



## The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction

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THE Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction commemorates Charles Taylor's pursuit of excellence in the craft of writing. The prize is awarded annually to the author whose book best combines an excellent command of the English language, an elegance of style, quality of thought, and a subtlety of perception.

The prize consists of \$25,000 for the winning author, \$2,000 for each of the remaining finalists, as well as promotional support to help all shortlisted books stand out in the national media, bookstores, and libraries. Authors whose books have been shortlisted for the prize will be brought to Toronto for the awards ceremony. The winner will be invited to read at the International Festival of Authors (IFOA) in Toronto.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. All entries must be Canadian-authored titles published in English between November 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009, and widely available through bookstores and libraries.
2. Only titles in the genre of literary non-fiction are eligible.
3. Publishers are invited to nominate authors by submitting their books.
4. Titles may be single-authored or co-authored. Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and conference proceedings are not eligible.
5. Posthumously published works, as well as second or later editions, revisions, and reprints are not eligible.
6. Translated works are eligible. In the event that a book in translation is selected as the winner, the writer and translator will share the prize money evenly.
7. The jury may request the submission of titles as it sees fit.
8. The jury will have sole responsibility for the selection of the shortlist and one winner.
9. The shortlist will be announced at a press conference on January 5, 2010. It is understood that all prize finalists will be available for publicity and promotion, that they will participate in the Ben McNally / *Globe and Mail* Brunch event on February 7, 2010, and that they will attend the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction awards ceremony on February 8, 2010.
10. Eligibility criteria are interpreted by each jury and may be revised from prize to prize at the discretion of the trustees of the Charles Taylor Foundation.

## DEFINITIONS

1. Canadian author means any author with Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status in Canada at the time of publication.
2. A book, or title, is a work that has a minimum of 48 pages, carries an ISBN, is bound, and is printed in an edition of no fewer than 500 copies.
3. A publisher is a company that carries out as its primary business the publishing of books. Such firms must have established terms of trade and have coast to coast distribution in Canada.
4. Literary non-fiction is understood to include well-crafted titles in the form of essays, memoirs, collected letters and diaries, criticism, history, biography and autobiography, among others.

## PUBLISHER REQUIREMENTS

An otherwise eligible submission will not qualify for the prize unless its publisher ensures that a signed copy of the Publishers Submission Form – found at the end of this document – is included with the submitted title. By signing this form the publisher agrees to the following requirements:

1. To pay \$1500 per shortlisted book, in a cheque to the Charles Taylor Foundation, as a contribution in support of the advertising and promotion costs incurred by the prize.
2. To work in cooperation with the prize in promoting their author(s) and to maintain sufficient stock levels of the submitted titles for promotion purposes.
3. To advertise the winning book in the media, as they see fit.
4. To sticker copies of the winning book with seals provided by the prize.
5. To secure permission from the foundation when using seal artwork on reprints of their winning title.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1. All submissions must be made by publishers, not by authors or their agents.
2. There is no limit to the number of titles a publisher may submit.
3. Publishers are asked to send their submissions according to the following schedule:
  - April 15, 2009, for books published between November 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009
  - June 1, 2009, for books published between April 1 and May 31, 2009.
  - September 15, 2009, for books published between June 1 and August 31, 2009.
  - November 2, 2009, for books published between September 1 and October 31, 2009
4. All submissions must be published as finished books. Submissions received after the final deadline of November 2, 2009, but published on or prior to October 31 2008, are ineligible for the 2010 prize. Books published after October 31, 2008 may be submitted for the 2011 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction.
5. Five copies of each title must be delivered in accordance with the above schedule of deadlines, to the following address:

The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction  
c/o June Dickenson  
18 Blackberry Place, Carlisle, Ontario  
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6. Each title submitted must be accompanied by:
  - the signed Publishers' Submission Form, as outlined in the Publisher Requirements section of this document;
  - press material on the title;
  - a current author biography;
  - an author photograph or electronic equivalent. To submit electronic images, go to [www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca](http://www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca), click on SUBMISSION PACKAGE in the left margin, once open, click on the words TO SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE, located in the left margin of the Submission Package web page.
7. For further information please direct all inquiries as follows:

The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction  
c/o June Dickenson  
PHONE: 647-477-6000  
E-MAIL: [junedickenson@cogeco.ca](mailto:junedickenson@cogeco.ca)  
FAX: 1-905-689-2944
8. Each submission received will be acknowledged electronically.

PUBLISHERS' SUBMISSION FORM

Please print, complete, sign, and include one copy of this form for each title submitted, along with five copies of the title, press material, and an author photograph or electronic image. Whenever possible, please adhere to the following submission schedule:

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No books received after the final deadline of November 2, 2009 will be accepted for the 2010 prize.

Please ship all books and accompanying material as follows:

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TITLE AUTHOR

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PUBLISHER PUBLICATION DATE

I have read the submission package carefully and will comply with the publisher requirements as stated, in the event that my author is shortlisted or declared the winner.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNING OFFICER SIGNATURE

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COMPANY NAME

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ADDRESS

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CONTACT NAME

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TELEPHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER

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E-MAIL ADDRESS DATE