



## Call for Entries for Victoria Book Prizes

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VICTORIA, BC – The Victoria Book Prize Society is now accepting submissions for the 7th annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize. The City of Victoria Butler Book Prize competition honours a member of the local literary community with a \$5,000 prize for the best book published for adult readership in the categories of poetry, literary non-fiction, and fiction. The Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize honours a member of the children’s books literary community and presents \$5,000 to the author/illustrator of the best book published in the area of books for youth.

“We are pleased to continue our support for arts and culture in the community,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “For the seventh year, the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize will honour and showcase the literary achievements of talented authors who make the Capital Region their home.”

Incoming VBPS President Lorna MacDonald echoes Mayor Fortin, “We are looking forward to another celebration of local writers and illustrators at the October 13<sup>th</sup> gala. Our community is very fortunate to have so many talented authors as well as the audience to appreciate them.”

Guidelines and submission forms are available at [www.victoriabookprizes.ca](http://www.victoriabookprizes.ca). Books must have been published between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 to be considered this year. Submissions may be made to the City of Victoria’s Recreation and Culture Office, at 633 Pandora Avenue between April 12th and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Two independent juries comprised of representatives of the literary arts community will be appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society to review and assess adult and children’s literature entries based on their literary or illustrative merit.

Last year’s City of Victoria Butler Book Prize winner was *Red Dog Red Dog* (McClelland and Stewart) by Patrick Lane and *Graveyard of the Sea* (Coteau Books for Kids) by Penny Draper won the Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize.

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