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Victoria Book Prize Nominees Announced

VICTORIA, BC – Eight authors from the Capital Region have been short listed for the 2009 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize for adult literature and the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize. The winner of each prize will be awarded \$5000.

The finalists for the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize for adult literature are:

Dede Crane	<i>The Cult of Quick Repair</i> (Coteau)
Patrick Lane	<i>Red Dog, Red Dog</i> (McLelland and Stewart)
David Leach	<i>Fatal Tide</i> (Viking Canada)
Ilana Stanger-Ross	<i>Sima's Undergarments for Women</i> (Overlook Press)
Patricia Young	<i>Here Come the Moonbathers</i> (Biblioasis Books)

The finalists for the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize are:

Penny Draper	<i>Graveyard of the Sea</i> (Coteau Books)
Sarah N. Harvey	<i>The Lit Report</i> (Orca Book Publishers)
Julie Lawson	<i>Dear Canada: Where the River Takes Me</i> (Scholastic Canada)

Two independent juries comprised of representatives from the literary arts community were appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society to review and assess 49 adult entries and 21 children's entries based on literary merit.

Founded in 2004, the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize is a public/private partnership between the City of Victoria and Brian Butler of Butler Brothers Supplies. The Bolen Books Children's Book Prize was founded in 2008 and is sponsored by Bolen Books. Additional sponsors this year include the Greater Victoria Public Library, the Magnolia Hotel and Spa, the Union Club of British Columbia, the Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel and the CBC. The Victoria Book Prize Society establishes the policy and criteria for the prize, administers the competition and appoints the jury.

The awards gala will be held at the Union Club of Victoria on October 14 at 7:30. At this time, the prize winners will be named and the juries announced. The award event is open to the public and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the writers, purchase the books and have them signed. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Munro's Books at 1108 Government Street, Bolen Books at Hillside Mall, and from the Victoria Book Prize Society by calling 250.386.5933 or emailing info@victoriabookprizes.ca

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