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## 'Heated Rivalry' Author Rachel Reid to Receive The Hollywood Reporter's Women in Entertainment Canada Honor

Reid will receive the Changemaker Award and take part in an onstage conversation May 28 in Toronto.

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*Heated Rivalry* author Rachel Reid is set to be honored at *The Hollywood Reporter's Women in Entertainment* Canada gala and summit on May 28.

Reid will receive the Changemaker Award at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Toronto, while also participating in a feature interview on stage. She is best known for penning the *Heated Rivalry* book series that has been adapted into the popular Crave and **HBO Max** romance drama about gay hockey players.

“By championing new perspectives, elevating underrepresented voices and pushing boundaries through storytelling, Reid has helped to shape a more dynamic and forward-looking entertainment landscape,” the WIE Canada event organizers said in a statement on Wednesday.

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Reid receiving the Changemaker honor is fitting as *Heated Rivalry* is part of the book author's *Game Changer* series, which follows the steamy romance between Shane

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*Heated Rivalry* season two will be released next year, and Reid will publish her seventh book, *Unrivaled*, in the *Game Changers* series in June 2027.

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The upcoming third annual WIE Canada summit will again bring together the Canadian industry across TV, film and music to celebrate and recognize the achievements of women leading the industry forward. The all-day event is attended by top homegrown producers, actors, musicians and execs.

Reid joins earlier announced honorees Andrea Martin, Malin Akerman and Alethea Arnaquq-Baril and Stacey Aglok MacDonald. Additional honorees and speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

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