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Governor General’s Literary Awards 2017

Follow these three steps to nominate a book for this award:	
Step 1	Read the Guidelines for details about the awards, who may submit books and other eligibility criteria, award amount, assessment process and criteria, etc.
Step 2	Read the Important Information section. If you still have questions about the awards or the nomination process, contact the program officer indicated below.
Step 3	Complete all sections of the attached nomination form .

The Canada Council for the Arts is committed to equity and inclusion, and welcomes applications from diverse Aboriginal, cultural and regional communities, and from people with disabilities.

Deadlines

Publishers must submit books **as early as possible** to ensure that members of the peer assessment committees have sufficient reading time.

Books published in English

Books published in English between 1 September 2016 and 28 February 2017 must reach the Canada Council no later than **15 March 2017**. Books published between 1 March 2017 and 15 May 2017 must reach the Canada Council no later than **1 June 2017**. Books and bound proofs published between 16 May 2017 and 30 September 2017 must reach the Canada Council no later than **1 August 2017**.

Books published in French

Books published in French between July 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017 must reach the Canada Council no later than **15 March 2017**. For books published in French between March 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the deadline is **July 7, 2017**. Please consult the guidelines written in French or contact the program officer indicated below for further information regarding submission of books published in French.

If these dates fall on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day.

Books must reach the Canada Council for the Arts by the deadline date. Late submissions, incomplete submissions and nomination forms submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

Further Information

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GUIDELINES

Description of Awards	<p>The Governor General’s Literary Awards are given annually to the best English-language and the best French-language book in each of the seven categories of Fiction, Literary Non-fiction, Poetry, Drama, Young People’s Literature (Text), Young People’s Literature (Illustrated Books) and Translation (from French to English).</p>
Eligibility of Publishers	<p>Only eligible book publishers can submit titles for consideration. Publishers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publish books based on an editorial selection process • have at least four literary titles in print and be committed to a sustained trade book publishing program, consisting of titles by a variety of authors • pay royalties or financially compensate the author, illustrator or translator for any submitted title • use appropriate and effective means to market, distribute and create public awareness of their titles • meet basic professional standards of publishing. <p>The publisher may publish a maximum of 25% each year of publications written, illustrated or translated by owners, family or employees of the publishing house.</p> <p>Books may be published in Canada or abroad. Foreign or new publishers must provide information that confirms they meet the criteria detailed above, a historical background, a catalogue of their published titles and a list of Canadian distributors.</p>
Eligibility of Titles	<p>The award is for literary and artistic excellence; publishers should submit only books that they deem to be outstanding in these regards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books must be first Canadian or first foreign edition trade books. • Books must have been written or translated by Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. They do not need to be residing in Canada. In the Translation category, the original work, written in French, must also be a Canadian-authored title. In the Illustrated Books category, both the author and the illustrator must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. • English titles must be published and be available on the market between 1 September 2016 and 30 September 2017. • The main language of all books must be English. • All books must have an ISBN, be distributed in Canada and be available in Canadian bookstores. • All books must have a print run of at least 350 copies. • All books must have at least 48 pages between the covers, except for children’s illustrated books which must have a minimum of 24 printed pages. • All short stories, essays, poems and plays may have been previously published in magazines.

