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## Ottawa Book Awards 2018

### Guidelines

The Ottawa Book Awards recognize published books of literary excellence, written by authors residing in Ottawa. A prize of \$7,500 is awarded annually in each of the following four categories: English fiction, English non-fiction, French fiction and French non-fiction. Short-listed authors receive a \$1,000 prize.

### To be eligible, the entry must be:

- a published book of literary merit with an ISBN number
- a minimum of 48 bound pages (except children's books)
- a work of **Fiction** (including novels, short stories, children's literature and poetry) or **Literary Non-fiction** (including biographies, memoirs, cultural histories, literary journalism and essays)
- published in 2017
- written in English or French
- written by an author or co-authors (maximum two authors) residing in the city of Ottawa\*

*\* To meet the residency requirements, authors must live in Ottawa at the time of the award submission deadline and / or book publication, and a minimum of 12 consecutive months up to and including either or both dates. City staff reserves the right to ask for proof of Ottawa residency. Residency is established by a personal CCRA Notice of Assessment (the statement you are sent after filing an annual income tax return) for the previous year, indicating a current residential address in Ottawa.*



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## Ineligible entries:

- translations
- posthumous nominations
- anthologies and books with works by more than two authors
- ghost written books
- manuscripts
- works published solely in an electronic format
- textbooks, catalogues, cookbooks, reference books, academic publications, technical manuals, self help books
- re-prints or republications of titles originally published at an earlier date
- books submitted by City of Ottawa employees and elected representatives

*A minimum of 10 eligible entries must be received each year in a given category and language. If this minimum is not reached, submissions will be forwarded to the following year's competition.*

## Submission Deadline

Deadline for submission of entries is **Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4 p.m.** All submissions must be received by the deadline date, or postmarked by that date. Late submissions will not be accepted.



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## **Selection Process**

The City of Ottawa uses a peer review process to select the Ottawa Book Award laureates. In each language and category, a three person jury composed of writers and literary arts professionals reviews the books and selects a short list of finalists and an award recipient.

The criterion for selection is literary excellence.

## **Announcement of Finalists and Winners**

A short-list of finalists will be announced in September, 2018.  
The names of award winners will be announced in October, 2018.

## **Information**

Additional information and forms are available at [ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-heritage-and-culture/ottawa-book-awards](http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-heritage-and-culture/ottawa-book-awards)

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