



Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for Best First Book

Language: English

Criteria: Awarded annually to a Manitoba author whose first professionally published English language book is deemed the best written.

Prize: \$2000 to the author

Sponsor: Donated by Manitoba children's author Eileen McTavish Sykes through the Winnipeg Foundation

Eligibility:

- Submissions in all genres (excluding textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.), will be accepted.
- The author may have prior publication credits such as magazines, literary journals, newspapers or chapbooks.
- Submitted books must have been published between January 1 and December 31, 2017 and written in English.
- Please note that books written by more than one author are eligible as long as all authors meet the residency criteria.
- Eligible authors will have been a resident in Manitoba for one of the past two years, as well as a resident in Manitoba for three of the last five 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.
- Academic textbooks and reference books are not eligible.

Books submitted for this award may also be submitted to all other pertinent categories. Publishers are encouraged to send four (4) copies of any eligible books to the Manitoba Writers' Guild on or before January 31, 2018 (date of postmark). Submission forms and a \$25 entry fee must accompany the books. Cheque must be made out to the Manitoba Writers' Guild.