<p>Eligibility of Titles (continued)</p>	<p>The Young People’s Literature – Text category recognizes the best book for children or young adults with few or no illustrations. Eligible works in the genres of fiction, literary non-fiction and poetry will be considered in this category. Illustrations should occupy less than 30% of the book’s space.</p> <p>The Young People’s Literature – Illustrated Books category recognizes the best illustrated book for children or young adults. Eligible illustrated books, including picture books, graphic novels and works of fiction, literary non-fiction and poetry will be considered in this category. Original illustrations should occupy at least 30% of the book’s space.</p> <p>An eligible adaptation is the new form of a literary work, a free interpretation of an existing text that has been modified enough to transform it into an original new work. An adaptation should bring the original work to another literary genre than that for which it was originally intended.</p> <p>The Canada Council reserves the right to ask the publisher for supplementary information to determine eligibility.</p> <p>Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each book may be submitted in only one category • Books that have been written and published in French and in English may be submitted in only one of the two languages. <p>Ineligible titles</p> <p>Ineligible titles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • books that were already submitted to the Governor General’s Literary Awards • works containing material that has previously been short-listed for a Governor General’s Literary Award • books that do not contain new material. To be eligible in the Illustrated Books category, books must include new text and new illustrations. • reprints or new format reprints of any kind • spiral bound books • self-published books • ghostwritten books • books for which the author, illustrator or translator contributed financially towards the publication costs.
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<p>Eligibility of Titles (continued)</p>	<p>Ineligible titles (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • textbooks or instruction guides, academic, scholarly and other specialized publications, educational books, academic theses, conference proceedings, coffee-table books, how-to and self-help books, autobiographies that focus on self-actualization or self-improvement, guide books, cookbooks, exhibition catalogues, film scripts, testimonials, journals, transcripts of interviews, collected letters, directories, reference books or bibliographies, and books of minimal critical content • anthologies and collections of texts by more than one author (normally under the direction of an editor) • graphic novels, except for titles intended for children or young adults which can be submitted to the Young People’s Literature – Illustrated Books category • books whose author and/or illustrator or translator (depending on the relevant category) was deceased at the time of publication • books submitted to the Young People’s Literature – Text category in which illustrations occupy a significant portion of the book (approximately 30% of the book’s space or more) • books submitted to the Young People’s Literature – Illustrated Books category in which there are few or no illustrations • books submitted to the Young People’s Literature – Illustrated Books category for which both the illustrator and the author are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents • books that have been translated from a language other than one of Canada’s two official languages.
<p>Award Amount</p>	<p>The creator (author and/or illustrator or translator, depending on the relevant category) of each winning book receives \$25,000. In addition, publishers of winning titles receive a \$3,000 grant for the promotion of the award-winning book.</p> <p>In each category, there are up to five finalists. Each non-winning finalist receives \$1,000.</p> <p>In the case of co-authors or co-translators for the same book, the prize award amount is split equally.</p> <p>For the Young People’s Literature – Illustrated Books category, \$25,000 for the winning book is split equally between the author and the illustrator. \$1,000 is split equally between the author and the illustrator for each of the non-winning shortlisted books. If there are co-authors, half of the amount is split equally between them. The same rule applies to co-illustrators.</p>
<p>Submission Procedure</p>	<p>Publisher’s Nomination Forms are emailed annually to eligible book publishers who have submitted titles in previous years. They are also available on the Canada Council’s website.</p> <p>Publishers must complete a separate Publisher’s Nomination Form for each title submitted in any of the categories and send the completed form with four copies of the book to the Canada Council for the Arts, Prizes. For the Translation category only, the Canada Council also requires four copies of the original work in French. The Canada Council for the Arts will not return the books, which it may donate to an organization or initiative of its choosing.</p>

