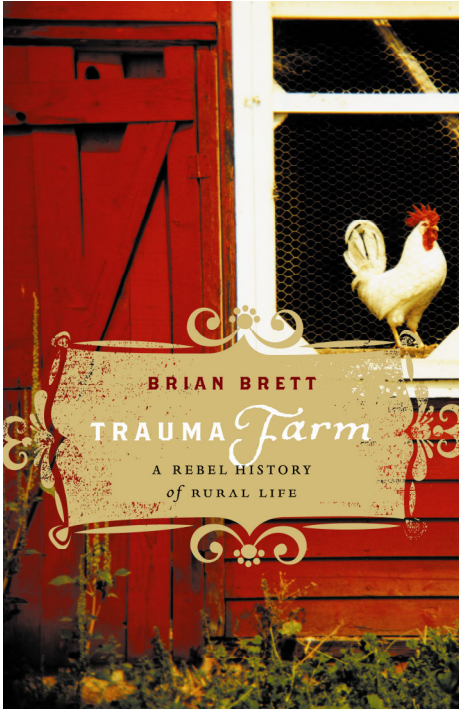




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Brian Brett's *Trauma Farm* nominated for the Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize



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A Rebel History of Rural Life

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Vancouver, BC – October 5th, 2009. Greystone Books is thrilled to announce that Brian Brett's major work, *Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life*, has been short-listed for the Writers' Trust of Canada Non-Fiction Prize.

For eighteen years, writer Brian Brett has tended a small farm in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia, affectionately named Trauma Farm. This illuminating memoir of his experiences is threaded with a deep knowledge of biology and botany and explores the gardens, orchards, fields, the mysteries of livestock and poultry, and the social intricacies of rural communities. Whether discussing the uses and misuses of gates, examining the energy of seeds, or contemplating the modern slaughterhouse, Brett reveals the miracles of life and the ecological paradoxes that confront the rural world every day.

"Trauma Farm is a superb, wise, witty, and vivid weave of barnyard tales with deep insights into the fraught symbiosis of animals, plants, and man. Brett is a bold thinker and a tough yet lyrical writer." – Ronald Wright, author of *A Short History of Progress*.

The winner of the Writers' Trust Prize will be announced in Toronto on November 24, 2009, and will receive a grand prize of \$25,000. Each runner up will receive \$2,500.

BRIAN BRETT is the author of the memoir *Uproar's Your Only Music*, and many books of poetry and fiction. His journalism has appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, and the *Yukon News*. He lives with his family on Trauma Farm on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

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