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Chrystia Freeland's *Plutocrats* Takes the 2013 Lionel Gelber Prize

March 25, 2013 (Toronto and Washington): **Patricia Rubin**, President of the Lionel Gelber Prize Board and niece of Lionel Gelber, announced today that **Chrystia Freeland (New York City, USA)** has won the 2013 Prize for *Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else*, published by Doubleday Canada and The Penguin Press.

"This year's shortlist offered a wealth of opportunity to the jury," said **Jury Chair William Thorsell**: "These are immensely erudite and creative books about where the world has been, and how it is becoming. Anyone who is curious about the world in play should read each one of these Lionel Gelber Prize finalists. *Plutocrats* took the prize for its immediacy and authority about the future —the world that we must comprehend and hope to manage in radically new circumstances. We are proud to announce that the winner of the 2013 Lionel Gelber Prize is Chrystia Freeland."

Chrystia Freeland is the Managing Director and Editor of Consumer News at Thomson Reuters, following years of service at the *Financial Times* in New York, London, Moscow and Kiev. She was the deputy editor of *The Globe and Mail* and has written for the *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*. Freeland's last book was *Sale of the Century: Russia's Wild Ride from Communism to Capitalism*. She was born in Peace River, Alberta, Canada and lives in New York City, USA.

Free Public Lecture: Chrystia Freeland will be in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to receive her prize and deliver the annual Lionel Gelber Prize free public lecture on Monday, April 15, 2013, at the Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility in the Munk School of Global Affairs, at the University of Toronto.

Interview Podcast: Robert Steiner, Director of the Fellowships in Global Journalism at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, interviewed Chrystia Freeland for the Lionel Gelber Prize Longlist Podcast Series on iTunes. Listen [here](#).

Jurors William Thorsell (Chair), Daniel W. Drezner, Gaynor Lilian Johnson, Walter Russell Meade, and Margaret Wentz wrote the following citation about *Plutocrats* for the longlist announcement:

"In *Plutocrats*, Chrystia Freeland describes the evolution of a new global elite of unprecedented economic, social and political power. This mobile, denaturalized community affects the lives of billions as its wealth and values distance it from even the wealthiest of societies. Freeland explores consequent

issues of equity and accountability with fluency and intimacy, capturing the human dimension of a powerful and disturbing phenomenon.” They chose the winning book from their previous [five-book shortlist](#) and [twelve-book longlist](#).

About the Prize: The Lionel Gelber Prize is a literary award for the world’s best non-fiction book in English on foreign affairs that seeks to deepen public debate on significant international issues. It was founded in 1989 in the memory of Canadian diplomat Lionel Gelber (1907 – 1989). A prize of \$15,000 is awarded to the winner. The award is presented annually by The Lionel Gelber Foundation, in partnership with *Foreign Policy* magazine and the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. Further information is provided at the [prize website](#).

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