

TD Canadian Children's Literature Award

SUBMISSION & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Award Information:

- The award recognizes excellence in Canadian children's literature by the awarding of two cash prizes of \$30,000 each to the most distinguished Canadian children's book of the year in French and English.
- If the winning book is a picture book, the \$30,000 is divided equally between the author and the illustrator.
- \$10,000 is divided among the honour book authors/illustrators to a maximum of four.
- The publisher of the winning book receives \$2,500 for promotion and publicity purposes.
- The publisher must agree to have the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award seal on copies of the winning book (*please see Title Submission Form*). You must sign one form for each title submitted. Seals will be provided to the publisher by the Canadian Children's Book Centre.

Criteria:

In identifying the most distinguished book of the year, each judge shall consider the following criteria for excellence:

- Quality of the text and illustrations (if present).
- Interpretation of the theme or concept.
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity and organization.
- Appropriateness of style and presentation.
- Books should have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it, such as interpretation of theme and concept.
- Book must be self-contained and not dependent on other media for its enjoyment.
- Book should have been written for a child audience and should achieve excellence of presentation.
- Each book is to be considered as a contribution to literature.
- The popularity of a book and didactic intent are not to be considered.

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).
- Only books published in Canada are eligible for submission. Copyright page/CIP data must reflect this.
- New editions or re-issues of previously published books are not eligible for submission.
- First Canadian editions of books previously published or simultaneously published by non-Canadian publishers are eligible for submission provided they are published between January 1 and December 31, 2012. Copyright page/CIP data must reflect this.
- All genres of books (i.e., picture books, fiction, non-fiction and poetry), written for young people **up to age twelve**, are eligible for consideration.
- 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 being submitted for consideration must be original works.
- Books based on traditional stories will be considered if the book is the result of original research and the retelling and interpretation are the writer's own.
- Short story collections by more than one author are not eligible.
- 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.
- Books based on recorded songs are not eligible for submission.
- 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.
- Self-published books are eligible for submission provided they are published in Canada, by a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada (who has lived in Canada for at least two years), and have a valid ISBN.