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To prospective entrants of the HarperCollins Publishers Ltd/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction,

It is my pleasure to invite submissions from current UBC students and alumni for consideration in the 2022 Prize for Best New Fiction. HarperCollins is proud to continue our collaboration with the UBC School of Creative Writing and with CookeMcDermid Literary Agency on this award. We have an impressive shared history in this prize, reflecting the strength and talent found in the MFA program. Our most recent 2020 winner was Jasmine Sealy with *The Island of Forgetting*. The novel will publish in early 2022 and rights have already been sold to the Borough Press in the UK. The previous winner, *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good, has either won or been shortlisted for every literary prize in the country, was one of the top bestselling Canadian books of 2021, has been shortlisted for Canada Reads and has sold rights in three languages. Earlier winners include Ellen Keith and *The Dutch Wife*, which was a bestseller in both Canada and the US and has been sold into five additional foreign territories for publication, and Natalie Morrill's *The Ghost Keeper*, which went on to win the Jewish Book Award. We look forward to publishing future books by these authors and we extend our congratulations to them and to all of you for your excellent work and your commitment to your craft.

The HarperCollins Publishers Ltd/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction is awarded bi-annually. Please do consider submitting your work this year. The next opportunity will be in 2024.

We are looking forward to discovering our next shortlist and winner for 2022. The prize Rules and Regulations are available through the UBC School of Creative Writing, but in short, submissions are open for a manuscript of no less than 60,000 words, for novels or short stories, starting April 1, 2022 until April 30, 2022. The winner, chosen by CookeMcDermid and the editorial team of HarperCollins, will be offered representation by CookeMcDermid and a standard contract to publish from HarperCollins, with a negotiated advance. The shortlisted authors will all have the opportunity to engage in an editorial discussion about their work with a HarperCollins editor. We will notify a shortlist by the end of August and the winner by the end of September.

We hope you will submit your work. The rules and regulations for the prize can be found at <http://creativewriting.ubc.ca/current-students/hc-ubc-prize/>. The submission contact is bestnewfictionprize@cookemcdermid.com. Alix Ohlin at UBC (alix.ohlin@ubc.ca) can help you with questions.

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