



Guidelines for the 2023 RAVEN CHAPBOOKS POETRY Contest

The winning manuscript will be published in June 2023

1. The 2023 contest is **open to all emerging and established poets** who reside on Vancouver Island, the islands in the Salish Sea, the Sunshine Coast including the islands in Howe Sound, and the Lower Mainland* which includes communities in the Fraser Valley.
2. A \$30 entry fee must be submitted with the manuscript by cheque or e-transfer, payable to Diana Hayes (Raven Chapbooks Publisher) 138 McAllister Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1M4; e-transfers to dehayes@islandnet.com
3. Contest entry fees are non-refundable, and manuscripts cannot be edited after submission. Please be sure to submit only your final version of the poems.
4. Manuscripts must be postmarked no later than **November 30, 2022**.
5. Manuscripts must comprise 15–25 pages of poems (not including title page and table of contents). Manuscripts may contain some poems previously published in journals if the poet retains copyright, and the selection as a whole has not been previously published. Please note journal acknowledgements in your covering letter.
6. Manuscripts must be formatted in 12 pt. font, single spaced, and pages must be numbered. A title page and table of contents should be included. **Do not include any identifying information within the manuscript itself. Manuscripts will be blind judged.** Please include a **SEPARATE** one-page cover letter identifying the title of your submission and include a short biographical paragraph along with contact information, including email and phone number.
7. Manuscripts may be submitted in **hard copy** to: Diana Hayes, Raven Chapbooks, 138 McAllister Road, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1M4, or **electronically** as separate PDF files: one file for the manuscript which should include title page, table of contents, and page numbers but no identifying information, and a **separate PDF** file which includes cover letter, manuscript title, and short bio. Email digital files to: **publisher@ravenchapbooks.ca** **Include your name and Raven Contest 2023 in the subject line.** For mailed copies, include an SASE if you wish to receive your manuscript back after the contest.

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8. The shortlist will be announced by February 15, 2023 and the winning manuscript will be announced on **March 1st, 2023**. The winner will be contacted by phone and the announcement will be posted on the website: <https://www.ravenchapbooks.ca/contest/>
9. The winning manuscript will be published in **June 2023** in an edition of 135 copies. Design and production details will be negotiated with the poet. A publishing contract will be provided. The poet may purchase copies at the author's discount - 50% of retail cost.

*NOTE: The Lower Mainland extends to Langley and Maple Ridge in the east, the North Shore watersheds and Lions Bay in the north, the U.S. border, and the Strait of Georgia in the south and west. It includes all the above plus all the Fraser Valley.