

## **Entry Form Best New Canadian Christian Author Contest 2009 Sponsored by Castle Quay Books Canada**

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### **Instructions**

Refer to the Guidelines for Submissions to read the complete instructions before filling out this form.

A complete entry consists of:

- THREE copies of the manuscript (good quality photocopies are acceptable). Pages of manuscript must be numbered. The name of the author must not be present anywhere on the manuscript.
- FOUR copies of the completed entry form. Please email one completed entry form to admin [at] thewordguild [dot] com. In the subject line, please type, Best New Author Contest 2009 Entry Form – your name.
- Cheque made payable to The Word Guild for the correct entry fee.

**Entries must be received no later than November 28, 2008.**

All entries must be sent to the address below.

Best New Author Contest  
The Word Guild  
Box 34  
Port Perry ON L9L 1A2

For courier deliveries, address the package to:  
Best New Author Contest  
Attn. Jane Twohey  
572 Fralicks Beach Road  
Port Perry, ON L9L 1B6

Entrants are advised to keep a copy of their submitted work for their own protection. Castle Quay Books Canada and The Word Guild will not be responsible for lost, damaged or mislaid manuscripts.

**Manuscripts will not be returned.**

The entry form is available in Adobe PDF and Microsoft Word formats.

Hints about completing the entry form:

- Ensure that all photocopies are sharp and easily readable.
- Print clearly with dark ink, or keyboard your answers into the Word document. Please use bold font for your answers. Do not put the author's name anywhere on the manuscript.
- Answer the questions briefly but carefully when you explain your purpose/objective; target audience; how your underlying Christian worldview informs and influences the work; etc. The judges use your answers to evaluate your manuscript.
- Be specific; for example, do not describe your target audience as "all Christians."

**PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE ENTRY FORM.**

## Entry Form for Best New Canadian Christian Author Contest 2009

Complete and submit all 3 pages of this form.

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Author's daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Author's evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you qualify as a first-time author, according to the Guidelines? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Canadian citizenship or legal permanent resident status? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you affirm The Apostles' Creed? (see Guidelines for text) \_\_\_\_\_

Your denominational affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your educational background \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you find out about this contest (i.e., in what publication, on what web site, etc.)?

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If you would like to receive acknowledgment of the receipt of this entry, enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or write your email address on the following line:

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Which category of entry do you choose? (Circle or highlight)

1. **Category One.** \$50 entry fee. Receive no judges' critiques. Enclose cheque payable to The Word Guild for \$52.50 Cdn (\$50+ \$2.50 GST) for residents of Canada. For non-residents of Canada, enclose cheque for \$50.00 US.
2. **Category Two.** \$150 entry fee. Receive two judges' critiques. Enclose cheque payable to The Word Guild for \$157.50 Cdn (\$150 + \$7.50 GST) for residents of Canada. For non-residents of Canada, enclose cheque for \$150.00 US.

What amount in entry fees have you enclosed? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that I have read and agree to the conditions outlined in the Guidelines for Submissions for the Best New Canadian Christian Author Contest; that the work submitted is an original, never-before-published manuscript written by me; that it has not been simultaneously submitted to another book publisher anywhere in the world while it is being considered for this contest; and that all answers provided are accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you categorize your manuscript? Circle, underline or highlight the category most applicable.

1. Nonfiction - Life Stories (biography, autobiography, memoir, family history, etc.)
2. Nonfiction - Christian Living (personal growth, inspirational, spirituality, etc.)
3. Nonfiction - Biblical Studies (devotional, discipleship, etc.)
4. Nonfiction - Apologetics/Evangelism
5. Nonfiction - Relationships (friendship, marriage, family, congregation, etc.)
6. Nonfiction - Culture (contemporary social issues, missions, global affairs, etc.)
7. Nonfiction - Leadership (theology, ethics, philosophy, history, academic, theoretical, etc.)
8. Nonfiction - Instructional (how-to, training, reference, etc.)
9. Nonfiction - Young Adult
10. Fiction - Young Adult
11. Fiction - Contemporary Novel
12. Fiction - Historical Novel (includes Westerns)
13. Fiction - Romance Novel
14. Fiction - Mystery/suspense Novel
15. Fiction - Futuristic Novel

What is the word count of your manuscript? \_\_\_\_\_

Target audience for entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose/objective of the work? I.e., What were you hoping to achieve in writing this work? What is the need your manuscript addresses, and how does your work answer that need?

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How does your manuscript compare with other books in your genre currently on the market? What distinguishes your book from the others?

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How does your underlying Christian worldview inform and influence the work?

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What is your particular expertise, if any, in the subject matter of the manuscript? (experience, academic, etc.)

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What can you bring as potential marketing avenues for this book? Do you have a network of contacts that could be used in promoting this book? (e.g., public speaker; connections with a particular constituency). Describe.

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Could you potentially obtain any endorsements from recognized names or experts in a relevant field? Describe.

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