

The Writers' Trust of Canada

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THE NEREUS WRITERS' TRUST NON-FICTION PRIZE

Terms of Reference

A prize of \$15,000 will be awarded to the non-fiction book published in 2007 that in the opinion of the judges is the year's best book of non-fiction. The judges will shortlist between three and five titles. Prizes of \$2,000 will be awarded to each of the finalists.

Eligibility Criteria

- Books must be English-language, first-edition trade books written by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Translations from other languages into English are eligible and will be considered in the year in which the English translation is published. (In the event of a translation winning the prize, it will be divided as follows: \$11,250 to the author, \$3,750 to the translator).
- Titles must be published in Canada between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. Books that are not yet in final published form by the final deadline of November 1, 2007 may be submitted in page-proof form.
- All books must have an ISBN number and be available in Canadian bookstores.
- Titles may be single-authored or co-authored. Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and conference proceedings are not eligible.
- Self-published books are not eligible.
- Ghostwritten books are not eligible.
- No more than 20% of the manuscript can have previously been published in book form, in any language.
- Books whose author was deceased at the time of publication are not eligible.
- Publishers should note that the prize is for literary excellence; they should only submit books they deem outstanding in this regard.

Number of Submissions

All Canadian-based publishers of original manuscripts may enter two books; companies publishing more than ten eligible non-fiction titles during the 2007 calendar year may add one book for every additional ten eligible books (or fraction thereof) on their non-fiction list, up to a maximum of five. For example, a publisher with a list of 22 qualifying non-fiction books would be entitled to submit four — two for the first ten, one for the next ten, and one for the final two books.

Nomination Process

The schedule for entering finished books (or bound galleys) is tied to their publication dates as follows:

- Books published between January 1, 2007 and April 30, 2007 must be received on or before May 15, 2007.
- Books published between May 1, 2007 and August 30, 2007 must be received on or before the final deadline of September 15, 2007.
- Books published between September 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 must be received on or before the final deadline of November 1, 2007.

Publishers are strongly encouraged to submit books prior to the deadlines. Submissions upon release of titles are appreciated.

THE NEREUS WRITERS' TRUST NON-FICTION PRIZE continued

If a publisher, for any reason whatsoever, feels they cannot submit titles in accordance with the above schedule it is requested that they contact the Awards and Prizes Program Manager directly to discuss alternate arrangements. Publishers of books not yet published by the final deadline and not yet available in galley form will need to contact the Program Manager for an extension.

Required Materials

The following material must be submitted by November 1, 2007 to:

The Nereus Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize
c/o The Writers' Trust of Canada
200 - 90 Richmond Street East,
Toronto, ON M5C 1P1

- Five copies of each eligible title in book form; or three bound galley proofs, with at least two copies of the finished book to be received by the Writers' Trust by the end of the calendar year.
- Submitted titles must be accompanied by a completed Writers' Trust Awards 2007 Prize Entry Form (to request a form please email info@writerstrust.com).
- On or before November 1, 2007 the publisher must submit a list of all titles published during the calendar year on which that publisher's eligibility is based. This list should include authors, titles, and dates of publication.

Jury Composition

The winner and finalists of the Nereus Writers' Trust's Non-Fiction Prize are chosen by a three-person jury.

The jury acts independently of the Writers' Trust and is charged with interpreting the mandate and eligibility criteria of the prize, as well as determining which of the submissions best reflect the prize mandate. In evaluating the writing, literary merit is the sole criteria.

Each juror may request an unlimited number of additional titles from the publisher's lists. Such titles are on equal footing with all other submissions, provided that their publishers agree to abide by the conditions laid out in this document. The judgment of the jury in selecting the winners, determining eligibility, and interpreting these rules is final.

Announcement of Nominees & Winners

The list of finalist authors will be announced in early February 2008. The award will be presented in early March 2008 in Toronto. If an author is a finalist the publisher will agree to:

- Supply the Writers' Trust with fifteen additional copies of the short-listed book for publicity, and a digital copy of the book cover and an author photo.
- Affix stickers provided by the Writers' Trust to finalist books and the winning book.
- Participate in promotion and publicity efforts undertaken by the Writers' Trust and stress the importance of this with their authors.

THE ROGERS WRITERS' TRUST FICTION PRIZE

Terms of Reference

A prize of \$15,000 will be awarded to the novel or short-story collection that in the opinion of the judges is the year's best book of fiction. The judges will shortlist between three and five titles. Prizes of \$2,000 will be awarded to each of the finalists.

