



## Finalists Selected for 2009 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and Bolen Books Children's Book Prize

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VICTORIA, BC — Eight finalists have been selected by jury from the Capital Region for the 2009 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and Bolen Books Children's Book Prize.

This year, the \$5,000 City of Victoria Butler Book 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 five finalists for the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize are:

Dede Crane	<i>The Cult of Quick Repair</i> (fiction), published by Coteau Books
Patrick Lane	<i>Red Dog, Red Dog</i> (fiction), published by McClelland & Stewart
David Leach	<i>Fatal Tide</i> (non-fiction), published by Viking Canada
Ilana Stanger-Ross	<i>Sima's Undergarments for Women</i> (fiction), published by Overlook Press
Patricia Young	<i>Here Come the Moonbathers</i> (poetry), published by Biblioasis Books

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

Penny Draper	<i>Graveyard of the Sea</i> , published by Coteau Books
Sarah N. Harvey	<i>The Lit Report</i> , published by Orca Book Publishers
Julie Lawson	<i>Dear Canada: Where the River Takes Me</i> , published by Scholastic Canada

Two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community were appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society to review and assess 49 adult and 21 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 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public, the event will feature readings by the eight finalists and will provide guests with the opportunity to meet the authors and have their books signed. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors) and are available at Munro's Books at 1108 Government Street, Bolen Books at Hillside Mall, and from the Victoria Book Prize Society by calling 250.386.5933 or emailing [info@victoriabookprizes.ca](mailto:info@victoriabookprizes.ca).

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. The Bolen Books Children's Book Prize was founded in 2008. This year's sponsors include the Greater Victoria Public Library, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, the Union Club of British Columbia, the Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel and the CBC.

The Victoria Book Prize Society establishes the policy and criteria for the prize, appoints the jury and administers the competition.

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