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**FIVE REASONS THE 2008 WHISTLER READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL,
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, IS A MUST-ATTEND EVENT**

August 11, 2008 - Whistler, BC -

1. **It's in Whistler, and not a Siberian gulag,** that other outpost of prolific literary inspiration.
2. **It's the first literary event ever to feature LIVE WRESTLING.** If you ever wondered what you would get if you crossed a poet, a politician and a priest, (apart from a Police song with no lyrics in its chorus), the Friday night "Who Gives a \$^%?! About Words" muckrakers debate is for you. Witness the verbal carnage as a preacher, a politician, a lawyer and an opinion columnist fight for their lives in the gladiator room of the Whistler Public Library.
3. **There's \$2500 cash up for grabs.** And to witness the raw emotion when starving artists are handed \$1000 cash is better than reality television. September 12 and 13 will see the celebration of the winners of the first Whistler Select Writing Awards, recognizing excellence in travel journalism, the best telling of an untold story and winning postcard-length short fiction.
4. **You can rub shoulders with real life celebrities.** They may not have the detox dramas of Lindsay, Paris or Britney, nor the cosmetic enhancements of Pamela, Jessica or Arnie, but the Whistler Reader and Writers Festival's 2008 line-up features the real deal when it comes to the constellations of Can-lit. Witness the star power of Mel Hurtig, Wayne Grady, William Deverell, Shaena Lambert, Carrie Mac, Nancy Warren, Leslie Anthony and Susan Reifer. If they all went on strike, Canada would suddenly be eerily quiet. (Pity Lindsay, Paris and Britney haven't considered it.)
5. **"Writer-chic" is the new black.** Scrabulous is fabulous and a good vocabulary is sexy as hell. Upgrade your literary status with an intensive day of seminars on fiction, non-fiction and writing from life. Whether you need a kick in the bum to get your creative mojo going, a

reverential review of your latest work, or just a chance to come out of the closet/garret/cubicle/bike park for the day, the Whistler Readers and Writers Festival is so confident that at least one of its 15 seminars will work for you, that if you're not happy with your experience, we will immediately escort you back to the gulag.

To learn more about the 7th annual Whistler Readers and Writers Festival, download the full program or purchase online tickets, visit www.theviciouscircle.ca or the festival blog <http://whistlerwriters.wordpress.com>

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