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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on March 9th announcing that submissions are open for the 2022 City of Vancouver Book Awards. The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 14.

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 9.

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
News release
March 9, 2022

Did you write or publish a book about Vancouver last year? Put in a good word and submit to the 2022 City Of Vancouver Book Awards

Submissions are now open for the 2022 City of Vancouver Book Awards, which seeks books that deepen our understanding of the city. The winning author will receive a \$3,000 prize.

Authors and publishers of books of all genres are encouraged to submit entries that increase understanding of Vancouver's place on the traditional, unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples and the oral traditions, stories and rich diversity and culture that make the city recognizable and distinct.

"I was touched and honoured to win the Vancouver Book Award, given that Vancouver will always feel like home," said Michelle Good, 2021 City of Vancouver Book Award recipient and author of *Five Little Indians*. "We all create worlds in our writing and in *Five Little Indians*, Vancouver makes up a significant part of the world my characters' lives play out in. My deepest wish is that readers will come away from *Five Little Indians* with a deeper understanding of how trauma haunts Residential School Survivors forever and that this will spark them to read more, learn more and do more to achieve substantive and meaningful Reconciliation."

Successful submissions should demonstrate excellence in content, illustration, design, and/or format. The

selection committee tasked with choosing the winning book will represent various perspectives, lived experiences, and expertise framed by a passion for arts and the city. Books must have been published in 2021 to be eligible.

The award will be presented at a celebratory event in the fall at the Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, public health orders permitting.

Previous winners of the City of Vancouver Book Award include Catherine B. Clement for *Chinatown Through a Wide Lens: The Hidden Photographs of Yucho Chow* (2020), Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, Karen Duffek & Tania Willard for *Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun: Unceded Territories* (2019); Chelene Knight for *Dear Current Occupant* (2018); and Carleigh Baker for *Bad Endings* (2017).

The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 14. For more information about submission guidelines visit: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/submit-a-book.aspx>

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Notes to editors

Underrepresented communities that may be represented on the selection committee include xʷməθkəṽəəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) people, and people who identify as Indigenous; Black people and people of African descent; people of colour and racialized people; people with disabilities, disabled people, and people who live with mental health challenges; Deaf and hard of hearing people; LGBTQ2+ and gender diverse people; low-income people; refugees, newcomers, and undocumented people; minority language communities; women and girls; and, youth and seniors.

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