

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 Bloody Words Light Mystery Award (aka the Bony Blithe) “for books that make us smile” is now open to submissions

This annual award, which includes a \$1000 cash prize as well as a stunning trophy, is now in its ninth year. The 2020 award will be presented at the Bloody Words Mini-con/Bony Blithe Award Gala on May 22, 2020, in Toronto.

Eligibility

The award is open to any *Canadian citizen or permanent resident* and is for full-length (at least 60,000 words) mysteries published in the previous year.

The 2020 award is for books published between January 1 and December 31, 2019. Books may be submitted by the publisher or the author. No YA or noir, please.

What is a “light mystery”?

“Light mysteries” include cozies, capers, satire, and humorous books – in short, anything from laugh-out-loud books to gentle humour to good old-fashioned stories with minimal overt violence or gore. We are not looking for books with gravitas; we are looking for books that are an entertaining and fun read.

Submission procedure

Send four (4) hard copies of the book(s) by December 16, 2019, to:

**Chair, 2020 Bony Blithe Award
17 Wales Ave.
Toronto ON M5T 1J2**

Please include a cover letter indicating the title(s) you are submitting, along with the publisher name and your name and email address.

You may start submitting books now. The book(s) must reach us by the December 16th deadline. If you do not expect the book back from the printer by December 16, 2019, you may send us four copies of the ARC.

Note: If you are sending the book(s) from outside Canada, make sure the customs declaration states NCV (no commercial value) or \$0 for the dollar value.

If your book is an e-book, contact us about submitting it electronically. Please be aware, however, that based on the judges’ preferences, we may require e-books as hard copy.

Shortlist and award announcements

The shortlist for the 2020 award will be announced in mid-April 2020. The award will be presented at the Bloody Words Mini-con/Bony Blithe Award Gala on Friday, May 22, 2020, in Toronto. Details to follow.

For more information

If you have any questions about the award or if your book is eligible, please contact us at bw-award@bloodywords.com.

Good luck...

Cheryl Freedman

Chair, 2020 Bloody Words Mini-con & Light Mystery Award (aka the Bony Blithe)

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