Translators David Homel & Fred Reed receive two nominations for Monique Proulx’s *Wildlives*

**Vancouver, BC – October 19, 2009.** It’s been a great week for translators David Homel and Fred Reed. Douglas & McIntyre is thrilled at the news that Homel and Reed’s translation of *Wildlives*, written originally in French by Monique Proulx, has been nominated for the Governor General’s Literary Award for Translation as well as the Quebec Writers’ Federation Translation Prize.

The original edition, published as *Champagne* (2008) by Les Éditions de Boreal, was nominated for a Governor Generals’ Literary Award last year, in the French Fiction category.

The winner of the 2009 Governor General’s Literary Award will be announced on November 17, 2009 and will receive a prize of $3,000 to support promotional activities. Similarly, the winner of the Quebec Writers’ Federation Prize will also be announced on November 17, 2009 and will receive a prize of $2,000.

Deep in the wilderness of the Laurentians lives a community of troubled souls. Each character has come to this forgiving Eden to escape some private trauma; forced to interact through loneliness and proximity, they learn each others’ secrets, with stunning consequences. At once tender and uplifting, *Wildlives* is a beautiful novel about the nature of beauty and its infinite power to heal.

**MONIQUE PROULX** is one of Quebec’s most popular authors. A novelist, story writer and screenwriter, she has published five previous works of fiction, including *Sex of the Stars*, *The Invisible Man at the Window*, *Aurora Montrealis*, and *The Heart is an Involuntary Muscle*.

**DAVID HOMEL** is a journalist, editor, literary translator and teacher. He is a two-time winner of the Governor General’s Literary Award, and the winner of the Quebec Writers’ Federation’s Hugh McLennan Award for Quebec Fiction.

**FRED REED**, international journalist and award-winning translator, is also a respected specialist on politics in the Middle East and reports extensively for *La Presse*, CBC Radio-Canada and *Le Devoir*.