



2nd Annual Bolen Books Children's Book Prize GUIDELINES

The **Victoria Book Prize Society** is now accepting submissions for the 2nd annual **Bolen Books Children's Book Prize**. The \$5,000 prize will be presented to the winning author or illustrator on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at a gala event in Victoria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The author/illustrator must be a resident of the Victoria Capital Regional District* and have resided in the region for a minimum of two years immediately prior to publication.
2. The book will be considered if *either* the writer or illustrator meets the residency requirements.
3. The writer must be either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
4. For the 2009 prize, the book submitted must have been published between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 and must be a new work, not a re-issue or a revision of a previous work.
5. The work being submitted must:
 - a. Be aimed at a readership of children or youth
 - b. Contain no fewer than 24 pages
 - c. Have an ISBN and be professionally published
6. The following works are not eligible: bibliographies, cookbooks, travel guides, exhibition catalogues, instruction manuals, self-help books, scholarly books, text books, chapbooks and any self-published books.

NOTE: Any works for children or youth submitted to the Victoria Butler Book Prize competition will automatically be considered for the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize.

JURY PROCESS

The winning work will be decided by an independent three person jury selected by the board of the Victoria Book Prize Society. Juror's names will be made public at the annual award presentation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. Literary merit of the work or illustrative excellence.
2. Compliance with the eligibility criteria.

DEADLINES AND AWARDS SCHEDULE

1. All submissions must be received between April 14 and May 29, 2009, or if mailed, post-marked no later than May 29, 2009.
2. The short list will be announced in early September 2009.
3. The winner will be announced at a gala reception at the Union Club in Victoria on October 14, 2009.

PLEASE MAIL/DROP OFF SUBMISSIONS TO:

The Bolen Books Children's Book Prize
c/o Community Development Division. Parks Recreation & Community Development
633 Pandora Avenue
Victoria, BC V8W 1N8

Submissions may be delivered in person between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

For more information contact: Mary Virtue (250-386-5933) or info@victoriabookprizes.ca

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