



9TH ANNUAL City of Victoria Butler Book Prize

GUIDELINES

The Victoria Book Prize Society is now accepting submissions for the 9th Annual City of Victoria Butler Book Prize. The \$5,000 prize will be presented to the winning author on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**, at a gala event in Victoria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The author 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 author must be either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
3. Where a book is co-authored, both writers must meet the residency criteria.
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 fiction, literary non-fiction, or poetry
 - b. Contain no fewer than 48 pages and no less than 40% text
 - 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, reference books, chapbooks and any self-published books.

JURY PROCESS

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

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

DEADLINES AND AWARDS SCHEDULE

1. All submissions must be received between **April 1 and May 31, 2012**. If mailed, submissions must be post-marked no later than **May 31, 2012**.
2. The short list will be announced at the beginning of September.
3. The winner will be announced at a gala at the Union Club in Victoria on **October 17, 2012**.

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.

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the Capital Region, please visit www.crd.bc.ca