

2026 Canadian Authors Fred Kerner Book Award

GUIDELINES

The Canadian Authors Fred Kerner Book Award is awarded annually to a Canadian Authors member who has the best overall book published in the previous calendar year.

Fred Kerner was a devoted and longtime CAA member. An Honorary President of the Association until his passing in 2011 at 90, Fred was an author, journalist, editor, teacher and mentor. He wrote over a dozen books as well as for magazines, radio, and TV, and he gave unstintingly of his time to assist emerging writers.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Only current CAA members whose memberships are up to date are eligible for this award.
- Entries must be full-length English-language literature written by a single author or co-written by two or more authors (in the case of multiple authors, at least three must be CAA members).
- Books in all genres are eligible, as are self-published books; however, ebooks are not eligible at this time.
- Publication may have taken place outside Canada, but the author must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Entrants are *not* eligible to win a prize two years in a row.
- Reprints, translations, and posthumous entries are *not* eligible.
- No AI generated work.

PRIZE: \$400 and a one-year complimentary membership with Canadian Authors

ENTRY FEE: \$30 per title entered

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked on or before **August 31, 2026**

TO ENTER: Send three copies of the book, plus a completed entry form and the \$30 + tax entry fee to:

**Canadian Authors Fred Kerner Book
Award c/o Brandi Tanner
19 Machell Avenue
Aurora ON L4G 2R6**

PROCESS

A trustee is appointed and the trustee selects and works with two judges. The identities of the trustee and judges are confidential throughout the judging process. Decisions of the trustee and judges are final, and they may choose not to award a prize in any given year.

A shortlist of the top five entries will be announced in November, and the winner will be announced before the end of the year.

For further information, contact us at admin@canadianauthors.org.