



## Call for Entries for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize

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VICTORIA, BC – Authors and publishers from Greater Victoria are invited to participate in the 7th Annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize, a competition that honours members of the literary community. The \$5,000 prize is awarded to a local author for the best book published in the preceding year in the categories of poetry, non-fiction and fiction.

“We are pleased to continue our support for arts and culture in the community,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “For the seventh year, the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize will honour and showcase the literary achievements of talented authors who make the Capital Region their home.”

For the third year, the \$5,000 Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize will be awarded to an author of children’s literature. The prize was created in 2008 to provide authors of children and youth literature an increased opportunity for recognition.

“We are looking forward to another celebration of local writers and illustrators at the October 13th gala,” said Lorna MacDonald, incoming President of the Victoria Book Prize Society. “Our community is very fortunate to have so many talented authors as well as the audience to appreciate them.”

Books must have been published between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 to be considered. Submissions can be made to the City of Victoria’s Recreation and Culture Office at 633 Pandora Avenue between April 12 and May 31, 2010. The Society will appoint two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community to review and assess adult and children’s literature entries based on their literary merit.

Shortlisted nominees for both prizes will be announced in September, and authors will be showcased at a public reading and reception held at the Union Club of British Columbia on Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

Previous City of Victoria Butler Book Prize winners include Kevin Patterson for *Country of Cold* in 2004, Terrence Young for *After Goodlake’s* in 2005, Mark Zuehlke for *Holding Juno* in 2006, Bill Gaston for *Gargoyles* in 2007, Arleen Paré for *Paper Trail* in 2008, and Patrick Lane for *Red Dog, Red Dog* in 2009.

Previous Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize winners include Chris Tougas for *Mechanimals* in 2008 and Penny Draper for *Graveyard of the Sea* in 2009.

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 this year by the Greater Victoria Public Library, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, the Marriott Hotel, CBC Radio 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.

For more information and submission guidelines, visit: [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca) and click on *What's New?*

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