

CITATION - JACK MCCLELLAND

MADAM CHANCELLOR, IT IS MY VERY GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT MR. JACK MCCLELLAND, A MAN WHOSE IMPRINT ON CANADIAN LETTERS IS NO LESS THAN LEGENDARY. MORE THAN ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, JACK MCCLELLAND HAS CHAMPIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS PUBLISHING AS A FORCE IN CRAFTING OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY. IT HAS BEEN SAID -- AND SAID TRUTHFULLY -- THAT IF JACK MCCLELLAND HAD NOT CREATED A BOOK BUYING AUDIENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, WE WOULD BE BEREFT OF OUR OWN LITERATURE.

IN 1922 JACK WAS BORN INTO A TORONTO PUBLISHING FAMILY WHERE THE FOREMOST AUTHORS OF THE DAY WERE REGULAR GUESTS IN HIS CHILDHOOD HOME. AFTER GRADUATING FROM ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE IN 1940 HE

ENTERED ENGINEERING PHYSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, BUT HIS STUDIES WERE INTERRUPTED WHEN HE JOINED THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY TO SERVE WITH DISTINCTION ABOARD MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS IN THE BOSTON CHANNEL AND IN THE NORTH SEA. ————