

Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People

SUBMISSION & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Criteria:

In identifying the best historical novel of the year, each jury member shall consider the following:

- Historical setting and accuracy
- Strong character and plot development
- Well-told, original story
- Suitability of book for its intended age group

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).
- Books should be written for young people **up to age 18**. Adult books are not eligible.
- Books submitted for consideration must be original works.
- Books submitted must be a work of historical fiction.
- Graphic novels are eligible.
- Autobiographies are not eligible.
- Picture books are not eligible.
- Short story collections by more than one author are not eligible.
- Plots involving time travel are not eligible.
- Steampunk or novels involving alternative universes 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.
- 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.