

Media Release



Call for Entries for Victoria Book Prizes

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VICTORIA, BC – The Victoria Book Prize Society is now accepting submissions for the 6th annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize and the 2nd annual Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize. The City of Victoria Butler Book Prize competition honours a member of the local literary community with \$5,000 for the best book published for adult readership in the categories of poetry, non-fiction, fiction and biography. The Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize honours members of the children’s books literary community and presents \$5000 to the author/illustrator of the best book published in the area of books for youth.

“We are pleased to continue our commitment to supporting arts and culture in the community,” said Mayor Dean Fortin. “For the sixth year, the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize will honour literary achievement and showcase the incredibly talented authors who make the Capital Region unique.”

Guidelines and submission forms are available at www.victoriabookprizes.ca. Books must have been published between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 to be considered this year. Submissions may be made to the City of Victoria’s Community Development Office, at 633 Pandora Avenue between April 14 and May 29, 2009. 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.

VBPS President, Mary Virtue is proud to announce that these awards represent some of the largest literary prizes, at city level, given in Canada. With their recent website update, Mary hopes that submissions will continue to climb as the Society casts a wider net. She also looks forward to another sell-out gala on October 14, 2009, at the Union Club of Victoria. Finalists for both prizes will be announced in September.

Last year’s City of Victoria Butler Book Prize winner was Paper Trail (NeWest Press) by Arleen Paré and Mechanimals (Orca Book Publishers) by Chris Tougas won the inaugural Bolen Books Children’s Book Prize.

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