



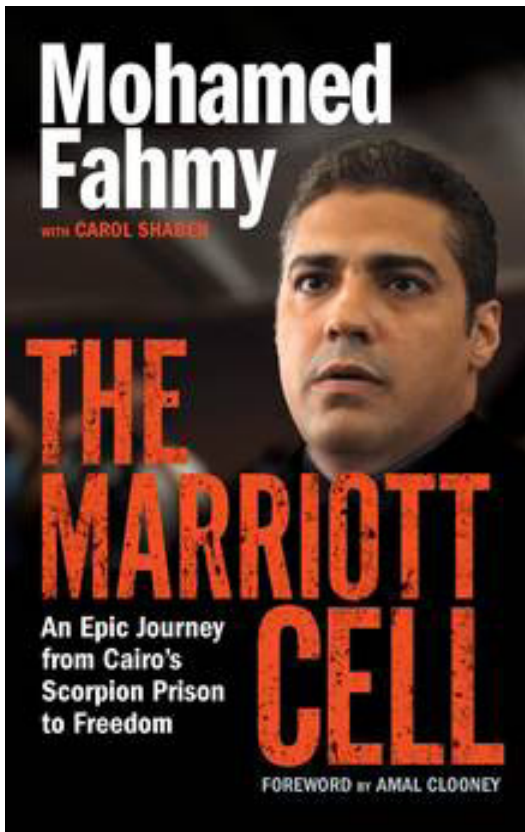
## Journalists Mohamed Fahmy and Carol Shaben Honoured with Provincial Book Award

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Huguenot Society of Canada Award honours the best book or substantial article published in Ontario that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. The 2016 recipients are **Mohamed Fahmy and Carol Shaben**, for their book, *The Marriott Cell: An Epic Journey from Cairo's Scorpion Prison to Freedom*, published by Random House Canada.



Mohamed Fahmy, a distinguished journalist, tells the deeply disturbing story that began in December 2013 of his long struggle for freedom following his wrongful incarceration in Scorpion, Egypt's maximum-security prison for terrorists and political activists. Fahmy and Shaben, in gripping prose, make clear that crucial to Fahmy's survival and eventual release were the outcries of supporters from around the world, the support of his loving partner, and the determination of his outstanding international human rights lawyer, Amal Clooney.

Moreover, *The Marriott Cell* gives readers insight into a region of the world troubled by jihadism, not only because of the authors' expertise on the subject but also because Fahmy explains his own, up-close encounters with the prisoners in his cell block. *The Marriott Cell* makes an eloquent case for the profound importance of independent journalism today.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the Huguenot Society of Canada Award to Mohamed Fahmy and Carol Shaben.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers in Toronto, Ontario.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

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