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Call for Entries to 2022 Victoria Book Prizes

VICTORIA, BC – Submissions are now being accepted for the \$5,000 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the \$5,000 City of Victoria Children’s Book Prize.

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

The City of Victoria Children’s Book Prize is awarded to an author or illustrator of literature for children or youth. It was established in 2008 by the late Mel Bolen and has been sponsored by the City of Victoria since 2020.

“This city loves it’s writers,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “Books have been a refuge for so many people during the pandemic, connecting us with ideas, people and even faraway places while we found ourselves stuck at home. I hope these important annual prizes will inspire Victoria readers to pick up more local books at local bookstores and libraries.”

For the 2022 prizes, books submitted must have been published between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, and must not have been submitted previously and must be a new work, not a reissue or a revision of a previous work. Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 20, 2022.

“The board is excited to be planning an in-person gala at the Union Club for the 2022 Victoria Book Prizes” said Society President Kim Gough. “In the past, we were able to host our authors, guests and sponsors there so generously and we look forward to doing it again.”

Recent Victoria Butler Book Prize winners include: Briony Penn with the late Cecil Paul, Lorna Crozier, Kathy Page, Bill Gaston, Yasuko Thanh, and Pauline Holdstock. Recent Victoria Children’s Book Prize winners include: Leslie Gentile, Mark Leiren-Yount, Aidan Cassie, Monique Gray-Smith, Margriet Ruurs and Dawn Green.

The Victoria Book Prize Society is a volunteer-run organization that establishes the policy and criteria for the prizes, appoints the juries and administers the competitions. Two independent juries composed of representatives from the literary arts community review and assess the submissions.

The Victoria Book Prize Society would like to thank and acknowledge the following organizations for their support: the City of Victoria, Brian Butler of Butler Brothers Supplies, the Union Club of British Columbia, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, Chateau Victoria, the Inn at Laurel Point, Friesens Corporation, CBC Radio, Island Blue Print Co. and the Greater Victoria Public Library.

For more information, including submission forms and guidelines, visit
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