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Dear Ms. Kadis

On behalf of the Canadian Archaeological Association (CAA), I write to express congratulations to Jack Brink as winner of a 2009 Public Communications Award for his book, *Imagining Head-Smashed-In: Aboriginal Buffalo Hunting on the Northern Plains*.

Our Public Awards Committee noted that Jack Brink's book tells a story that is bigger than *Head-Smashed-In*. Skillfully weaving together oral history, paintings, drawings, the ecology of the bison and archaeological findings, Jack bridges the gap between public and professional: this book will serve as a resource for archaeologists and enthusiasts alike. He successfully illustrates how archaeology is a foundation for learning about the human past, without smothering the reader in details. Beautifully written, the book demonstrates how archaeologists are affected by the work that they do. Archaeology is a science, however archaeologists become engaged with their work. Jack's book is more than just an archaeological record, it is clearly a personal journey of learning and understanding. The book is visually appealing and contains a good mix of archival and archaeological images, charts, diagrams, maps and paintings designed to bring to life the ancient practices of hunting buffalo as they evolved over thousands of years.

Jack's accomplishment, and the role of AU Press in publishing this fine work, was recognized at the recent CAA annual meetings in Thunder Bay, where Jack was presented with a plaque. A notice of this award will be posted on the CAA web site.

I extend my personal congratulations on the award and my very best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

Eric Damkjar  
Vice-President, Canadian Archaeological Association