**Call for Submissions – 2021 Dartmouth Book Awards**

The Dartmouth Book Awards Steering Committee is pleased to offer two prizes of $2,500 each to honor books published in **2020** which have contributed the most to the enjoyment and understanding of Nova Scotia and its people. One prize will go to the author of a work of fiction, the other to the author of a work of non-fiction. Publishers with eligible titles are asked to submit 4 copies along with a completed submission form. The entry fee is 20.00 per title (cheques made payable to the Dartmouth Book Awards). **Please read the eligibility criteria before submitting titles**.

**Dartmouth Book Awards Eligibility Criteria**

* Books about Nova Scotia and/or its people.
* Books published in 2020 for the first time (re-issues of earlier publications are not eligible).
* Authors must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants
* Books in any genre: fiction, history, essay, biography, politics, drama etc.
* Books must contain a minimum of 40% text.
* No anthologies.
* Books must be 49 pages or more and available for sale.
* Self-published books are accepted as long as they have been professionally produced and meet all other criteria.
* The Steering Committee reserves the right to accept or reject submitted titles. Rejected titles will not be returned.
* A $20.00 non-refundable submission fee for each title must accompany entries. Cheques should be made payable to the Dartmouth Book Awards.
* Children's books are not eligible. All children's submissions should be submitted to the Ann Connor Brimer Award Committee. For further information about the Ann Connor Brimer award, please contact Jocelyn Covert by e-mail at covertj@halifax.ca  ​Books written for older teens (ages 16+) will be accepted.
* Collections of poetry are not eligible for this award. Poetry submissions should be submitted to the JM Abraham Poetry Award. Please go to <https://www.writers.ns.ca/wfns-book-prizes/atlantic-poetry-prize.html> for submission information.
* For the 2021 prize, books must have been published between **November 2, 2019 and November 1, 2020.**
* **Books must be submitted no later than November 2, 2020.**

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**The deadline for receipt is Monday, November 2, 2020.**A panel of judges, made up of library representatives and community members, will choose the finalists. Finalist titles will be announced in March 2021. Winners of the awards will be announced at an awards ceremony in May 2021.