

**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. Books 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 including graphic novels
- 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 books upon request.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Books must be published between September 16, 2009 and September 15, 2010.
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, 2010. In the event of an author's death, the book will still be eligible if the death occurred no more than a year before June 1, 2010.
3. Books may have been published anywhere in the world.
4. To be eligible, books must have no fewer than 49 interior pages (with the exception of children's books), an ISBN, and be professionally printed and bound.
5. Books 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 books that have won a Saskatchewan Book Award in previous years.
8. No anthologies will be accepted. Translators, photographers and editors are not eligible for this award. Illustrators are not eligible, unless they are the sole author of the book submitted, as in graphic novel format.
9. Publications in alternate media such as CD-ROMs, electronic publishing, eBooks, multi-media publishing, internet-based books, kits, brochures, etc. are not eligible in any category.

**SUBMISSIONS**

1. July 31, 2010 is the deadline for receiving books published between September 16, 2010 and July 31, 2010. The deadline for books published after July 31 is September 15, 2010.
2. For each book submitted to this category include the completed submission form, four copies of the book and a cheque or money order for an administration fee of \$25. If this is the only category entered, add one extra copy of the book.
3. Either publishers or writers may submit books.
4. Books 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.

**Mail or courier books to 205B – 2314 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, SK S4P 0K1**