

The Children's Literature Roundtables of Canada INFORMATION BOOK AWARD

The Children's Literature Roundtable Information Book Award is given to a book that arouses interest, stimulates curiosity, captures imagination, and fosters concern for the world around us. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence both in the writing and publishing of nonfiction for children and young people ages 5 – to – 14 years.

CRITERIA

- 1.** The book must be written in English by a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and must be published by a Canadian publisher during the calendar year previous to the award being granted.
- 2.** All information/nonfiction trade books are eligible for consideration with the exception of poetry, plays, and folklore.
- 3.** Text books will not be considered for this award.
- 4.** Individual books within a series will be considered but a series as a whole is not eligible for the award.
- 5.** Revisions and reprints of previously published works are not eligible for the award.
- 6.** The book will be judged on the basis of the quality of its literary style, illustrations, design, and construction as well as:
 - accuracy of facts and explanations
 - coverage and perspective of the content
 - clarity of text and illustration
 - unique imaginative approach to the topic
 - appropriateness of organization
 - appropriateness of format
 - appropriateness of concept/content for the intended audience
 - sensitivity to culture and gender
 - quality of back matter (index, glossary, source notes)