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Re: 2022 HarperCollins*PublishersLtd*/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction

Dear UBC School of Creative Writing Students and Alumni,

We are excited to officially welcome submissions for this year's HarperCollins*PublishersLtd*/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction!

We are looking forward to reading all of your work, and to renewing our partnership with the UBC School of Creative Writing and HarperCollins*PublishersLtd* as we approach the ten year anniversary of this prize. Along with HarperCollins and UBC, we are so proud of the talent this Prize attracts year after year, and the success past winners have achieved! From award-winners and nominees, to best-sellers published in multiple territories – past recipients of this prize have hit some truly impressive career markers!

As you all know, the winner of the prize receives offer of representation from CookeMcDermid, and a publishing offer from HarperCollins, which are early stepping stones and important relationships to build throughout your writing careers. As proud as we are to work with all of the Prize recipients, it is not only about the handful of authors who win the award. We appreciate and value the trust each of you put in us when you submit your work for consideration. Our team (which comprises readers across the agency) reads every submission carefully over the course of several months, with an eye towards possible representation, whatever the outcome of the competition.

CookeMcDermid was founded in 2017 when two preeminent literary agencies, The Cooke Agency and The McDermid Agency, amalgamated, combining nearly 50 years of experience. We are a full-service literary agency representing authors in many genres in Canada, the United States, and throughout the world. This includes literary, commercial and speculative fiction; a broad range of narrative non-fiction; health, wellness and lifestyle resources; as well as middle-grade and young adult books. These books have been adapted into major motion pictures and translated into over 60 languages. With nine full-time agents who cover a wide array of interests and expertise at CookeMcDermid, we are open to all genres except for poetry and children's picture books.

Please review the rules and guidelines, and be in touch with Alix Ohlin (alix.ohlin@ubc.ca) if you have any questions. Then start polishing your manuscripts and, as soon as you feel your work is ready, submit according to the instructions at bestnewfictionprize@cookemcdermid.com so we can make sure each is carefully tracked and processed during the submission period of April 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022.

We want to acknowledge how difficult these recent years have been, on so many levels. Books have been an important way to escape and educate ourselves throughout this time and we are so grateful to all the creators who help uplift the world. We also celebrate the fact that the Prize will allow us to come together with all of you to celebrate our mutual love of the written word.

We can't wait to start reading!

Sincerely,

Dean Cooke, Suzanne Brandreth, Rachel Letofsky, Paige Sisley, Stephanie Sinclair and Sarra Francis

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