



Stoney Creek Battle Book Cops Top Provincial Honour **The Ontario Historical Society's J. J. Talman Award**

Presented at the 2011 OHS AGM and Honours & Awards Ceremony on
June 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St., Toronto

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Strange Fatality, James Elliott's widely acclaimed book on the 1813 Battle of Stoney Creek, has won one of the country's premier history awards.

The Ontario Historical Society announced this week the War of 1812 history is the recipient of the 2010 *J. J. Talman Award* for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural history.

The judge's citation reads in part: "Well researched, well written and well illustrated, *Strange Fatality* brings to life the Battle of Stoney Creek, one of the most decisive reversals of military fortune in the War of 1812 that, in no small measure, determined the fate of the colony that would become the Province of Ontario."

The win by Elliott, a former *Hamilton Spectator* reporter, marks a departure of sorts for the award which, to date, has been typically awarded to academics.

The award will be officially presented on June 4 in a ceremony at the North York Memorial Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following the afternoon presentation, Elliott will return to Stoney Creek to lead a 6:00 p.m. battlefield tour as part of Battle Reenactment weekend.

Strange Fatality, published by Robin Brass Studio of Montreal and winner of the Arts Hamilton non-fiction prize last year, is now in its third printing.

In 1967, the OHS established an Awards Programme to honour individuals, organizations, corporations and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage

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The J. J. Talman Award is named after prominent historian James J. Talman, who died in 1993. He was the chief librarian at the University of Western Ontario and a former President of The Ontario Historical Society.

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