



## Call for 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 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.

“We are fortunate to have a wealth of talented writers in our community,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “The annual book prizes are a way to honour and recognize their achievements and I look forward to what this year’s call to entries will bring.”

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.

“Each year we open the flood-gates of the literary talent in Greater Victoria; we see the brilliance of both new and seasoned authors, making the months ahead to the gala edge-of-your-seat thrilling,” said Vanessa Herman, 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, 2016 and March 31, 2017. The deadline for submissions is May 12, 2017. For applications and guidelines visit [www.victoriabookprizes.ca](http://www.victoriabookprizes.ca) or [www.victoria.ca](http://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 11, 2017.

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 are sponsoring this year’s competition and awards gala.

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