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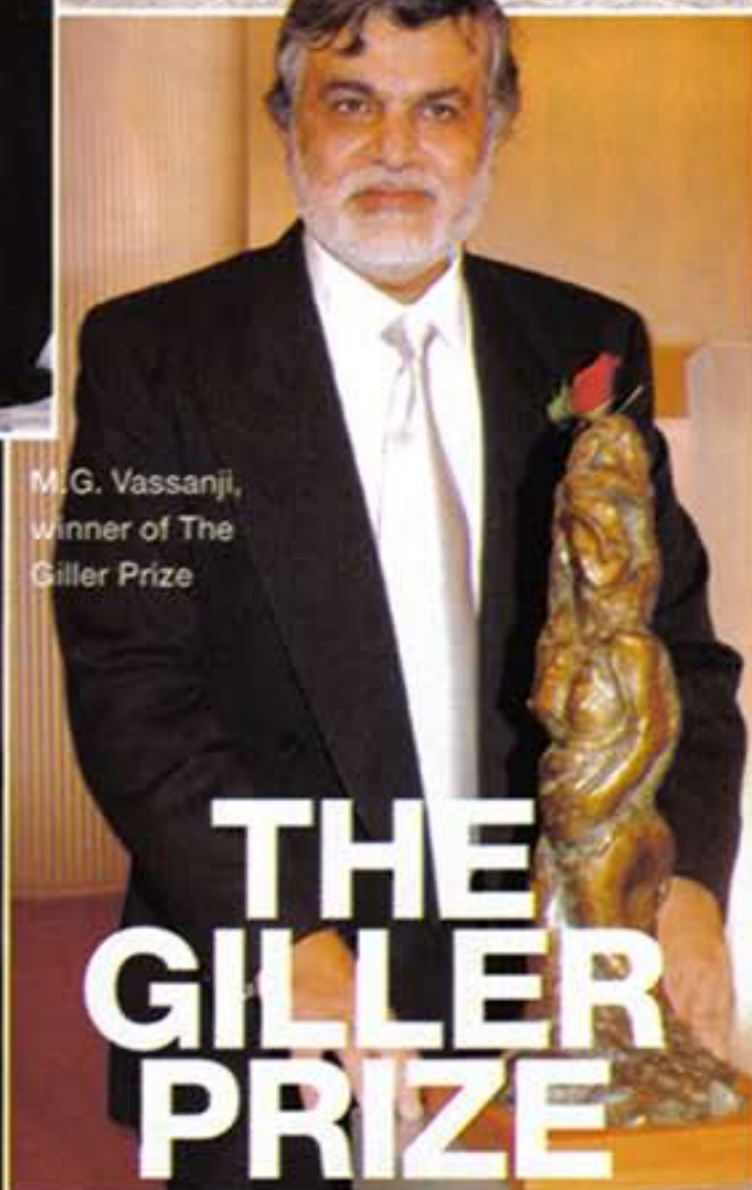


Nominee Ann-Marie MacDonald (left), with Knopf executive publisher Louise Denny

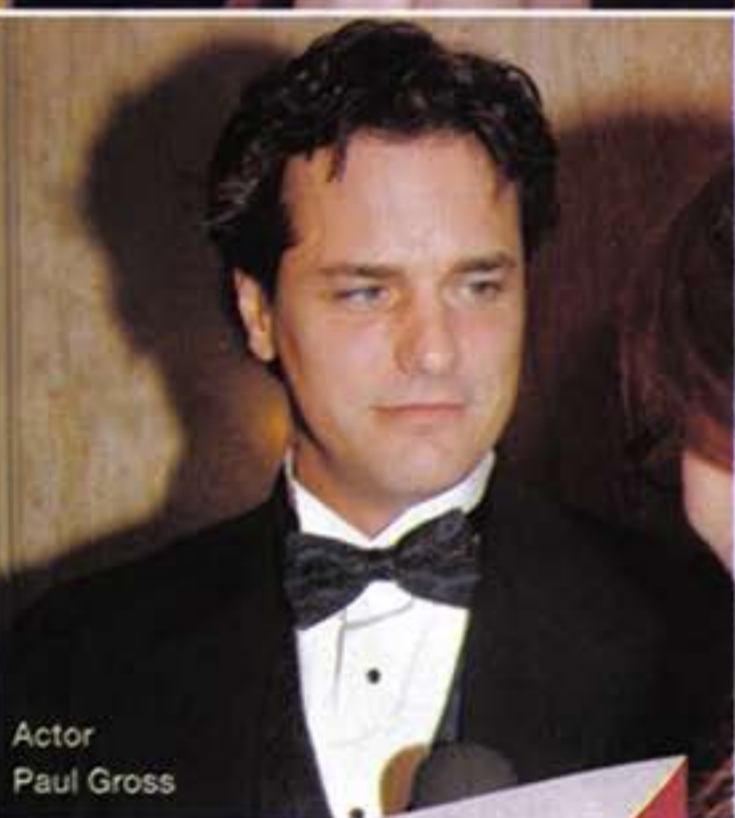
Carolyn Weaver, producer and host of *Fine Print*



