



Call for Entries to 2018 Victoria Book Prizes

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VICTORIA, BC – Submissions are now being accepted for the 2018 Victoria Book Prizes that consist of the \$5,000 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the \$5,000 Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize. Celebrating its 15th year in 2018, the Victoria Book Prize Society’s annual fall awards gala showcases the literary achievements of authors and illustrators who make Greater Victoria their home.

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 literary talent,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “The annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize celebrates the creative works of local authors and we’re excited to see this year’s submissions. I know it will be another outstanding collection of must reads.”

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 are excited to be marking 15 years of celebrating local writers and hope to see many of them at the Gala in October”, said Victoria Book Prize Society President, Alyssa Polinsky.

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, 2017 and March 31, 2018. The deadline for submissions is May 22, 2018. For applications and guidelines visit: victoriabookprizes.ca or 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 17, 2018.

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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