Eligibility Criteria

- Books must be English-language, first-edition trade books written by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Translations from other languages into English are eligible and will be considered in the year in which the English translation is published. (In the event of a translation winning the prize, it will be divided as follows: \$11,250 to the author, \$3,750 to the translator.)
- Titles must be published in Canada between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. Books that are not yet in final published form by the final deadline of November 1, 2007 may be submitted in page-proof form.
- All books must have an ISBN number and be available in Canadian bookstores.
- Titles may be single-authored or co-authored. Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and conference proceedings are not eligible.
- Self-published books are not eligible.
- Ghostwritten books are not eligible.
- No more than 20% of the manuscript can have previously been published in book form, in any language.
- Books whose author was deceased at the time of publication are not eligible.
- Publishers should note that the prize is for literary excellence; they should only submit books they deem outstanding in this regard.

Number of Submissions

All Canadian-based publishers of original manuscripts may enter two books. Companies publishing more than two eligible fiction titles during the calendar year may add one book for every additional two eligible (or fraction thereof) on their fiction list, up to a maximum of five. For example, a publisher with a list of five qualifying fiction books would be entitled to submit four — two for the first two, one for the next two, and one for the final book. Please note that the rules regarding the number of submissions differ for the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize from all other prizes administered by the Writers' Trust.

Nomination Process

The schedule for entering finished books (or bound galleys) is tied to their publication dates as follows:

- Books published, or to be published, between January 1, 2007 and April 30, 2007 must be submitted on or before May 15, 2007.
- Books published between May 1, 2007 and August 30, 2007 must be submitted on or before the final deadline of September 15, 2007.
- Books published between September 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 must be submitted on or before the final deadline of November 1, 2007.

THE ROGERS WRITERS' TRUST

FICTION PRIZE continued

Publishers are strongly encouraged to submit books prior to the deadlines. Submissions upon release of titles are encouraged.

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Required Materials

The following material must be submitted by November 1, 2007 to:

The Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize
c/o The Writers' Trust of Canada
200 - 90 Richmond Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1P1

- Five copies of each eligible title in book form; or three bound galley proofs, with at least two copies of the finished book to be received by the Writers' Trust by the end of the calendar year.
- Submitted titles must be accompanied by a completed Writers' Trust Awards 2007 Prize Entry Form (to request a form please email info@writerstrust.com).
- On or before November 1, 2007 the publisher must submit a list of all titles published during the calendar year on which that publisher's eligibility is based. This list should include authors, titles, and dates of publication.

Jury Composition

A three-person jury selects the winner and finalists of the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize. The jury acts independently of the Writers' Trust and is charged with interpreting the mandate and eligibility criteria of the prize, as well as determining which of the submissions best reflect the prize mandate. In evaluating the writing, literary merit is the sole criteria.

Each juror may request an unlimited number of additional titles from the publisher's lists. Such titles are on equal footing with all other submissions, provided that their publishers agree to abide by the conditions laid out in this document. The judgment of the jury in selecting the winners, determining eligibility, and interpreting these rules is final.

Announcement of Nominees & Winners

The list of finalist authors will be announced in early February 2008. The award will be presented in early March 2008 in Toronto. If an author is a finalist the publisher will agree to:

- Supply the Writers' Trust with fifteen additional copies of the short-listed book for publicity, and a digital copy of the book cover and an author photo.
- Affix stickers provided by the Writers' Trust to finalist books and the winning book.
- Participate in promotion and publicity efforts undertaken by the Writers' Trust and stress the importance of this with their authors.

THE WRITERS' TRUST OF CANADA'S SHAUGHNESSY COHEN PRIZE FOR POLITICAL WRITING

Terms of Reference

A prize of \$15,000 will be awarded to a non-fiction book that captures a political subject of interest to the Canadian reader, and enhances our understanding of the issue. The winning work will combine compelling new insights with depth of research, and be of significant literary merit. Strong consideration will be given to books that, in the opinion of the jury, have the potential to shape or influence Canadian political life. The judges will shortlist between three and five titles. Prizes of \$2,000 will be awarded to each of the other finalists.

Eligibility Criteria

- Books must be English-language first-edition trade books, written by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Translations from other languages into English are eligible and will be considered in the year in which the English translation is published. (In the event of a translation winning the prize, it will be divided as follows: \$11,250 to the author, \$3,7500 to the translator.)
- Titles must be published in Canada between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. Books that are not yet in published form by the final deadline of November 1, 2007 may be submitted in page-proof form.
- All books must have an ISBN number and be available in Canadian bookstores.
- Titles may be single-authored or co-authored. Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and conference proceedings are not eligible.
- Self-published books are not eligible.
- Ghostwritten books are not eligible.
- No more than 20% of the manuscript can have previously been published in book form, in any language.
- Books whose author was deceased at the time of publication are not eligible.
- Publishers should note that the prize is for literary excellence; they should only submit books they deem outstanding in this regard.

