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## **THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS BOOK CLUB IS BACK**

**TORONTO, Tuesday, January 24** — **The International Festival of Authors' Book Club** is celebrating Canadian literature this year with the help of eight local authors. These authors will discuss Canadian literature that has inspired them and shaped them as writers. **IFOA's 2017 Book Club** runs **March 29 to November 29, 2017 at Harbourfront Centre**.

IFOA is happy to announce that award winning author of 6 novels **Lisa de Nikolits**; 2014 Emerging Writer of the Year **Cherie Dimaline**; voted Best Author in NOW Magazine **Farzana Doctor**; Poetry NOW 2014 winner **Catherine Graham**; prolific mystery writer **Peter Robinson**; 2016 Toronto Book Award winner **Cordelia Strube**; author, biologist, primatologist and teacher **Andrew Westoll** and 2016 Giller Prize shortlisted author **Zoe Whittall** will pick a favourite Canadian title and lead one Book Club discussion.

"For Canada150, we wanted to showcase Canada's diverse and rich literary tradition as well as its contemporary creators", says IFOA Director, Geoffrey Taylor. Book Club members will have the opportunity to explore and/or revisit works by Kate Caley, Leonard Cohen, Katherena Vermette and others, while learning about how these works have influenced fellow writers.

Book Club meetings will take place at the IFOA headquarters at Harbourfront Centre the **last Wednesday of every month** from **6-7pm**. The books will be announced monthly on **[ifoa.org/book-club](http://ifoa.org/book-club)**.

Catherine Graham will kick off the first meeting on **March 29, 2017** with *Life Is About Losing Everything* by Lynn Crosbie. "This book defies categories. I admire its fierceness, its emotional range, its natural mix of poetry and prose, its blend of biography and fantasy. It brings everything in, just like life," says Graham of her pick for March.

Registration for the Book Club is \$50 for the year and can be purchased through **[ifoa.org](http://ifoa.org)** or by calling the **Harbourfront Centre Box Office at 416 973 4000**.

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Since its inception in 1974, **IFOA** has hosted over 9,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 22 Nobel Laureates. Our season runs from September to June and includes the annual International Festival of Authors (October 19–29, 2017), including YoungIFOA and IFOA Ontario, and the annual ALOUD: a Celebration for Young Readers with Forest of Reading® Festival of Trees™ (May 2017).

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