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## CBC Canada Reads 2020 Award-winning Author, Samra Habib, Eagerly Anticipated in Virtual Event, Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Milton Public Library is thrilled to host CBC Canada Reads 2020 Winner, **Samra Habib Monday, January 11 at 7pm** for a special culminating 2020 **One Book, One Milton** virtual event.

Samra Habib is a writer, photographer, and activist. As a journalist she's covered topics ranging from fashion trends and Muslim dating apps to the rise of Islamophobia in the US. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *The Advocate*, and her photo project, "Just Me and Allah," has been featured in *Nylon*, *i-D*, *Vanity Fair Italia*, *Vice*, and *The Washington Post*. She works with LGBTQIA organizations internationally, raising awareness of issues that impact queer Muslims around the world.

She will take to the virtual stage to discuss her brand new book, *We Have Always Been Here*, **Monday, January 11 at 7pm**. *We Have Always Been Here* is a national bestseller, won a Lambda Literary Award, and was the winner of CBC Canada Reads 2020. The exciting online event will be hosted by **Michael Serapio** of the **CBC News Network** and the captivating pair are expected to deliver an entertaining evening.

Since August of this year, Milton Public Library has found unique and creative ways to bring the community together through a shared reading experience. *We Have Always Been Here* was used as the basis for all One Book, One Milton events and the grand finale will include an engaging discussion and Q&A with Samra Habib.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of community and shared experiences during these unusual times. Milton Public Library is both excited and proud to provide access to the One Book, One Milton event online, for all Miltonians to come together and share in an evening of culture, community, and inclusion." said Lee Puddephatt, Manager of Public Service.

Tickets for the event are **free** and **registration is now open**: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/one-book-one-milton-an/register> Visit [www.onebookonemilton.ca](http://www.onebookonemilton.ca) for more information. Discounted copies of the book are available for sale at all Milton Public Library branches.

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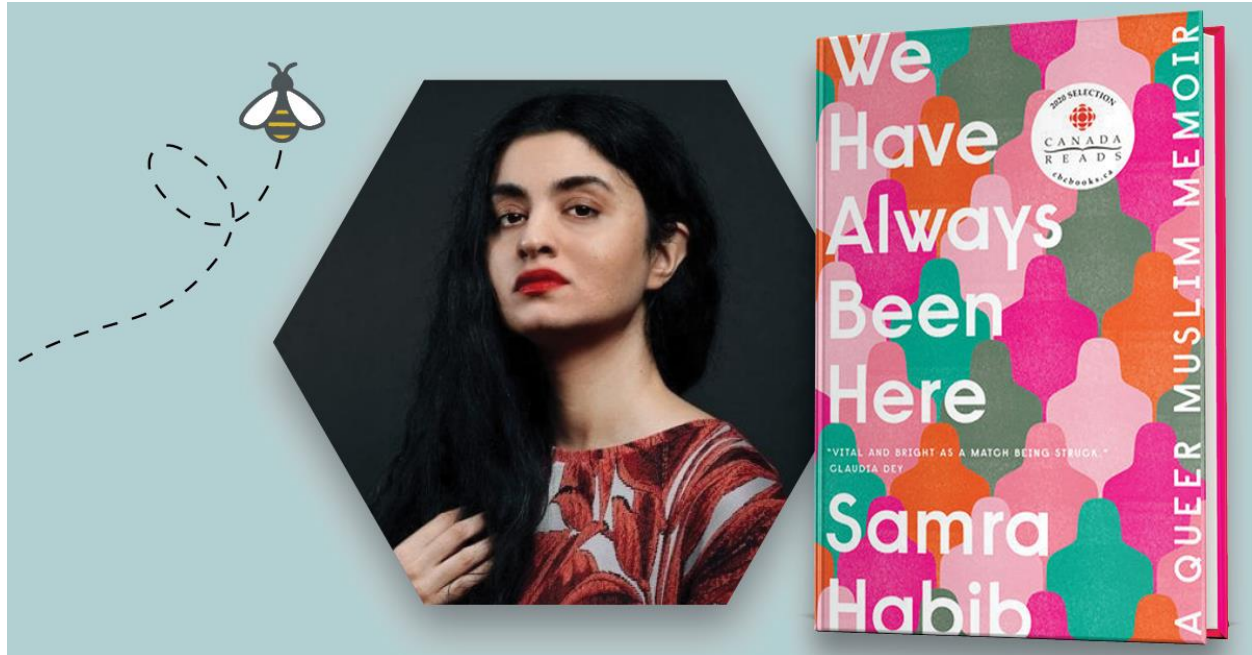
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One Book, One Milton is a community-wide program designed to encourage everyone in Milton to read the same book - similar to one really big book club. One Book, One Milton engages the community through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book: its contents, themes and relevance, as it relates to the Milton Community. Past authors have included Margaret Atwood, Chris Hadfield, Yann Martel, Neil Pasricha, Kelley Armstrong and Don Gillmor.

For more information, visit: [www.onebookonemilton.ca](http://www.onebookonemilton.ca)

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