



## Tickets on Sale for Victoria Book Prize Awards

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VICTORIA, BC — Tickets are now on sale for the *5th Annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the Inaugural Bolen Book Prize Award Gala* to be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Union Club of British Columbia. The City will award \$5,000 to a Greater Victoria author for the best book published in the preceding year in the categories of poetry, non-fiction, fiction and biography. This is the first year children's books will be considered for a separate \$5,000 prize, sponsored by Bolen Books.

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 Greenwood Books
Kit Pearson	<i>A Perfect Gentle Knight</i> , published by Penguin Group
Chris Tougas	<i>Mechanimals</i> , published by Orca Book Publishers

The winners will be selected by two independent juries, comprised of professionals from the writing, library, and bookselling community.

Open to the public, the event will feature readings by the finalists and provide guests with the opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors. Returning this year is Master of Ceremony, John Gould, an instructor of creative fiction at the University of Victoria and a former Giller Prize nominee.

What: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Book Prize Awards Gala  
When: Wednesday, October 15, 2008, Event starts at 7:30 p.m., Doors open at 7 p.m.  
Where: Union Club of British Columbia, 805 Gordon Street

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at Bolen Books at Hillside Mall, Ivy's Book Shop on Oak Bay Avenue and Munro's Books on Government Street, or by calling 250.386.5933. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Coffee and dessert will be served and there will be a no-host bar.

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. This is the inaugural year of the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize. Both prizes are supported by the Union Club of British Columbia, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, and the Greater Victoria Public Library. The Victoria Book Prize Society establishes the policy and criteria for the prizes, appoints the jury and administers the competition.

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