFarlane Walter & Ross ISBN 0-921912-03-x.

Design: Linda Gustafson