

# City of Victoria Book Prize

## Submission Guidelines • 2026

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The Victoria Book Prize Society invites submissions for the City of Victoria Book Prize, awarded annually for works of fiction and literary non-fiction by authors residing in the Capital Regional District. The \$5,000 prize will be presented in November 2026.

### Deadlines & Awards Schedule

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- **Submission deadline:** May 31, 2026. Submissions must be delivered or postmarked by this date.
- **Submission fee:** \$35 per title, payable by cheque or e-transfer and five physical copies of the book.
- **Shortlist announced:** September 2026. Three titles will be announced.
- **Winner announced:** November 2026 at an awards event.
- Shortlisted authors will be invited to participate in public readings and events prior to the awards announcement.
- Submitted books will not be returned.
- Publishers and authors will be contacted only if their submitted book is shortlisted.

### Eligibility Criteria

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To be eligible, all of the following criteria must be met:

1. The author must be a resident of the Capital Regional District\* for a minimum of two full years immediately prior to publication of the submitted work.
2. For co-authored works, all authors must meet the residency requirement.
3. The author must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
4. Books must have been published between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.
5. Submitted books must:
  - Be a new, previously unpublished work (reissues and revisions are not accepted)
  - Be no less than 40% text
  - Be professionally published with an ISBN
  - Be written in English
6. A completed submission form, including the residency acknowledgment, is required.

The following works are NOT eligible:

- Books written by a ghostwriter
- English translations of books originally written in another language
- Books in which a significant portion consists of interview transcripts, quoted material, material not written by the author, or material previously published in book form
- Conference proceedings, bibliographies, cookbooks, travel guides, exhibition catalogues, instruction manuals, self-help books, textbooks, reference books, or chapbooks

## Jury Process & Assessment

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An independent jury is appointed by the Victoria Book Prize Society. Jury deliberations are confidential; juror names will be announced at the awards event.

The jury evaluates each submission for literary quality.

## More Information

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*\* Capital Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Juan De Fuca Electoral Area, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Salt Spring Island, Sidney, Sooke, Southern Gulf Islands, Victoria and View Royal*