

Monica Hughes Award for Science Fiction and Fantasy

SUBMISSION & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Criteria:

The Monica Hughes Award honours exceptional writing in the Speculative Fiction genre, which the Canadian Children's Book Centre describes in two categories: Science Fiction and Fantasy, as defined below:

- Science Fiction literature includes stories of time travel, alternate or re-imagined histories, dystopias and utopias, alien contact and/or invasion, steampunk, and space operas.
- Fantasy literature includes domestic, heroic, and urban fantasies, and can include stories of the paranormal, domestic magic, faeries, and talking animals or animate toys.
- The book must be of high literary quality and the story must be believable according to the rules/conventions/criteria of the story's world/setting; the plot must be comprehensive and consistent.
- The story must have well-developed and complex characters whose actions are consistent with their personalities.
- The story should cover new and interesting topics, or familiar topics covered in new ways, demonstrating a rich imagination.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Books must be published between January 1 and December 31, 2014.
- 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).
- The book should be aimed at young readers aged **eight to 18 years old**. Adult books are not eligible.
- Graphic novels are eligible.
- Picture books are not eligible.
- Short story collections by more than one author are not eligible.
- Stories must be original; while stories inspired by classic works such as fairy tales are permissible, retellings of original stories are not.
- Books written as part of a series or published in serial form will be judged as separate entries and must function as a 'stand-alone' story.
- 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.

Note to US publishers, foreign publishers and self-published authors using printers in the US: When you are sending your submissions, please make sure that all courier charges, including duty, are billed to the sender. The CCBC cannot incur these costs. Packages flagged as COD will be refused.