Number of Submissions

All Canadian-based publishers of original manuscripts may enter two books; companies publishing more than ten eligible non-fiction titles during the 2007 calendar year may add one book for every additional ten eligible books (or fraction thereof) on their non-fiction list, up to a maximum of five. For example, a publisher with a list of 22 qualifying non-fiction books would be entitled to submit four — two for the first ten, one for the next ten, and one for the final two books.

Nomination Process

The schedule for entering finished books (or bound galleys) is tied to their publication dates as follows:

- Books published between January 1, 2007 and April 30, 2007 must be received on or before May 15, 2007.
- Books published between May 1, 2007 and August 30, 2007 must be received on or before the final deadline of September 15, 2007.

THE WRITERS' TRUST OF CANADA'S SHAUGHNESSY COHEN PRIZE FOR POLITICAL WRITING continued

- Books published between September 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 must be received on or before the final deadline of November 1, 2007.

Publishers are strongly encouraged to submit books prior to the deadlines. Submissions upon release of titles are appreciated.

If a publisher, for any reason whatsoever, feels they cannot submit titles in accordance with the above schedule it is requested that they contact the Awards and Prizes Program Manager directly to discuss alternate arrangements. Publishers of books not yet published by the final deadline and not yet available in galley form will need to contact the Program Manager for an extension.

Required Materials

The following material must be submitted by November 1, 2007 to:

Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing
The Writers' Trust of Canada
200 - 90 Richmond Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1P1

- Five copies of each eligible title in book form; or three bound galley proofs, with at least two copies of the finished book to be received by the Writers' Trust by the end of the calendar year.
- Submitted titles must be accompanied by a completed Writers' Trust Awards 2007 Prize Entry Form (to request a form please email info@writerstrust.com).
- On or before November 1, 2007 the publisher must submit to a list of all titles, published during the 2007 calendar year on which that publisher's eligibility is based. This list should include authors, titles, and dates of publication.

Jury Composition

A three-person jury selects the winner and finalists of the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing. The jury acts independently of the Writers' Trust and is charged with interpreting the mandate and eligibility criteria of the prize, as well as determining which of the submissions best reflect the prize mandate. In evaluating the writing, literary merit is the sole criteria.

Each juror may request an unlimited number of additional titles from the publisher's lists. Such titles are on equal footing with all other submissions, provided that their publishers agree to abide by the conditions laid out in this document. The judgment of the jury in selecting the winners, determining eligibility, and interpreting these rules is final.

Announcement of Nominees & Winners

The list of finalist authors will be announced in early March 2008. The award will be presented in Spring 2008 in Ottawa at the Writers' Trust Politics and the Pen event. If an author is a finalist the publisher will agree to:

- Supply the Writers' Trust with fifteen additional copies of the short-listed book for publicity, and a digital copy of the book cover and an author photo.
- Affix stickers provided by the Writers' Trust to finalist books and the winning book.
- Participate in promotion and publicity efforts undertaken by the Writers' Trust and stress the importance of this with their authors.

THE VICKY METCALF AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Terms of Reference

The competition is limited to works written by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Eligible authors published with a non-Canadian publisher will not be excluded. All eligible writers are considered. An independent jury selects the winner, and there is no submission process.

Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible authors must have published at least four English-language books available in Canada classified as children's literature in the categories of children's fiction, non-fiction, picture book, poetry, or any combination of the four.
- At least one of these titles must have appeared as a first-edition book during the last three years.
- Translations from other languages into English are eligible. At least four of an author's titles must be available in Canada in English translation with one of these appearing in the last three years. (In the event of a translation winning the award, the money will be divided between author and translator at the discretion of the jury.)
- Normally the prize jury will not award the prize to an earlier recipient, but if the jury feels it is warranted, a previous winner may be eligible provided they meet the aforementioned criteria and the following:
 - a) a period of fifteen years has passed since they previously won the award;
 - b) in that fifteen year period they have published at least four first-edition titles classified as children's literature;
 - c) in the opinion of the jury their body of work has demonstrated a marked improvement in literary excellence since they previously won the award. (The basis for evaluating previous winners will be the body of work produced since they received the award.)
- The winner must not be deceased at the time of the jurors' final selection.

