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2012 CANADIAN CHRISTIAN WRITING AWARDS NOW OPEN

The Word Guild invites submissions for its 2012 Canadian Christian Writing Awards. Deadline for first-round submissions is November 15, 2011.

BRANTFORD –The Word Guild is once more offering a two-stage deadline system for entering books and articles in the Canadian Christian Writing Awards. November 15, 2011, is the first-round deadline for entries. In this round, work published during the first nine months of the year, January through September of 2011, may be entered.

In Round Two, entries for work published during the last three months of the year—October through December—must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2012. Writers who miss the first deadline will not be disqualified from the contest, but will need to pay a higher entry fee.

The contest is open to any Canadian citizen or permanent resident who affirms The Apostles' Creed. Entrants range from professional journalists and academics, short story and article writers, royalty-published book authors, to writers who have self-published their first book or who publish exclusively on the Internet.

The Word Guild encourages writers to enter their work in the first round of submissions—any work published between January 1 and September 30, 2011. Entries for this first round must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2011. See the full list of Contest Categories, submission guidelines and our improved on-line entry form on the Awards website.

BACKGROUND

The Word Guild is a national association with the mandate of connecting, developing and promoting Canadian writers and editors who are Christian. The Canadian Christian Writing Awards honour the best writing published in 35 categories, including blogs, novels, nonfiction books, news articles, devotionals, columns, poems, short stories, song lyrics, and scripts or screenplays. Both writers and publishers may submit work for the contest.

The Writing Awards' increasing popularity, including the black-tie Awards Galas that The Word Guild has produced for the past six years, are generating more recognition for these Canadians.

At the 2011 Gala, held in June, 47 awards were given with six of the book entries shortlisted for the \$5000 Grace Irwin Award. The award, in honour of the late author, classics scholar and

ordained minister Grace Lilian Irwin, is Canada's largest literary prize for writers who are Christian.

The surprised winner, Tim Huff, won with his book, *Dancing with Dynamite: Celebrating Against the Odds* (Castle Quay Books). Other winners included the 2011 Leslie K. Tarr Award for career achievement given to James I. Packer, recently named by Time magazine as one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America. Jack Dueck from Waterloo, Ontario, received four awards over the night. Co-authors Tara Bradacs and Dennis Shackel received two awards and an honourable mention for the Grace Irwin Award for their book, *Five Seconds at a Time: How Leaders Can Make the Impossible Possible* (Harper Collins).

All entrants receive a copy of the judge's comments, which will help them to improve their work. In addition to a cash prize and a certificate suitable for framing, winners will receive on-stage recognition at the Awards Gala on June 13, 2012.