

2023 BOOK JURY

Kate Harris



Kate Harris is the author of *Lands of Lost Borders*, a national bestseller about cycling the Silk Road that won the RBC Taylor Prize, the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize, the Edna Staebler Award, the Boardman Tasker Prize, and the Banff Mountain Book Award for Adventure Travel. Her travel writing has also featured in *Granta*, *The Walrus*, *Outside*, and *The Georgia Review*, with notable mentions in *Best American Essays* and *Best American Travel Writing*. A former Rhodes scholar with a background in science, she lives off-grid in a log cabin in northernmost British Columbia.

Tony Whittome



Tony was founder faculty with Marni Jackson of the influential Mountain and Wilderness program at Banff Centre back in 2005. A British director of Penguin Random House UK, now retired and working freelance, he has published many award-winning mountaineering, travel and adventure writers, such as Joe Simpson, Stephen Venables, Bernadette McDonald, Jim Perrin and Andy Cave, as well as running his own history, politics, poetry and fiction lists. A keen traveller and (decidedly amateur) former climber, he has walked and cycled on four continents and is the co-editor of the Banff Centre Press publication, *Rock, Paper, Fire*. He has served on the

boards of the Poetry Society and the Poetry Book Society and is currently on the Arts Board of the prison charity Koestler Arts, where he is also a literature judge.

Jennifer Lowe-Anker



Jennifer Lowe-Anker participated in the Banff Mountain Writers workshop and her award-winning memoir "Forget Me Knot", was published by Mountaineers Books in 2007. It chronicled her life with the late Alex Lowe who died in on Shishapangma in 1999 and the years since with her husband, Conrad Anker.

Lowe-Anker is President of the Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation serving the mountain community of Nepal for twenty years. The Khumbu Climbing Center has provided lifesaving technical training for indigenous Nepali who work in the mountains and an earthquake-safe facility was completed in Phortse Khumbu 2019.

Jennifer has worked as a fine artist and painter for over thirty years showing her work throughout the Western United States. Her whimsical images are widely collected and showcase a passion for the wild that Lowe advocates to protect.

She resides in Bozeman, Montana.