M.G. Vassanji, winner of The Giller Prize

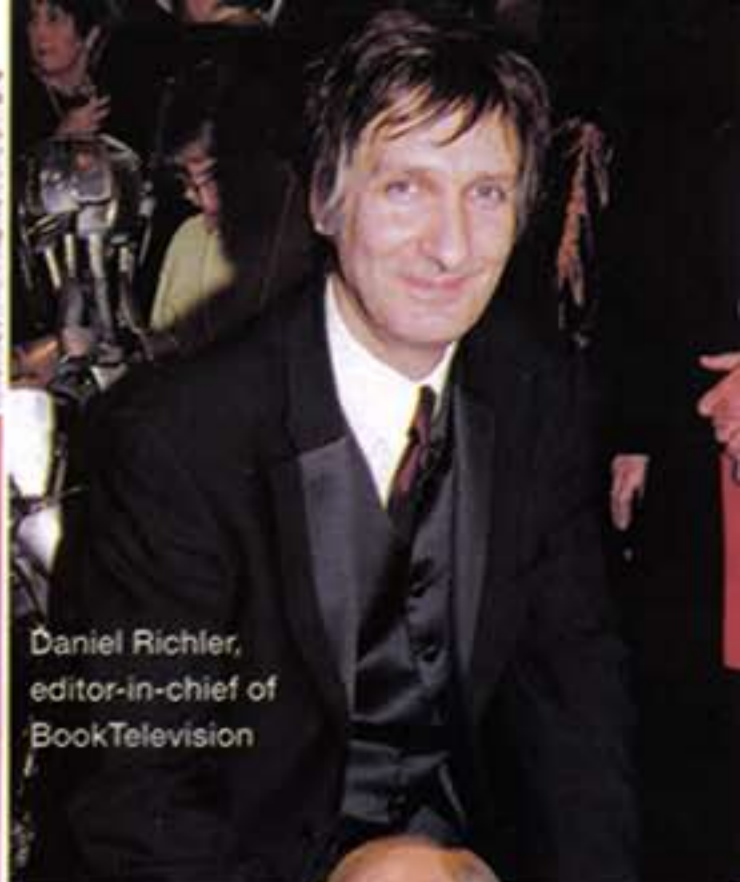


## THE GILLER PRIZE



Actor Paul Gross

**The evening:** The Giller Prize brings the Canadian *über-lit* from coast to coast to the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto. **The celebrated:** Nominees **Margaret Atwood, John Bemrose, Ann-Marie MacDonald, John Gould** and **M.G. Vassanji** were all vying for the \$25,000 jackpot for best Canadian novel or short-story collection. **The cultured:** The November gala dinner, which was broadcast live on Bravo! and CBC, was founded by **Jack Rabinovitch** in memory of his late wife, Doris Giller. The fashionably well-read included the evening's host, **Mary Walsh, Paul Gross**, former politicians **Bill Davis, Bob Rae** and **David Peterson** and Toronto mayoral candidate **John Tory**. Also present were past winners **Michael Ondaatje, David Adams Richards** and **Richard B. Wright**. **And the Giller goes to...:** M.G. Vassanji, who repeated history in the most novel way; having captured the prize in its first year, he did it again on its 10th anniversary. Serendipity, anyone? —*F. Wasthere*



Daniel Richler, editor-in-chief of BookTelevision



Founder Jack Rabinovitch, with daughter Elana Rabinovitch



Actor Sonja Smits of *The Eleventh Hour*



Nominee Margaret Atwood



Shinan Govani of the *National Post*

