

**SASKATCHEWAN BOOK AWARDS
BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Criteria

This award is presented to a Saskatchewan author (or pair of authors) for the best title judged on the quality of writing and the quality of presentation including visual appeal, illustrations, and photography. Titles in the following genres will be considered for this award:

- children's - all categories of writing for children and young adults
- drama - published plays
- fiction – all categories of fiction by a single author
- poetry by a single author
- non-fiction - all categories of non-fiction writing except cookbooks, how-to books, directories or bibliographies of minimal critical content

AWARDS

1. \$3,000 to the writer(s). (Subject to item 5 under submissions.)
2. Commemorative certificates for the writer(s) and publisher.
3. Specially designed seals for display on award-winning and short-listed books.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Titles must be published between September 16, 2008 and September 15, 2009.
2. Authors must have resided in Saskatchewan for the last twelve months, or for four of the last five years. Residency shall be calculated from June 1, 2009. In the event of an author's death, the title will still be eligible if the death was no more than a year before June 1, 2009.
3. Titles may have been published anywhere in the world.
4. To be eligible, titles must have no less than 48 inside pages (with the exception of children's books), an ISBN number, and be professionally printed and bound.
5. A book of collected and/or selected works by a single author is eligible for Book of the Year even if books of poetry or short fiction contain material previously published in a title, which may have won a Saskatchewan Book Award in the past. This rule does not apply to other categories.
6. Titles must be in English.
7. In the case of co-authors (no more than two), one of the authors must meet Saskatchewan residency requirements as per #2 above.
8. No anthologies will be accepted. Translators, photographers and editors are not eligible for this award.
9. Revised editions are eligible only if the majority of the work is deemed new, excluding a Foreword written by the author or editor. Republished or reprinted books with no new material are not eligible.
10. Publications in alternate media such as CD-ROMs, electronic publishing, multi-media publishing, internet-based books, kits, brochures etc. are not eligible in any category.

SUBMISSIONS

1. July 31, 2009 is the deadline for receiving titles published between September 16, 2008 and July 31, 2009. The deadline for titles published after July 31 is September 15, 2009.
2. For each title submitted to this category include the completed submission form, four copies of the title and a cheque or money order for an administration fee of \$20. If this is the only category entered, add one extra copy of the title.
3. Either publishers or writers may submit titles.
4. Titles may be entered for more than one award.
5. If, in the opinion of the judges, no work is of high enough quality, no award will be given.
6. There shall be only one Book of the Year award given.

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