

## 2012 Submission & Procedures Guidelines

### The Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award

***\*\*\* Please be advised that eligibility criteria has changed for the 2012 Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award \*\*\****

#### Description

Sponsored by the Edmonton Public Library, the Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award is awarded annually for the best fiction or narrative non-fiction book written by an Alberta author. The prize is valued at \$10,000 with the prize going to the winning author.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- a. Only works of fiction and narrative non-fiction are eligible. Books must be a first edition full-length novel, short story collection or book of poetry written by an Alberta author who has been a resident of Alberta for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the publication of the submitted work, and who currently resides in Alberta.
- b. Books must be published between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011 for the 2012 Award. In subsequent years books must be published between January 1 and December 31.
- c. The primary language of the work must be English. Previous publication of the book in another language does not disqualify it. In the case of a translation, the original work must be Alberta-authored and it must have been published no more than three years prior to its English translation.
- d. All books must carry an ISBN number, be distributed for sale in Alberta, and be available in Alberta bookstores or Alberta libraries.
- e. Unpublished manuscripts are not eligible.
- f. Reprints or new format reprints of any kind are not eligible.
- g. Selections and collections of poetry and short stories that have been previously published in magazines are eligible.
- h. Multi-author anthologies are not eligible.
- i. With the exception of poetry collections, works must be 48 pages or longer.

**Spread the words.**

## Submission Procedures

- a. Request for submissions will be posted to the following websites; the Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice page on the Edmonton Public Library website, the Book Publishers Association of Alberta, the Writers Guild of Alberta, and the Canadian Authors Association.
- b. Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers or other interested parties.
- c. Each submission must be accompanied by two printed copies of the book, which will not be returned to the author or publisher.
- d. Each entry must be accompanied by the submission form, a current author biography, and an electronic image of the author sent by email that can be reproduced for publicity purposes.
- e. Entries must be mailed to:

Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award  
Stanley A. Milner Library  
7 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, AB  
T5J 2V4  
Email: [albertareaderschoice@epl.ca](mailto:albertareaderschoice@epl.ca)

- f. Entries must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011. Books received or postmarked after the deadline will not be eligible.

## Selection Procedures and Jury

- a. Edmonton Public Library staff will review all submissions and create a longlist of 10 titles and submit the longlist to the jury.
- b. The jury will consist of 2 staff members from the Edmonton Public Library, the current Writer in Residence at the Edmonton Public Library, and two members of the literary community.
- c. The jury will shortlist the best books on the basis of literary quality, with no consideration given to publisher, geography, gender, or ethnicity.
- d. The jury will shortlist no more than 5 titles to be voted on by Alberta readers. The jury will select the shortlist in private deliberations.
- e. The jury will only discuss submissions with their fellow jurors.
- f. The decision of the jury is binding.
- g. The decision of the jury as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding.

## Finalists

- a. The shortlist of finalists will be announced with a press release in April 2012.
- b. Publicity promoting the Edmonton Public Library Readers Choice Award will begin at the time of the shortlist announcement and continue until after the winner is declared.
- c. The winner of the Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award will be announced at the annual Alberta Book Awards Gala. So that all shortlisted authors may attend the ceremony, the prize will bear the cost of travel and overnight accommodation for authors who live outside of the host city.

## Voting

- a. Public voting will take place online.
- b. Public voting will take place in a 4 week voting period ending one week before the Alberta Literary Awards Gala.
- c. Each voter will only be able to vote once.
- d. Each voter will be required to register before they vote using their email address and the first 3 characters of their postal code.
- e. Votes will be tabulated electronically, and the author with the most votes will be declared the winner.

## Conditions of the Prize

- a. The author of the winning book will participate in all reasonable publicity associated with the Edmonton Public Library Alberta Readers' Choice Award.