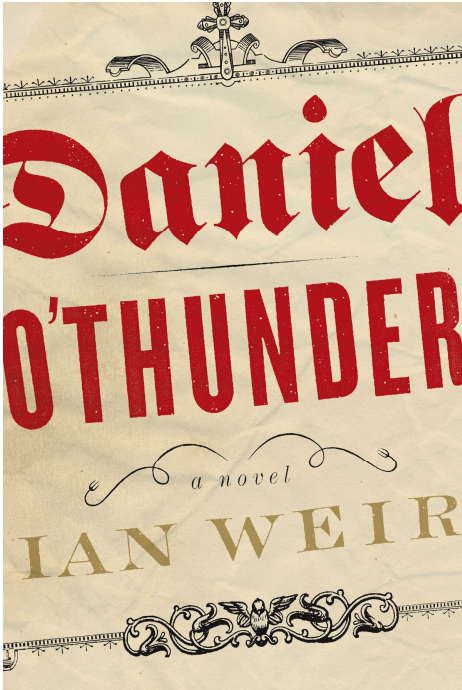




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## Commonwealth Writers' Prize Best First Book Award nominates Ian Weir's debut novel *Daniel O'Thunder*



DANIEL O'THUNDER  
A Novel

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**Vancouver, BC – February 18, 2010.** D&M Publishers is thrilled to announce that Ian Weir's debut novel *Daniel O'Thunder* has been nominated for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize Best First Book Award in the Canada & the Caribbean category. This prize, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, has a strong track record of discovering new international literary stars. Other nominated titles include:

- *Under This Unbroken Sky*, by Shandi Mitchell
- *The Island Quintet: Five Stories*, by Raymond Ramcharthiar
- *Diary of Interrupted Days*, by Dragan Todorovic
- *The Briss*, by Michael Tregebov, and
- *Amphibian*, by Carla Gunn.

The winner of the regional Canada & the Caribbean category will go on to compete against winners from around the world. The regional winners will be announced on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Set in the 1850s in London, England, *Daniel O'Thunder* interweaves the voices of several narrators to tell the story of a troubled but charismatic prize-fighting evangelist who challenges none other than the Devil to a battle in the ring.

For more information on the Commonwealth Writers' Prize visit: <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/culturediversity/writersprize/>

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