

# Claude Bernard Aubry

b. Oct. 23, 1914, Morin Heights, QC; d. Nov. 3, 1984, Ottawa, ON



Claude B. Aubry c.1980. Credit Université d'Ottawa.

## Education:

Graduate of the Collège Sainte-Marie de Montréal  
1936 BA Université de Montréal  
1945 BLS McGill University

## Positions:

1936–1944 Accountant  
1945–1949 Chief of Personnel, Montreal Civic Library (la Bibliothèque municipale de Montréal)  
1949–1953 Deputy Chief Librarian, Ottawa Public Library  
1953–1979 Director, Ottawa Public Library  
1965–1976 Director, Eastern Ontario Regional Library System

## Publications:

Aubry, Claude (1944). *La Vengeance des hommes de bonne volonté*. Montréal: Fides.

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Aubry, Claude (1972). *Agouhanna*. Illustrations by Julie Brinckloe. Translation by H. Swados. Toronto: Doubleday. (French edition published in 1974).

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Currier, Ishbel (1968). *Evergreen island, or, How Growely-Wowely made friends*. Translated into French by Claude Aubry. Ottawa: Oberon Press.

Suddon, Alan (1969). *Cinderella: retold in story and collage*. With a French translation by Claude Aubry. Ottawa: Oberon Press.

## Activities and honours:

1944 Prix David de la Province de Québec

1952 President, Ottawa Library Association

1962 Canadian Library Association best book for children published in French

1964 Médaille de bronze de l'Association canadienne des bibliothèques

1964-65 President, Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française

1974 named to the Order of Canada

1974-1976, Vice-President, Canadian Authors Film Institute

Officer of the Ordre international du Bien Public (France)

Canadian Authors Association

Society of Canadian Writers

Ontario Library Association

Ontario Provincial Library Council

Alliance Française (Vice-President, Ottawa Chapter)

Association France-Canada

Member of the Board, Montfort Hospital Corp.

## Accomplishments/Comments:

As an author, Claude Aubry earned thirty national and international awards. Two of his books, *Le loup de Noël* and *Agouhanna*, were translated in seventeen languages. He was named to the Order of Canada in 1974. In 1981 the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) established the

Claude Aubry Award: two awards are presented biennially in recognition of his distinguished service in the field of children's literature.

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