



2024 Prince Edward Island Book Award

The Prince Edward Island Book Award is intended to promote and celebrate 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 book 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: overall content, quality of design and production.

Eligibility

1. Books must be published in the calendar years 2022 or 2023.
2. Books may have been published anywhere in the world.
3. Authors, editors or creators must have been permanent or seasonal residents of Prince Edward Island during the period of award eligibility, and must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.
4. In the case of multiple authors or editors, at least 50 per cent of the total authorship must meet Prince Edward Island residency requirements noted above.
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); have complied with Library and Archives Canada book deposit requirements; have been designed, printed and bound to a professional standard; and are currently in print and available for purchase.
6. Books may be in either English or French.
7. Only first editions are eligible.
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 (2026).

Awards

1. One award will be given for a winning book in each of the following categories:
 - Fiction • Non-fiction • Poetry • Children's Literature
2. The award consists of:
 - a cash prize for the author;
 - a handcrafted commemorative gift for the writer, to be presented at an event dedicated to the award or at a related cultural activity; and,
 - specially designed seals for display on the award-winning books.
3. If, in the opinion of the judges, no work is of high enough quality, no award will be given.

Submissions

1. The deadline for submission of books (package postmarked or hand-delivered) is end of business January 31, 2024.
2. A submission shall consist of the 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 on 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.

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 or postmarked no later than end of business January 31, 2024.