

Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People

SUBMISSION & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Criteria:

In identifying the best historical novel of the year, each jury member shall consider the following:

- Historical setting and accuracy
- Strong character and plot development
- Well-told, original story
- Suitability of book for its intended age group

Eligibility Requirements:

- Books must be published between January 1 and December 31, 2012.
- Both the author and illustrator (if applicable) must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada (who have lived in Canada for at least two years).
- Books may be published in Canada or abroad.
- Books must be first foreign or first Canadian editions. New editions or re-issues of previously published titles are not eligible for submission.
- Books must be in English.
- Translations are eligible, provided the translator is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada (who has lived in Canada for at least two years).
- Books submitted for consideration must be original works.
- Books submitted must be a work of historical fiction.
- Graphic novels are eligible.
- Autobiographies are not eligible.
- Picture books, short story collections by more than one author, and plots involving time travel are not eligible.
- The award is only for books in the printed format, as distinct from digital (i.e., eBooks) and audio visual formats.
- Books in manuscript form are not eligible.
- All books must have an ISBN and be distributed in Canada.
- Self-published books are eligible for submission provided they have a valid ISBN.