

## ***Shauna Singh Baldwin***

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**Shauna Singh Baldwin**'s first novel, *What the Body Remembers*, was published in 1999 by Knopf Canada, Transworld UK, and Doubleday USA. It received the 2000 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for Best Book (Canada-Caribbean region) and has been translated into fourteen languages. In 2013 readers voted it into the Top 10 books for CBC's Canada Reads.

Shauna's second novel *The Tiger Claw* was a finalist for Canada's Giller Prize 2004 and has been optioned for film.

She is the author of *English Lessons and Other Stories* and coauthor of *A Foreign Visitor's Survival Guide to America. We Are Not in Pakistan: Stories* was published by Goose Lane Editions in 2007.

Her third novel, *The Selector of Souls* was published by Knopf Canada in 2012. It received the Anne Powers Fiction Prize from the Council for Wisconsin Writers.

Other awards include the 1995 Writer's Union of Canada Award for short prose and the 1997 Canadian Literary Award. *English Lessons* received the 1996 Friends of American Writers Award.

A former radio producer and ecommerce consultant, her fiction and poems are widely published in literary magazines and anthologies in the U.S.A., Canada, and India. She has served on several fiction juries and teaches short courses in creative writing. Shauna holds an MBA from Marquette University and an MFA from the University of British Columbia.

Reviews, reading schedule and interviews at: [www.ShaunaSinghBaldwin.com](http://www.ShaunaSinghBaldwin.com)

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### Books

*The Selector of Souls: a novel* (Knopf Canada, Simon and Schuster UK, 2012, Epsilon Ylancilik, 2013)

*We Are Not in Pakistan: stories* (Goose Lane Editions, Canada 2007, Rupa India 2011)

*The Tiger Claw: a novel* (Knopf Canada, Sept 2004, Penguin India 2005, De Geus, Holland 2005)  
5<sup>th</sup> printing. Optioned for film.

*What the Body Remembers: a novel* (Nan Talese/Doubleday U.S.A.; Knopf Canada - 12<sup>th</sup> printing; Transworld, UK; Editions du Seuil, France; Bertelsmann, Germany; Psychogios, Greece; Editorial Anagrama, Spain; Keter, Israel; Uitgeverij De Geus, Holland; Mondadori Editore, Italy; Prószyński I Ska, Poland; Enciclopedia Catalana, Spain; Epsilon Yayincilik, Turkey; Prosoretz Publications Bulgaria 1999-2006; Goose Lane Between the Covers Audio 2000, Sirius Satellite Radio, 2008, Rupa India 2011).

*English Lessons and Other Stories* (Goose Lane, 1996 – 3<sup>rd</sup> printing; Harper Collins India 1999; Rupa India 2009; FB Etzione Italy 2006).

*A Foreign Visitor's Survival Guide to America*. John Muir, 1992. Co-author.

### Literary Achievements and Awards

- *What the Body Remembers*: Voted Top 10 Books for Canada Reads 2013
- *The Selector of Souls*: Anne Powers Fiction Prize 2012.
- *We Are Not in Pakistan*: Quill and Quire Books of the Year 2007
- *The Tiger Claw*: Finalist for Canada's Giller Prize.
- *The Tiger Claw*: Finalist for India's Hutch Crossword Award.
- Wisconsin Arts Board Literary Fellowship 2003.
- *What the Body Remembers*: Village Voice Literary Supplement Editor's Choice 1999
- *What the Body Remembers*: Wisconsin Library Journal Outstanding Achievement Literary Award.
- *What the Body Remembers*: Commonwealth Prize for Best Book (Canada/Caribbean), 2000.
- *What the Body Remembers*: Longlisted for Orange Prize 1999.
- *What the Body Remembers*: Forty-six weeks on the National bestseller lists in Canada (#6, *National Post*, #6 *Maclean's*, #9 *Toronto Star*, #8 *Edmonton Journal*) National bestseller in India (#1 *Worldwide News India*), South Africa.
- CBC Radio/Canada Council Literary Award 1997
- Writer's Union of Canada Award for short prose (1995)
- *English Lessons*: Friends of American Writer's Award (1996)

### Jury Duty

- Governor General of Canada Fiction Prize jury, 2008
- Saskatchewan Book Awards jury 2006
- Ragdale Foundation jury for residencies, 2006
- Canada Council Grants to Mid-list Creative Writers, 2005.
- CBC Radio Literary Awards - Short Fiction. 2004
- Canada Council Grants to Emerging Creative Writers, 1999.
- Writers Union of Canada Short Fiction Prize jury 1998