Announcement of Winner

The award will be presented at the Writers' Trust Awards in March 2008 in Toronto.

THE RBC BRONWEN WALLACE AWARD FOR EMERGING WRITERS

Terms of Reference

Established in memory of poet Bronwen Wallace, who died at the age of 44, this award alternates each year between short fiction and poetry. As Ms. Wallace's first book was not published until she was 35, this annual award of \$5,000 is given to a writer below the age of 35 who has yet to be published in book form. Two finalists will each receive \$1,000.

Guidelines

- The writer must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, under the age of 35, unpublished in book form, and without a book contract, but whose work has appeared in at least one independently edited magazine or anthology.
- Applicants should submit no more than 2,500 words (10 pages) of previously unpublished prose fiction in English, double-spaced.
- The writer's name, address and telephone number should only appear on the cover sheet accompanying the manuscript. All pages should be consecutively numbered. Entries will not be returned.

The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2007 and all submissions must be sent to:

The Bronwen Wallace Memorial Award
c/o The Writers' Trust of Canada
200 - 90 Richmond Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1P1

Jury Composition

The jury is comprised of three established writers. The decision of the judges is final.

Announcement of Winner

The winner will be announced on December 4, 2007.

THE WRITERS' TRUST OF CANADA/ MCCLELLAND & STEWART JOURNEY PRIZE

Terms of Reference

The Writers' Trust of Canada/McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize is awarded annually to a new and developing writer of distinction for a short story published in a Canadian literary publication.

This award is made possible by James A. Michener's generous donation of his Canadian royalty earnings from his novel *Journey*, published by McClelland & Stewart in 1988.

Submissions

Eligible Canadian literary publications may submit up to three short stories or excerpts from fiction works-in-progress by a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant to Canada to McClelland & Stewart. The nominated stories must have had original publication in the nominating journal in the previous calendar year.

Please note that submissions made directly by authors are not accepted.

Interested literary publications should contact McClelland & Stewart at the address below to enquire about eligibility criteria and other submission guidelines.

The Journey Prize
c/o McClelland & Stewart Ltd.
5th Floor - 75 Sherbourne Street
Toronto, ON M5A 2P9

Fax: (416) 598-7764
E-mail: journeyprize@mcclelland.com
Web site: <http://www.mcclelland.com/jps>

Jury Composition

The three-person jury is appointed by McClelland & Stewart and the Writers' Trust of Canada but acts independently in selecting stories for the Journey Prize Stories, the contents of which constitute a long-list for the prize.

The winner and finalists for the Journey Prize are selected by the same jury from among the stories that appear in the current edition of the Journey Prize Stories, published annually in the fall by McClelland & Stewart.

Announcement of Winner

The award will be presented at the Writers' Trust Awards in March 2008 in Toronto.

THE MARIAN ENGEL AWARD

All eligible female writers in mid-career are considered. For the purposes of this award, mid-career is defined as having published in Canada at least three books of literary merit which are predominantly fiction. No age criteria are included in the mid-career definition. An independent jury selects the winner, and there is no submission process.

Announcement of Winner

The award will be presented at the Writers' Trust Awards in March 2008 in Toronto.

THE TIMOTHY FINDLEY AWARD

All eligible male writers in mid-career are considered. For the purposes of this award, mid-career is defined as having published in Canada at least three books of literary merit which are predominantly fiction. No age criteria are included in the mid-career definition. An independent jury selects the winner, and there is no submission process.

Announcement of Winner

The award will be presented at the Writers' Trust Awards in March 2008 in Toronto.

THE MATT COHEN AWARD

All Canadian writers whose life has been dedicated to writing as a primary pursuit are considered. The prize is awarded in honour of a body of distinguished work in poetry or prose, in English or French. An independent committee selects the winner, and there is no submission process.

Announcement of Winner

The award will be presented at the Writers' Trust Awards in March 2008 in Toronto.

W.O. MITCHELL LITERARY PRIZE

Guidelines for the W.O. Mitchell Literary Prize 2008 are currently being reviewed. Please contact James Davies at 416.504.8222 x 245 for more information.

THE WRITERS' TRUST OF CANADA

The Writers' Trust of Canada is a national charitable organization providing a level of support to writers unmatched by any other non-governmental organization or foundation. Through its various programs and awards, it celebrates the talents and achievements of our country's novelists, poets, biographers, and non-fiction writers. The Writers' Trust is committed to exploring and introducing to future generations the traditions that will enrich our common literary heritage and strengthen Canada's cultural foundations.

For more information, please visit www.writerstrust.com.