

## **THE ALCUIN SOCIETY, VANCOUVER DESIGN AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS OF 1991**

THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGES met on April 18, 1992 to examine the 230 books submitted in competition by their publishers and/or designers. This represents a slight increase over the number submitted last year. As in previous years, not every Canadian publisher known to produce books of high quality chose to enter. While this makes it impossible to certify that we have picked the very best designed books produced in the country for the following awards, the quality of submissions ensures that these are representative of the best that the arts of the Canadian book can offer.

The categories, as most recently revised by the Society's Design Awards Committee in 1989, are:

- General Trade Books: Prose (Fiction and Nonfiction)
- General Trade Books: Adult Picture and Photography Books
- General Trade Books: How-To, Cook-, Craft- and Hobby Books
- General Trade Books: Poetry
- Text and Reference Books
- Limited Editions (numbered and/or signed)
- Juvenile Books other than Texts.

An appropriate category is checked on the entry form accompanying each book submitted but the Society's Committee or the judges may assign a book to a more appropriate category. First, second, and third prizes are available in each category, with ties permitted; in addition, honourable mentions are allowed. Judging is based on the suitability and harmony of type, illustration (if any), layout, and materials used (both in the text block and for the binding/covering/wrapper) in relation to the book's subject matter, intended audience, etc.