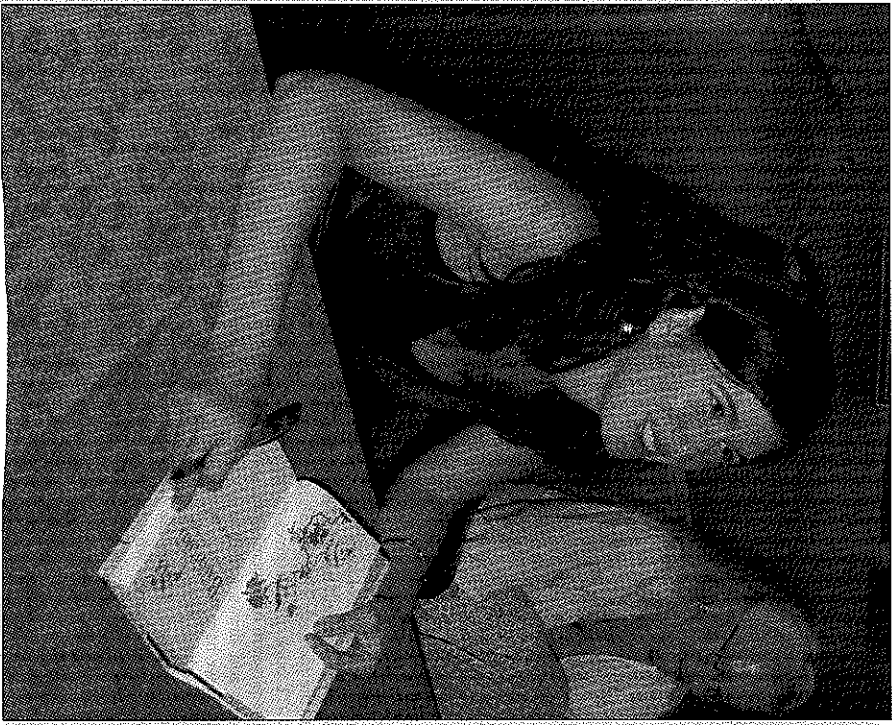


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# A writers' night

LEILAH NADIR (below) signs copies of her book, *The Orange Trees of Baghdad*, next to volunteer Dorian Kohl at the ceremony for the fifth annual George Ryga Award for Social Awareness in B.C. Writing, held Saturday at Powerhouse Theatre. At right, the Vancouver author accepts the award, called The Censor's Golden Rope, from Ken Smedley, who runs the George Ryga Centre and the awards in honour of the late playwright. Nadir was named the winner after judges shortlisted her book, a memoir about everyday people in Iraq. *The Censor's Golden Rope* is created annually by Okanagan sculptor Reg Klenast. Below, Todd Butler provides comic relief in his satirical songs and stories.



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