

## **NEW CARIBBEAN LITERATURE PRIZE - deadline for submission looms!**

### **OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature 2011**

For details about the prize and the associated literary festival in Trinidad & Tobago, go to: <http://www.bocaslitfest.com/>

Full guidelines are attached, but here is a summary (please circulate as appropriate):

The OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature is an annual award for literary books by Caribbean writers.

The panel of judges will choose the best book from submissions in three categories: poetry; fiction (novels and collections of short stories); and literary non-fiction (including books of essays, biography and autobiography, history, current affairs, travel, and other genres that demonstrate literary qualities). (Textbooks, technical books, coffee-table books, and reference works are not eligible.)

The winning author will receive a prize of US\$10,000, to be presented on Saturday, 30 April 2011.

- To be eligible for entry for the OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature 2011, a book must:

1. Have been first published in the calendar year 2010 (1 January to 31 December);
2. Have been written by a single author who is either a Caribbean citizen or was born in the Caribbean, regardless of current place of residence;
3. Have been written by an author who is living on 31 December, 2010;
4. Have been written and first published in English originally (i.e translations are not eligible).

- Books must be entered by their publishers.
- There is no requirement for publishers to be located in the Caribbean.
- Each publisher may enter a maximum of five books per category (poetry, fiction, nonfiction).

A book may be entered in only one category. Publishers must get authors' consent for entry.

- Self-published books may be accepted at the discretion of the judging panels.
- Books published before 30 November, 2010, should be received by the judging panels by 3 December, 2010. Books published between 30 November and 31

December, 2010, must be received by 5 January, 2011.

- Publishers must send books by courier to the Bocas Lit Fest office for dispatch to judges:

Bocas Lit Fest  
Attn: OCM Bocas Prize  
38 Coblentz Avenue  
Cascade, Port of Spain  
Trinidad and Tobago.

However, if a publisher is located in the same country as one of the relevant judges, a copy of the relevant title may be sent directly to that judge. See the list of judges and their countries of residence in Appendix 2.

- There is an entry fee of US\$10 per title.
- Each title must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- Publishers must provide five copies of each title entered.

See: <http://www.bocaslitfest.com/ocm-bocas-prize.html>

For queries about eligibility or the submission process, please contact the prize administrators at:

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