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To: All Canadian publishers of books for children

From: Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award

Subject: Nomination List for **2019 - 2020** Awards

We invite you to submit eligible titles (see criteria below) to the Hackmatack Award selection committees for the 2019-2020 awards. The committees will review all eligible submitted titles to arrive at shortlists of 10 English fiction, 10 English nonfiction, 10 French fiction, and 10 French nonfiction Canadian books suitable for children in grades 4 to 6 (ages nine to twelve). The nominated books will be read in the 2019-2020 school year by thousands of children in the Atlantic region. Young readers will vote for their favourite book in each of the four categories, and the four winners will be announced at the Hackmatack Award Ceremony in spring 2020.

The selection committees are in three provinces. Please note the different shipping addresses for each category.

Please submit **six** copies of each **English fiction** title to:

Cynthia Gatto
Hackmatack Award Selection Committee - English Fiction
Halifax Public Libraries
31 Eisener Blvd.
Dartmouth, NS
B2W 0J1

Please submit **six** copies of each **English nonfiction** title to:

Roseanne Gauthier
Hackmatack Award Selection Committee - English Non-fiction
PEI Public Library Service
145A Richmond Street
Charlottetown, PEI
C1A 8G8

Please submit **six** copies of each **French** title, fiction or nonfiction, to:

Mireille Mercure
Bibliothèque Le Cormoran
67 Ragged Point Rd.
Saint John, NB
E2K 5C3

The deadline for submissions is **October 15, 2018**; however, we would appreciate it if you send your books at **your earliest convenience**. For more information on the award, please feel free to contact our main office at (902) 424-3774 or visit our website at www.hackmatack.ca.

Best wishes,

Marianne Ward
Hackmatack Coordinator

**SELECTION CRITERIA
HACKMATAK CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK AWARD PROGRAM**

Books MUST:

- have been published in Canada within the last two years (2017 or 2018)
- be appropriate for readers in grades 4 to 6
- have been written by no more than two authors
- be in print and readily available (**Please do not submit books not available in sufficient quantities!**)

Committees look for:

1. Atlantic-Canadian content, authorship, illustrations, and/or publication

This is **not a requirement**, but a book with Atlantic content would be chosen over another if the two were equal in every other regard.

2. Literary Quality

- authority
- organization
- illustrations
- design
- prose style
- documentation

3. Overall appeal to children in grades 4 to 6 (ages 9 to 12)

4. Author is of a background that is a visible or cultural minority or Indigenous

*** If an author is from such background, please be sure to indicate this clearly in the submission.** Ensuring that students feel that their race, culture, and identity are affirmed by the books they read is important. We support the policies within the education system that ensure that books and materials used in schools reflect this cultural diversity.

5. Other Factors

- titles celebrate cultural diversity
- range of reading levels for the Grade 4-6 age group
- content appealing to both boys and girls