

Annabel Lyon



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When [Annabel Lyon](#) published her first novel, Marsha Lederman called her "CanLit's newest golden girl" in the [Globe and Mail](#).

*The Golden Mean* (Random House 2009) is a fictionalized biography of a well-researched and powerfully imagined Aristotle, who happens to be bipolar. The novel portrays his relationship with famous ancients, including [Alexander the Great](#), whom he tutored.

This book was nominated for The Giller Prize, the Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, the Governor General's Literary Award and the Canadian Authors' Association award for fiction. It won the Rogers Writers' Trust fiction award and was published in several languages. It was [praised](#) by Hilary Mantel, winner of the 2009 Man Booker ([Wolf Hall](#)).

Lyon, who lives in New Westminster and teaches Creative Writing courses, had previously published novellas ([The Best Thing for you](#) 2004) and short stories (*Oxygen* 2000).