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Heated Rivalry wins a prestigious award, see the author's reaction

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Heated Rivalry has just won a huge honor in the United States.

The television adaptation of **Rachel Reid** 's best-selling novel is among 11 series that have won a **Peabody Award** for entertainment.

Every year since 1941, this gala has celebrated excellence in works, reports, and documentaries that address the social issues of our time. It is therefore a great honor for the **Heated Rivalry** team !



When announcing the winner of the sports romance at the 2026 Peabody Awards, the jury stated the following:

" **Heated Rivalry** manages to balance complex themes like sexuality and emotional connection, inspiring fans and promoting non-toxic masculinity, which has arguably had the greatest cultural impact on television this year. "

Upon seeing this, author Rachel Reid fell off her chair.

In a private message exchange with **François Arnaud** , who plays Scott Hunter in the series **Heated Rivalry** , she jokingly admitted that she never thought her erotic stories would go this far one day.

Here is the author's reaction, made public by the Quebec comedian on Instagram:



(François Arnaud/Instagram)

" *Definitely, when I was writing the third exhibitionist masturbation scene, I thought to myself, 'This is going to win a Peabody one day,'*" Rachel Reid says sarcastically.

For his part, **François Arnaud** praised the author as well as the creator of the series, **Jacob Tierney** :



(François Arnaud/Instagram)

Congratulations to the team for this well-deserved award!

Canadian Screen Awards: Heated Rivalry leads the nominations

The list of nominations for the **2026 Canadian Screen Awards** has just been revealed!

Every year, this ceremony celebrates the best in Canadian television and film. And **Heated Rivalry** leads the nominations this year!

Crave 's sports romance is mentioned 18 times, ranging from best directing to best actors.

François Arnaud could notably take home the award for best actor, leading role, in a dramatic series.



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