

# The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize—2015

**T**he City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize is awarded in honour of acclaimed Calgary writer W.O. Mitchell and recognizes literary achievement by Calgary authors. The prize was established in 1996 and is coordinated through a partnership between The City of Calgary and the Writers' Guild of Alberta. The **\$5000** prize is awarded annually for an outstanding book of fiction, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature and drama published in the preceding year. Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers' Guild of Alberta.

The submission deadline is **April 15, 2016**. The prize is awarded at The Calgary Awards in the fall of 2016.

## Submission Guidelines & Rules

- Eligible books have been published anywhere in the world between January 1 and December 31 of 2015.
- The author must be a Calgary resident for a minimum of two years, as of December 31, 2015.
- The following types of writing are eligible: fiction, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature, and drama.
- The following types of works are **not** eligible: self-published works, multi-author anthologies, cookbooks, guidebooks, textbooks, technical manuals, bibliographies or works of a purely academic or scholarly nature. Books of less than 48 pages (except children's literature), books that are not written in English or French, multi-authored books (if any one of the authors is not a Calgaryian), reprints or new editions of previously published books are also not eligible.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, no work in this competition merits an award, no award will be given. In all cases, the judges' decision is final.

## Submission Procedures

- Entry forms must be submitted online at [writersguild.ca/city-of-calgary-2016](http://writersguild.ca/city-of-calgary-2016) no later than April 15, 2016. Printed forms may be requested if entrant is unable to access the online form.
- A \$30 fee per title must accompany submissions. Credit card payment is available through the online form, or cheques may be made out to the Writers' Guild of Alberta.
- Five copies of each book entered must be mailed to the Writers' Guild of Alberta, postmarked no later than April 15, 2016.
- Entries may be submitted by authors, publishers, or any interested parties.
- Ineligible materials will not be returned.

## Send books to:

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