

To: All Canadian publishers of books for children

From: Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award

Subject: Nomination List for 2011 - 2012 Awards

The Hackmatack Award Selection Committees are currently in the process of developing short lists of nominated books for the 2011-2012 awards. The short lists will consist of 10 English fiction, 10 English non-fiction, 10 French fiction and 10 French non-fiction Canadian titles suitable for ages nine to twelve (Grades four to six). The nominated books will be read in the next school year (2011/2012) by thousands of children in the Atlantic region. Young readers will vote for their favourites in region-wide elections and the winners in all categories will be announced at the Hackmatack Award Ceremony in spring 2012.

We invite you to submit titles you think might be appropriate (see the list of criteria below). This year we have Book Selection Committees in three provinces. Please note the different shipping addresses for each category.

Please submit five copies of each ENGLISH FICTION title to:

Cythia Gatto

Hackmatack Award Selection Committee - English Fiction

Halifax Public Libraries - Alderney Branch

60 Alderney Dr.

Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4P8

Please submit five copies of each ENGLISH NON-FICTION title to:

Babara Kissick

Hackmatack Award Selection Committee - English Non-Fiction

Confederation Centre Public Library

P.O. Box 7000

Charlottetown, PEI C1A 8G8

If you have an English non-fiction selection, and your courier won't deliver to a PO Box, please send it to:

Barb Kissick (Children's Librarian)

Confederation Centre Public Library

145 Richmond Street

Charlottetown, PEI

C1A 1J1

Please submit five copies of each FRENCH title, FICTION or NON-FICTION to:

Mireille Mercure

Bibliothèque Le Cormoran

67 Ragged Point Rd.
Saint John, NB E2K 5C3

The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2010, however we would appreciate it if you send your books at your earliest convenience so committee members can start reading the books.

For more information on the award, please feel free to contact our main office at the (902) 424-3774 or visit our website at www.hackmatack.ca (<http://www.hackmatack.ca/>)

Thank you for your cooperation!

Kate Watson
Hackmatack Coordinator

CRITERIA FOR BOOK SELECTION HACKMATACK CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK AWARDS

Books MUST:

- have been published in Canada within the last TWO years (2009-2010)
- be appropriate for readers in grades 4 to 6
- have been written by no more than TWO authors
- be in print and readily available

Committees look for:

1. Atlantic-Canadian content, authorship, illustrations and/or publication
 - this is not a requirement, but a book with Atlantic content would be chosen over another if the two were equal in everything else.
2. Literary Quality
 - authority
 - organization
 - illustrations
 - design
 - prose style
 - documentation
3. Overall appeal to children in the Grade 4-6 age group
4. Other Factors
 - cultural diversity.
 - range of reading levels for the Gr 4-6 age group
 - content for both boys and girls