



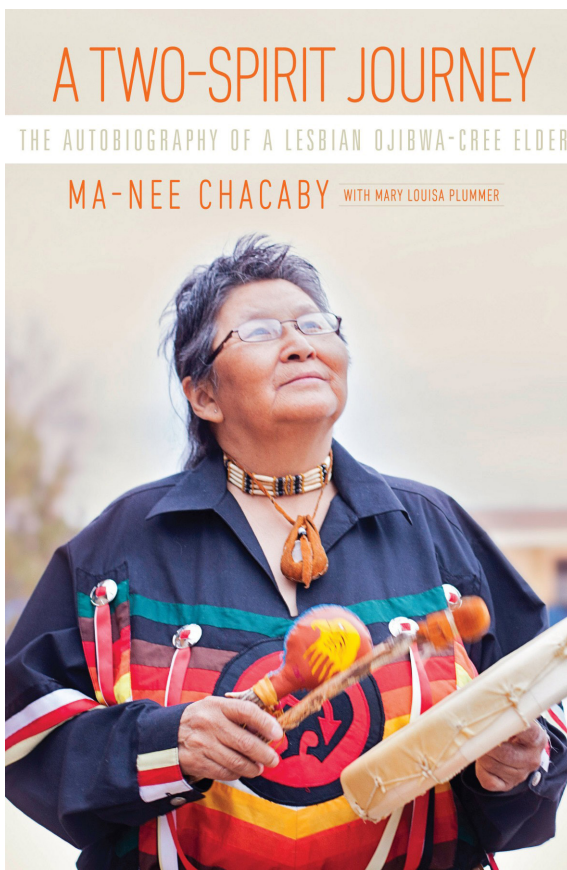
# Two-Spirit Elder's Autobiography Recognized with Provincial Award

OHS Alison Prentice Award presented June 23, 2018  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, Ontario

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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 Alison Prentice Award recognizes the best book in Ontario women's history published in the past three years. The OHS is pleased to announce that the winners of the 2017 Alison Prentice Award are **Ma-Nee Chacaby** and **Mary Louisa Plummer** for their book *A Two-Spirit Journey: The Autobiography of a Lesbian Ojibwa-Cree Elder*, published by the University of Manitoba Press.



*A Two-Spirit Journey* is a compelling, distressing, moving, and uplifting memoir of an Ojibwa-Cree lesbian elder, healer, and activist who struggled to cope with and overcome the insidious and violent legacies of colonialism. Told through the story-telling traditions she learned from her grandmother in Ombabika, Ontario, Ma-Nee Chacaby's story of childhood friendships, family conflicts, abuse, loss, sexual awakening, activism and self-healing reveals the resilience and compassion of a remarkable woman and, in doing so, also powerfully underscores a most timely message – that, like healing, genuine reconciliation cannot occur without everyone first confronting the ugly truths about Canada's mistreatment of Indigenous peoples.

The Honours and Awards Committee proudly recognizes Ma-Nee Chacaby and Mary Louisa Plummer with the 2017 Alison Prentice Award. The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto, Ontario on June 23, 2018.

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.

To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.php/categories> or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

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