



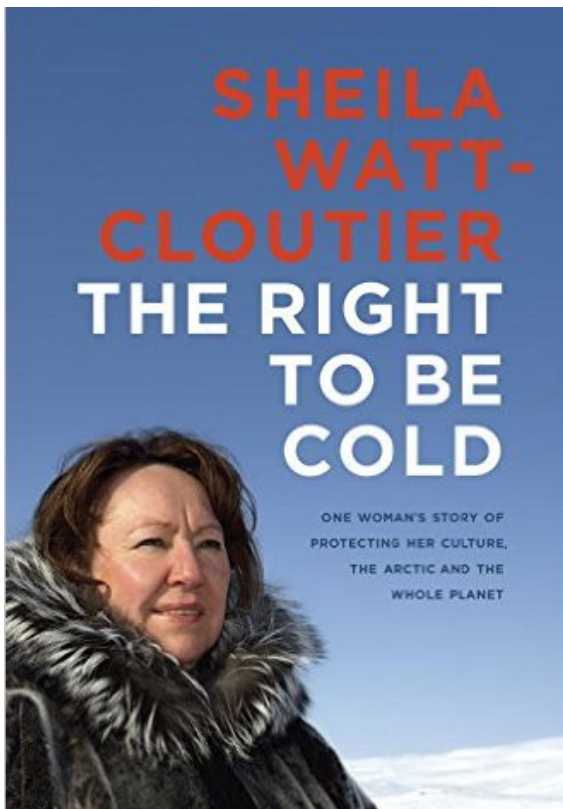
Renowned Inuit Activist Honoured with Provincial Award

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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 published in Canada in the past three years that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. The OHS is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2015 Huguenot Society of Canada Award is **Sheila Watt-Cloutier** for *The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, The Arctic and the Whole Planet*, published by Allen Lane, an imprint of Penguin Canada.



Sheila Watt-Cloutier is an influential environmental, cultural, and human rights activist who grew up in an Inuit community in Kuujjuaq, Nunavik, Northern Quebec. She has acted as a political representative and advocate for the Inuit on national and international levels.

In *The Right to Be Cold*, Watt-Cloutier creates a compelling narrative about her childhood and the personal journey she undertook to become the renowned activist she is today. In the process, she explores the economic, social, cultural, and health repercussions of global climate change on the Inuit. By elucidating how Inuit culture and economic independence, as well as Arctic ecology, depend on the cold, *The Right to Be Cold* shows how global warming threatens a way of life and denies the Inuit their economic, social, cultural, and health rights. Moreover, by pointing to the interconnectedness of our world, Watt-Cloutier makes a compelling case that the well-being of everyone, and the very survival of our planet, depend on effectively combatting global warming.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Ontario Legislative Assembly in Toronto, Ontario.

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