<p>Submission Procedure (continued)</p>	<p>Advance reading copies or bound proofs</p> <p>Publishers may submit their August 2017 and September 2017 books in the form of advance reading copies or bound proofs. Four copies must be submitted.</p> <p>All proof copies must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bound: no loose or stapled sheets will be accepted. • edited. • complete. Bound proofs that do not contain the same information as the final book (the final acknowledgements, blurbs, indexes and other back matter, etc.) will not be accepted. <p>The final book jacket is not required.</p> <p>Publishers submitting proofs to the August deadline must also send four copies of the final book to the Canada Council for the Arts before 30 September.</p> <p>Electronic submissions in the Fiction and Literary Non-Fiction categories</p> <p>Publishers who submit books in the Fiction and/or Literary Non-Fiction categories may do so either in paper format or electronically.</p> <p>For paper submissions, publishers must follow the standard procedure mentioned above.</p> <p>For electronic submissions, publishers must send the book to the Canada Council on a USB key or CD only, in addition to one paper copy.</p> <p>For electronic submissions of advance reading copies to the 1 August deadline, publishers must submit only one paper copy and one electronic copy of the final book by 30 September.</p>
<p>Selection Process</p>	<p>Peer evaluation is fundamental to the Canada Council’s decision-making process. Peer assessment committees review all eligible titles in each of the seven categories: Fiction, Literary Non-fiction, Poetry, Drama, Young People’s Literature (Text), Young People’s Literature (Illustrated Books) and Translation (from French to English). Each peer assessment committee may select one winning title and up to 4 additional books as finalists.</p> <p>Composed of writers, illustrators, translators, critics and/or independent book professionals, the peer assessment committees examine the eligible books according to literary and artistic merit. Their decisions are based on the books in the competition without any consideration given to the reputation or complete body of work of the writers, illustrators or translators. In the Illustrated Books category, the committee evaluates the text and the illustrations and how well the two components complement one another.</p> <p>Committee members will also be selected with consideration to fair representation of gender, generations, Aboriginal peoples, and the cultural and regional diversity of Canada.</p> <p>For further information on this subject, please consult the Canada Council website at www.canadacouncil.ca.</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p>Processing the Nomination</p>	<p>Nomination preparation</p> <p>You are responsible for providing all the information and support material requested. The Canada Council will make eligibility decisions based on the information provided.</p> <p>The Canada Council is not responsible for the loss or damage of material submitted in support of a nomination.</p> <p>Only one copy of the Nomination Form is required. Submit only the material requested. Extra material will not be shown to the peer assessment committee.</p> <p>Nomination confirmation</p> <p>A list of titles submitted to the peer assessment committees will be posted regularly on the Canada Council website at : http://ggbooks.ca/Titles-Submitted-to-the-Governor-General-s-Literary-Awards</p> <p>Response time</p> <p>The publishers and authors, illustrators or translators of the winning books will be notified of the results, approximately three months after the August deadline date. They must agree to keep the results confidential until the date of the public announcement. The names of finalists, followed by the winners, will be announced in the fall of 2017.</p>
<p>Personal Information</p>	<p>The Privacy Act gives individuals the right to access and request correction of personal information about themselves. The Canada Council will protect personal information as required by the Privacy Act. The information will be stored in a series of Canada Council data banks described in Info Source, a government publication that is available on the Internet. All other information may be accessible to others under the Access to Information Act.</p> <p>The Canada Council may share information related to applications and awards with officials in other arts and cultural industry funding agencies, on a confidential basis, to assist with program planning and evaluation.</p>
<p>Award Terms and Conditions</p>	<p>Once the winners have been contacted, they must confirm acceptance of the award and agree to keep the results of the competition confidential until the Canada Council makes its official announcement.</p> <p>The award winners must agree to allow their photographs and public information to be used for promotion of the award and in other Canada Council promotional initiatives. They are expected to participate in the award-related activities, such as media conferences, ceremonies, receptions and other related events.</p> <p>Publishers are required to provide to the Canada Council, at no cost, copies of shortlisted titles for promotion and partnership purposes.</p> <p>The support of the Canada Council for the Arts must be clearly acknowledged in any public announcements, advertising or publications related to books that are finalists or winners of a Governor General’s Literary Award.</p>

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- Publishers must fill out **one form** for each title submitted and **keep a copy**.
- Please send **four copies** of each eligible title. For Translation, also send **four copies of the original work in French**.
- For electronic submissions to the Fiction and Literary Non-fiction categories, books may be sent on a USB key or CD only. **One paper copy** is also required.
- A list of titles submitted to the peer assessment committee will be posted regularly on the Canada Council's website.
- Publishers will be advised in writing of any ineligible submissions.
- For the Illustrated Books category, provide complete information below for both the author and the illustrator.

Name of publishing house:	Contact person for submissions:
Address of publishing house:	Website:
Telephone:	Email:
Name and title of editor/publisher:	
Distributor in Canada:	
Title of book:	
ISBN:	Publication date:
Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Non-fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Translation <input type="checkbox"/> Young People's Literature – Text <input type="checkbox"/> Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books	
Name of Author, Illustrator or Translator:	
Home address of Author, Illustrator or Translator:	
Email address of Author, Illustrator or Translator:	
Telephone number of Author, Illustrator or Translator:	
Citizenship of Author, Illustrator or Translator:	

DECLARATION: I have carefully read the guidelines, confirm that this nomination meets the eligibility criteria and accept the conditions of the award. I confirm that the information contained in this form is complete and accurate.

 Signature of the editor/publisher (an **original signature** is required)

 Date

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

By mail: Prizes, Canada Council for the Arts, 150 Elgin St., P.O. Box 1047, Ottawa ON K1P 5V8

By courier: Prizes, Canada Council for the Arts, 150 Elgin St., 2nd Floor, Ottawa ON K2P 1L4

ELIGIBILITY (FOR CANADA COUNCIL USE ONLY)

The book indicated above is eligible.
 The book indicated above is not eligible.

 Program Officer, Prizes

 Date