## Short Fiction, Poetry, Plays

- Play: *We Are So Different Now* (2009) adapted for production in India by Shivani Wazir Pasrich Productions. Premiered March 2010, Performances Nov 2010, Mumbai; Bangalore Jan 2011. New York: March 2011
- Poems included in *Red Silk: an anthology of South Asian Canadian Women poets* (2004), various journals.
- Stories reprinted in several anthologies, such as *A Stranger Among Us* (OV Books, Chicago USA, 2008), *Passages: 24 Modern Indian Stories* (Signet Classics) 2009.
- Stories published in magazines such as: *Capilano Review, Prairie Fire, Asian Literary Review, Saturday Night, Cream City Review, Books in Canada, Manushi, Calyx, Hum, India Currents, Rosebud, Prairie Fire, Fireweed, McGill St. Harper Collins Book of New Indian fiction.*
- Novel excerpts published in *The Fiction Collection - 20 years of Penguin India, Writer's Chronicle USA.*

## Journalism and Radio

For a complete list of articles/full text, please refer to [www.ShaunaSinghBaldwin.com](http://www.ShaunaSinghBaldwin.com)

- *Don't Blame the Technology* *National Post*, Canada: Oct 2012.
- *In that Strange Between-ness: National Post*, Canada Oct 2012.
- *Reframing our Epics: National Post*, Canada Oct 2012
- *Who do you write for? National Post*, Canada Oct 2012
- *The Power of One: TV Ontario*, Canada Sept 2012
- *A Shooting at my Gurdwara: SikhChic.com* Aug 2012
- *My Obscure Religion (re-titled American Sikhs will Survive)* CNN.com (Aug 2012)
- *Against the Group: Satanic Verses at the Jaipur Literary Festival* WRITE Magazine 2012
- *I believe Men have the Power to be Feminine.* CBC Radio's *This I Believe* series, 2007
- *Self in the City* *Milwaukee Magazine* USA. June 2004
- *Creative Tension.* *The Writer*, USA. July 2001
- 1994-96: Contributing Editor, *Exchange*, Society for Technical Communication magazine, Milwaukee
- 1991-1994: Producer and host of *Sunno! (Listen!)*—*The East-Indian American Radio Show where you don't have to be East-Indian to listen*, a weekly public radio show featuring interviews and commentary.

## Public Speaking/Teaching

- Taught creative writing workshops at the Banff Centre for the Arts (2007); Redbird Writers Studios; Alverno College; South Asian Writers Festival – Washington DC; University of Alberta Women's Words (2005, 2007); Ubud Writer's Festival, Bali Indonesia, 2006).
- Guest speaker/readings: Banff International Literary Translation Centre Panel on Translation (June, 2008); Toronto Public Library; York University; University of British Columbia – MFA program; University of British Columbia Dept of Asian Studies; University College of Fraser Valley; Great Lakes Writers Workshop UW-Milwaukee; UW-Madison; UW-LaCrosse; University of Iowa; University of Western Virginia; Univ of South Carolina reading series: *Caught in the Creative Act*; Asian Arts Museum San Francisco; San Francisco Bay Area Writer's Festival; Centre for Canadian Architecture; Milwaukee Area Technical College; Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design; American Embassy – New Delhi; Marquette University.

- Volunteer teacher of English as a Second Language.
- India's national Shastri Award, **Silver Medal** for English prose (1974).
- Awarded a **Gold Medal** (International Nehru Award) for Public Speaking (1973).

## Residencies

Adele Wiseman Scholarship, the Banff Centre, 2002.  
 Ragdale Foundation Writers' Residencies 2002, 2004, 2009, 2010.

## Selected Readings

- International Festival of Authors, Toronto, Barrie (2012)
- WordFest - Calgary (2012)
- Indo-Canadian Centre, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver (2012)
- University of Wisconsin, La Crosse (2008)
- Toronto Public Library (2008)
- University of South Carolina *Caught in the Creative Act* Reading Series (2007)
- International Readings at Harbourfront Centre, Toronto (2007)
- Ottawa Writer's Festival (2007, 2012)
- Thin Air – Winnipeg Writer's Festival (2007)
- York University/Canadian *Writers in Person* reading series (2006)
- Sidney Reading Series (2006)
- Ubud Writers Festival - Bali, Indonesia (2006)
- Heliconian Club Reading Series - Toronto (2005)
- Kriti Festival - Chicago, USA (2005)
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Arts (2005)
- Berlin International Literary Festival, Germany (2005)
- International Festival of Authors, Toronto (2004)
- Blue-Met-Bleu, Montreal (2005)
- Vancouver International Writer's Festival (1999, 2005)
- Canadian High Commissioner's residence "Canada House," New Delhi, India (1999, 2000, 2002, 2005)
- University of Toronto Reading Series (2004)
- University of Alberta Faculty of Extension (2004)
- Wisconsin Book Festival, Madison WI, USA(2003)
- Belles Étrangères Festival, France (2002)
- Raising Voices: South Asian Literary Festival, Washington DC, USA (2000)
- San Francisco Book Festival, USA (2000)

## Education

- Master of Fine Arts, University of British Columbia, 2010.
- Master of Business Administration, 1983. Marquette University, WI.  
 Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
- Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) 1981. Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India.

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