



## 5TH ANNUAL

# Bolen Books Children's Book Prize

## GUIDELINES

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The Victoria Book Prize Society is now accepting submissions for the 5th Annual Bolen Books Children's Book Prize. The \$5,000 prize will be presented to the winning author or illustrator on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**, at a gala event in Victoria.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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1. The author/illustrator must be a resident of the Capital Region\* and have resided in the area for a minimum of two years immediately prior to publication.
2. The book will be considered if either the author or illustrator meets the residency requirements.
3. The author/illustrator must be either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
4. For the 2012 prize, the book submitted must have been published between **April 1, 2011** and **March 31, 2012** 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 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize competition will automatically be considered for the Bolen Books Children's Book Prize.

## JURY PROCESS

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

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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

## DEADLINES AND AWARDS SCHEDULE

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1. All submissions must be received between **April 1 and May 31, 2012**, or if mailed, post-marked no later than **May 31, 2012**.
2. The short list will be announced in early **September 2012**.
3. The winner will be announced at a gala reception on **October 17, 2012**.

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### PLEASE MAIL/DROP OFF SUBMISSION TO:

The Victoria Book Prize Society  
c/o Target Storage Ltd.  
15-747 Princess Avenue  
Victoria, BC V8T 1K5

Submissions may be delivered in person between  
8 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday to Friday  
11 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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\*For the municipalities and electoral areas which comprise the Capital Region, please visit [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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