

Amy Mathers Teen Book Award

SUBMISSION & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Criteria:

The Amy Mathers Teen Book Award honours exceptional writing in books written for the Teen/Young Adult audience.

- All genres of fictional teen books are eligible (e.g., historical fiction, contemporary fiction, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, etc.).
- Text and any illustrations (for example, in the case of graphic novels) must be of high quality, with:
 - a well-structured plot;
 - rich language;
 - well-developed characters;
 - an engaging narrative with good pacing.
- Text must be appropriate for the intended audience (ages 13 to 18).

Eligibility Requirements:

- Books must be published between **January 1 and December 31, 2017**.
- Both the author and illustrator (if applicable) must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada (who have resided 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 have resided in Canada for at least two years).
- The book should be aimed at teenage readers aged **13 to 18 years old**. Adult books are not eligible.
- Graphic novels are eligible.
- Short story collections by more than one author are not eligible.
- Hi-lo books are not eligible.
- Books must be works of fiction. Non-fiction books 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.