

## **The Michael Van Rooy Award for Genre Fiction**

**Criteria:** The Michael Van Rooy Award for Genre Fiction is awarded to the book by a Manitoba writer that is judged the best book of genre fiction written in English and published within a two year period (next award: 2018, for books published in 2016 or 2017).

**Language:** English

**Frequency:** biennial, beginning in 2011

**Prize:** The author will receive a cash prize of \$1500

**Sponsors:** Writers' Collective of Manitoba, Prairie Fire Press Inc., and the Winnipeg International Writers Festival

### **Eligible books:**

- To qualify, an entry must be a work of genre fiction (mystery, science fiction, horror, romance, western, fantasy) written in English.
- Submitted books must have been published between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2017.
- Submitted books may be collected &/or selected works by a single author unless they contain previously published material that has been shortlisted for Manitoba Writing and Publishing Awards in previous years.
- Submitted books may be collaborations or anthologies, as long as all authors meet the residency criteria.
- Books submitted for this award may also be submitted to all other pertinent categories.
- Reprints are not eligible.

### **Eligible authors:**

- Author or authors must be residents in Manitoba for one of the past two years, and for at least 3 of the past 5 years.
- Prize may be awarded posthumously to an author who has met the publication and residency requirements but who has died within the two-year award period.

Publishers are encouraged to send four copies of any eligible books to the Manitoba Writers' Guild on or before December 1, 2017. Submission forms and a \$25 entry fee must accompany the books. Cheque should be made out to Manitoba Writers' Guild.

For further submission information and an entry form, please click on submissions and deadlines tab above.