



## Finalists Selected for 2008 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and Bolen Books Children's Book Prize

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VICTORIA, BC — Six finalists have been selected by jury from the Capital Region for the 2008 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and Bolen Books Children's Book Prize.

This year, the City's \$5,000 prize will be awarded to a Greater Victoria author for the best book published in the preceding year in the categories of fiction, non-fiction or poetry. A separate prize of \$5,000, sponsored by Bolen Books, will be awarded for the best children's book.

The three finalists for the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize are:

JoAnn Dionne	<i>Little Emperors: A Year with the Future of China</i> (non-fiction), published by Dundurn Group
Arleen Paré	<i>Paper Trail</i> (fiction), published by NeWest Press
Mark Zuehlke	<i>Terrible Victory</i> (non-fiction), published by Douglas & McIntyre

The three finalists for the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize are:

Polly Horvath	<i>The Corps of the Bare-Boned Plane</i> , published by Groundwood Books
Kit Pearson	<i>A Perfect Gentle Knight</i> , published by Penguin Group
Chris Tougas	<i>Mechanimals</i> , published by Orca Book Publishers

Two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community were appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society to review and assess 26 adult entries and 22 children's entries based on their literary merit.

The winners will be announced at a gala event to be held at the Union Club of British Columbia on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public, the event will feature readings by the six finalists and will provide guests with the opportunity to meet the authors and have their books signed.

Founded in 2004, the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize is a partnership between the City of Victoria and Brian Butler of Butler Brothers Supplies and is sponsored by the Greater Victoria Public Library, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa and the Union Club of British Columbia. The Victoria Book Prize Society establishes the policy and criteria for the prize, appoints the jury and administers the competition.

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