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Dear Students and Alumni of UBC,

We are pleased to be in touch with you as the submissions period for the fourth year of the HarperCollins*PublishersLtd*/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction has arrived! The competition has been a great success these past few years, with three very deserving winners (the first of which, Karim Alrawi's *The Book of Sands*, having recently been nominated for Amazon's First Novel Award) and a great many impressive submissions to date.

Before the gates open, we would like to take the opportunity to tell you a little about ourselves. The Cooke Agency (TCA) was founded in 1992 by Dean Cooke. We are an energetic, client-focused agency and we apply a strong team approach to all of our endeavours. In 2007 TCA merged with The Harding Agency, and Sally Harding became a co-owner. We are fully Canadian owned and operated and currently have offices in both Toronto and Vancouver. We proudly represent over 100 national and international award-winning authors of quality fiction and non-fiction. Our sister company, The Cooke Agency International (CI), was launched in 2009 to sell foreign rights on behalf of Canadian publishers and literary agencies. CI's clients include TCA, Penguin Random House Canada, Anne McDerimid & Associates Ltd, ChiZine, Rick Broadhead & Associates and Small Beer Press. CI sells foreign rights into dozens of territories.

We would like to thank you for participating in this year's Prize as we are looking forward to reading your work. We are also pleased that HarperCollins is continuing the practice of offering a detailed editorial conversation to each of the shortlisted authors once the shortlist has been announced. The challenge of selecting a winner from a pool of such promising talent is sure to be a rewarding task. Best of luck to you all!

Sincerely,
The Cooke Agency