



# 2026 Prince Edward Island Book Award

The Prince Edward Island Book Award promotes and celebrates excellence in creation and publication of books by Prince Edward Island authors, editors and creators.

## Criteria

These biennial awards are presented to the author/editor of the books that best exemplifies excellence in creation and publication. Awards will be presented in four categories: fiction, non-fiction, poetry and children's literature. Submissions in each category are assessed by an independent jury against the following criteria: quality of the writing, social and cultural merit of the text, and originality of content, approach and technique.

## Eligibility

1. Traditionally published, hybrid-/partner-published and self-published print books are eligible. Books may be published anywhere in the world.
2. Books must be published in the calendar years 2024 or 2025 and must be currently in print and available for purchase.
3. Authors or editors must have been permanent residents of Prince Edward Island during the period of award eligibility (2024-2025). A permanent resident is a person who has lived on PEI for at least 6 months +1 day each year. In the case of multiple authors or editors, at least 50% of the total authorship must meet the residency requirements noted above.
4. Books may not contain AI generated text, characters, plots or illustrations.
5. Eligible books, with the exception of children's books (minimum 24 pages) are those which have no less than 48 pages excluding cover, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and have been designed, printed and bound to a professional standard.
6. Books may be in either English or French.
7. Only first editions are eligible. Re-issues, reprints and translations are not eligible. Titles must include at least 50% new content that has not been previously published.
8. At least four (4) eligible entries in each category must be received. If this minimum is not attained, submissions in that category will be forwarded and included in the next competition year (2028). If, in the opinion of the judges, no work is of high enough quality in a particular category, no award will be given.

## Awards

1. One award will be given for a winning book in each of the following categories:
  - Fiction (including YA Fiction for ages 13-18)
  - Non-fiction
  - Poetry
  - Children's Literature
2. The award consists of:
  - a cash prize for the author, editor or publisher,
  - a handcrafted commemorative gift to be presented at an event for the award or at a related cultural activity; and,
  - specially designed seals for display on the award-winning books.

## Submissions

1. The deadline for submission of books (package postmarked or hand-delivered) is end of business January 31, 2026.
2. A submission shall consist of a completed entry form for each book and four copies of each title submitted. Copies will be used for judging and publicity purposes and will not be returned.
3. Submissions may be made by either the book's publisher or author/editor.

## Confidentiality

The winners' names are not revealed publicly under any circumstances until announced at the awards presentation ceremony. Details of the awards presentation ceremony will be made available at a later time.

## Entry Forms

Entry forms are available in an online format only at [PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/PEIbookawards](https://PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/PEIbookawards).

Please provide a separate form for each book submitted. Four copies of the book must be submitted with each entry form. Please note that books will not be returned.

Submissions must be delivered to the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre or postmarked no later than end of business January 31, 2026.