



Atlantic Book Awards Pioneer Award 2021 - Call for Nominations

The Atlantic Book Awards Society is inviting nominations for the 2021 Pioneer Award. This award is designed to honour trailblazers and groundbreakers who have made a lasting contribution to the development of the literary arts in Atlantic Canada. The recipient can be from the field of publishing, writing, bookselling, literary arts organizations, etc. This year, the Pioneer Award recognizes someone from **Nova Scotia**.

To nominate someone for the Pioneer Award, send a brief biographical summary of the person, focusing on their career in literary arts and reasons why you feel they would be a worthy recipient of the 2021 Pioneer Award. **Also include full contact information for your nominee. Send submissions to mackenh@halifax.ca by April 9, 2021.** A jury of industry professionals will evaluate the submissions and select a recipient.

What is the nature of the Pioneer Award and what are the guidelines?

The Atlantic Book Awards Pioneer Award is a lifetime achievement award in recognition of an individual's exceptional contribution to the literary arts in Atlantic Canada. The Award honours people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and who have, through extraordinary innovation, risk-taking, self-sacrifice, and/or creativity, provided opportunity or inspiration (or both) for those sharing Atlantic Canadian stories through writing and publishing.

People from all occupations and walks of life may be nominated. The most important consideration is that the person has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement and encouragement of Atlantic books and writers. Particular consideration will be given to those who could be termed early path-breakers or trailblazers, whose pioneering work warrants being placed on the public record through the granting of this award. With this in mind, posthumous nominations will be accepted.

The aim is to offer the Award annually (when merited) to a recipient from the province where the Atlantic Book Awards gala is being hosted (i.e., Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, or Newfoundland and Labrador).