ANANSI 50TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO

DESIGN BRIEF



HOUSE OF ANANSI PUBLISHES VERY GOOD BOOKS

ABOUT ANANSI

In 1967 Dennis Lee and David Godfrey, two young men and graduates of the University of Toronto, hatched the idea of founding a publishing house with a mandate to publish Canadian-authored works that challenged the status quo. With \$2,500 from the Canada Council for the Arts, they printed their first four titles by Dennis Lee, David Godfrey, George Jonas, and Margaret Atwood. They called this new enterprise The House of Anansi Press after the storytelling trickster and spider-god of West African folktales.

From these humble beginnings Anansi has grown into a world-class publisher and one of the biggest independent presses in Canada. Over the years we have gone on to publish writers who are synonymous with all that is great in Canadian Literature, including Michael Ondaatje, Roch Carrier, Lisa Moore, Rawi Hage, Patrick deWitt, Lynn Coady, and Zoe Whittall to name just a few.

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PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please send a link to your portfolio website or a dropbox link to a portfolio PDF to neil@anansi.ca. Include a few sentences about yourself and your interest in designing the Anansi 50th Anniversary logo in the body of your email.

Please note: This is **not** a logo contest. We are just looking for portfolios at this time, which will be reviewed by Anansi's art department, and from there we will reach out to those we would like to work with for next steps.

PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION DEADLINE

October 11, 2016, 5pm EST

COMPENSATION

The designer we work with will receive C\$1,000 + a collection of Anansi titles

STUDENTS

Since 1967 when we published Margaret Atwood's first book of poetry, to present day as we celebrate Katherena Vermette's debut novel *The Break*, Anansi's publishing list has been fundamentally shaped by our mandate to showcase new Canadian talent. In this spirit, students and graphic designers who are beginning their careers should feel emboldened to submit their portfolios for consideration.



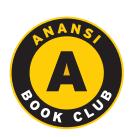
VISUAL REFERENCE

CURRENT LOGO AND SELECT IMPRINT LOGOS

















VISUAL REFERENCE

PREVIOUS PRIMARY LOGOS



Original Anansi Logo

Second Anansi Logo





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We are grateful for all submissions, but only candidates under consideration will be contacted.

For any additional inquiries, or to learn more about House of Anansi, please email neil@anansi.ca.

