



Finalists Announced for 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 2010 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:

Frances Backhouse	<i>Children of the Klondike</i> (non-fiction), published by Whitecap Books
M.A.C. Farrant	<i>The Secret Lives of Litterbugs</i> (non-fiction), published by Key Porter Books
Eve Joseph	<i>The Secret Signature of Things</i> (poetry), published by Brick Books
Jay Ruzesky	<i>The Wolsenburg Clock</i> (fiction), published by Thistledown Press
Deborah Willis	<i>Vanishing and Other Stories</i> (fiction), published by Penguin Canada

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

Dede Crane	<i>Poster Boy</i> , published by Groundwood Books
Michelle Mulder	<i>After Peaches</i> , published by Orca Book Publishers
Sylvia Olsen	<i>Counting on Hope</i> , published by Sono Nis Press

Two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community were appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society to review and assess 42 adult and 17 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 13, 2010 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, Ivy's Bookstore on Oak Bay Avenue and from the Victoria Book Prize Society by calling 250.382.1058 or emailing 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 Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour Hotel and CBC Radio.

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

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