



Calling Authors, Illustrators and Publishers: Submit Entries to Annual Victoria Book Prizes

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VICTORIA, BC – The Victoria Book Prize Society's annual fall gala showcases the literary achievements of authors and illustrators who make Greater Victoria their home. Submissions are now being accepted by the Victoria Book Prize Society for the \$5,000 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the \$5,000 Bolen Books Children's Book Prize.

The City of Victoria Butler Book Prize is awarded to a local author for the best book published in the preceding year in the categories of fiction, literary non-fiction or poetry. Established in 2004, the prize is a partnership between the City of Victoria and Brian Butler of Butler Brothers Supplies.

"Greater Victoria is known for its creative and inventive people," said Mayor Helps. "The yearly City of Victoria Butler Book Prize is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate our terrific local literary talent."

The Bolen Books Children's Book Prize is awarded to an author or illustrator of children's or youth literature. In 2008, Mel Bolen of Bolen Books created the prize to increase recognition of this literary genre.

"We look forward to celebrating the talent and creativity of short listed authors and announcing this year's winners at the October Gala," said Kate Pollock, President of the Victoria Book Prize Society.

The Victoria Book Prize Society establishes the policy and criteria for the prizes, appoints the juries and administers the competitions. Two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community review and assess the submissions.

Books must have been published between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. The deadline for submissions is May 25, 2016. For applications and guidelines visit www.victoriabookprizes.ca or www.victoria.ca.

Shortlisted nominees for both prizes will be announced in September and authors will be showcased at a gala held at the Union Club of British Columbia on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

This year's awards competition and gala are sponsored by the City of Victoria, Brian Butler of Butler Brothers Supplies, Bolen Books, the Union Club of British Columbia, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, Friesens Corporation, CBC Radio, Island Blue Print and the Greater Victoria Public Library.

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