

Nino Ricci

In June, Nino Ricci was honoured with the [Order of Canada](#), along with journalist and non-fiction writer Malcolm Gladwell of *The Tipping Point* fame, Saskatchewan-born poet Lorna Crozier, and others.

Ricci was born at Leamington, Ontario in 1959, the child of Italian immigrants. He was educated at [York University](#), Concordia University and the [University of Florence](#).

*Lives of the Saints* was published in 1990. It won the Governor-General's Award and three other prizes. *The Glass House*, a sequel, came out in 1993 and the third in the trilogy, [Where Has She Gone?](#) appeared in 1997 and was nominated for the Scotiabank [Giller Prize](#).

In 2004 his trilogy was [filmed](#) as a mini-series starring Sophia Loren. The first book was reissued in 2010, the twentieth anniversary of its original publication.

In 2003 he published *Testament*, a novel about Jesus which the *Christian Science Monitor* describes as "[unsettling](#)."

Ricci received his second [Governor General's Award](#) for fiction for *The Origin of Species*, set in Montreal. The same year he appeared in Toronto to receive an award from the Canadian Authors Association, and gave a humorous and engaging speech, in which he recalled, among other things, his school days with Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff. The book is reviewed by [Quill and Quire](#).

Ricci is a versatile and accomplished writer who has also published a variety of essays and short stories as well as a book about former Prime Minister [Pierre Elliott Trudeau](#).