



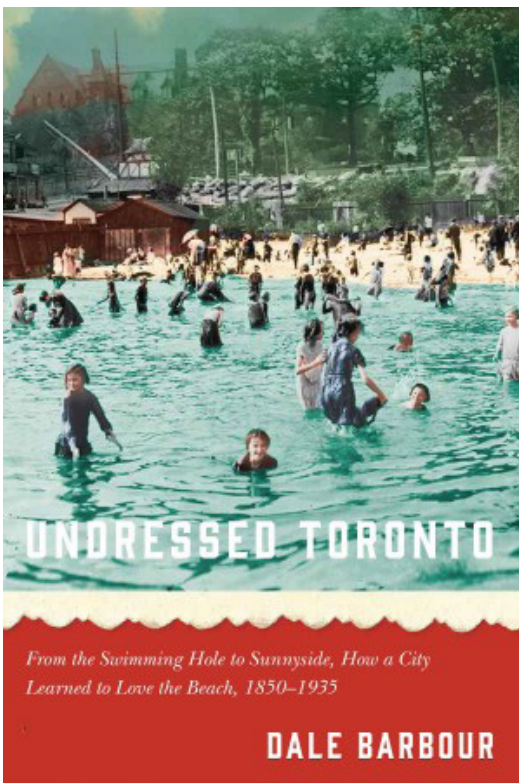
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OHS JJ Talman Award Presented to Dale Barbour for *Undressed Toronto: From the Swimming Hole to Sunnyside, How a City Learned to Love the Beach, 1850-1935*

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2021-22 J.J. Talman Award for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political, or cultural history to Dale Barbour for his book, *Undressed Toronto: From the Swimming Hole to Sunnyside, How a City Learned to Love the Beach, 1850-1935*, published by the University of Manitoba Press.

A highly original take on the history of the province's capital, *Undressed Toronto* reveals how the nude, male bathing of the mid-nineteenth century eventually gave way to the public beach, where men and women could be together. The author draws on a wide-ranging selection of international literature in cultural history, as well as historical newspapers and a wealth of municipal records. As the narrative unfolds, environmental change and evolving class and gender norms are deftly explored. Elegantly argued, beautifully written, and generously illustrated, *Undressed Toronto* is a refreshing contribution to Ontario history.

The Honours and Awards Committee congratulates Dale Barbour.



Dale Barbour Responds to the Society's Selection



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