

SASKATCHEWAN BOOK AWARDS
FIRST BOOK AWARD, in honour of Brenda Macdonald Riches

Criteria

This award is presented to a Saskatchewan author (or pair of authors) for the best first book, judged on the quality of writing. Titles in the following genres will be considered:

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

AWARDS

1. \$2,000 to the writer(s). (Subject to item 5 under submissions.)
2. Commemorative certificates for the writer(s) and publisher.
3. A specially designed seal 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. Titles must be in English.
6. This must be the first published book by the author. If a book is co-authored, it must be the first published book for both authors.
7. A book of collected and/or selected works by a single author is eligible unless it contains previously published material contained in one or more titles that have won a Saskatchewan Book Award in previous years.
8. No anthologies will be accepted. Translators, illustrators, photographers and editors are not eligible for this award.
9. 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 award given in this category.

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