2016 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards

Conditions of Entry

Closing date

1. The closing date for entries in all categories is 5pm (WST) Friday 29 January 2016. The online entry form must be completed by this time and date. Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.

2. Copies of works entered must be received at the address on the entry form no later than 5pm (WST) Friday 5 February 2016. Copies received after this date will not be accepted and the related entry will be void.

3. No responsibility is accepted for entries that are not received by the due time and date.

Entries

4. Only the work entered via the online entry form and submitted with five (5) original copies of the work will be considered for the awards. Books and other entered material will not be returned. All published works will become the property of the State Library of Western Australia. The State Library reserves the right to add these works to the State Library's collections or donate them to charity.

5. Only works entered into the State Library of Western Australia West Australian History or the Western Australian Emerging Writers categories can be entered into ONE OTHER category. If a work is entered into one of these two categories and one other category, each entry must be treated as a separate entry with its own entry form and five copies of works supplied per entry form (i.e. 10 copies).

6. All other works may only be submitted into ONE category.

7. All works must be written in the English language, or have parallel English text.

8. All works nominated (except Scripts and Digital Narrative) must be published works in book (printed or electronic) form. It is not necessary for the work to have been published in Australia.

9. All works entered must have been published or produced between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015. Only works published for the first time are eligible.

10. Scripts will be assessed on their literary merit and not the merits of a particular production. To be eligible, scripts must have had their first professional production / screening / broadcast between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015 (inclusive) or, in the case of film and television scripts, completed production between those dates. A film or television script shall only be entered once in the awards.

    10.1 Where scripts have not been published, they must be submitted bound and typed. Five (5) copies must be submitted. Where music has been a major component of the work, five (5) CDs should also be included.

11. Entries to the Digital Narrative category must include the URL in the Comments section of the online entry form. The URL must be viewable and functional online. For works which need to be viewed as an App or are designed specifically for a mobile

phone, tablet or other electronic device, an explanation of how to obtain free access to the work must be included in the Comments section.

11.1 Multiple Digital Narrative entries are acceptable but each entry must be submitted separately.

11.2 Attachments will not be accepted. No footnotes or separate text files will be accepted.

12. Revised editions of books will not be considered unless the revisions are exceedingly substantial so that the book is considered a new work. It is the nominator's responsibility to identify the new material and to include one copy of the original edition with the entry form.

13. Works may be submitted by authors, publishers or literary agents. Publishers or literary agents must have permission of the author.

14. Joint authors must have the permission of the other author(s) to enter the work.

15. Works entered must be of the author's own work and must not have been published previously in any other format.

16. Unsuccessful entries (authors and publishers) will not be advised personally of the results.

Eligibility

17. Entry is open to authors who fulfill at least one of the following conditions:
    o Authors must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia
    o Whose work has Australia as its primary focus

18. If a work has a joint author who does not fit into one of the above categories, then the work shall still be eligible providing that one of the joint authors does fit into one of the above categories.

19. The judges may request supporting documentation in relation to any or all of the above eligibility criteria.

20. The judges' decision upon the eligibility of an entry shall be final.

Authorship

21. Works of joint authorship are eligible for these awards. Joint authorship is defined here as meaning co-authors, editors, illustrators, translators, etc. However, anthologies of poetry or short stories by more than three (3) different authors and compiled by an editor, are not eligible.

22. Books developed specifically as curriculum material are not eligible.

Prize money

23. Prize money of $15,000 will be awarded for the winning publication of each of the following categories: Children's Books, Fiction, Non-fiction and West Australian History.

24. Prize money of $10,000 will be awarded for the winning publication of each of the following categories: Poetry, Scripts, Writing for Young Adults and Western Australian Emerging Writers.

25. Prize money of $5,000 will be awarded for the winning publication in the Digital Narrative and for the People's Choice Award. The People's Choice Award is selected by readers from books shortlisted in the Fiction category only.

26. It is the responsibility of the entrant to nominate the category into which their work is entered.

27. Prize monies will be paid to the individual in whose name the award has been entered, according to the Author's Contact Details on the Online Entry Form.

    26.1 In the case of a Children's Book containing original illustrations the judging panel may determine that the award and prize money be shared between the writer and the illustrator.

28. Winners should seek independent advice regarding the tax implications of any prize.

Judging

29. The judges are not required to make awards in all categories if they do not consider the nominated works to be of sufficient merit.

30. The decision of the judges will be final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning their decisions.

31. The judging process must be free from any interference to allow for a transparent judging process. Any author, publisher, literary agent or lobbyist who attempts to undertake discussions or corresponds with a judge of these awards in relation to an entry or entries may have that entry or entries disqualified from these awards.

32. The shortlist will be published on the State Library of Western Australia's website http://pba.slwa.wa.gov.au

33. The winners will be announced at a function in late 2016. Winning entries and judges' comments will be posted on the State Library of Western Australia's website http://pba.slwa.wa.gov.au

Confidentiality

34. With the exception of personal information on the entry form, the management of the awards gives no undertaking to keep confidential any information provided with the entries for the awards.

Closing date and time

35. The online entry form will be processed and returned to you by email with your entry number and entry address label details.

36. The closing date for entries in all categories is 5pm (WST) Friday 29 January 2016. The online entry form must be received by this time and date. Online entry forms received after this date will not be accepted.

37. Copies of publications must be received at the address on the entry form no later than 5pm (WST) Friday 5 February 2016. Copies received after this date will not be accepted and the related entry will be void.

38. The State Library of Western Australia reserves the right not to accept incomplete or late entries.

39. Receipt of entries will be acknowledged by email. Please allow seven (7) working days to receive this acknowledgment.

Winning entries

40. Publishers may include 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards - SHORTLISTED' and 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards - WINNER' on subsequent editions of the relevant work in a format supplied by the State Library of Western Australia.

41. The State Library of Western Australia expects that each winner of the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards will be available from time to time to undertake media interviews and to promote these awards. For this reason prize recipients should be prepared to undertake a small number of public speaking, media interviews (face to face or via electronic means), photographs or personal appearances at functions promoting these awards up to and including the next year the awards are presented.

42. Publishers and authors will be notified by email if their entry has been shortlisted. Winning authors and publishers will be notified in advance if they have won. Award-winning authors are expected to attend the award presentations in Western Australia.

Other

43. Breach of any Conditions of Entry will render an entry invalid.

44. The Western Australian Government may change the Conditions of Entry or guidelines or vary the awards process at any time either before or after the closing date of entries. No claim or entitlement for compensation for loss can be made for any matter relating to the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, including but not limited to a failure of the organisers or the State Government to comply with the guidelines or Conditions of Entry.

Categories and prizes

The 2016 categories are as follows:

State Library of Western Australia West Australian History ($10,000)
For a significant historical work that makes a major contribution to the understanding of West Australia's past. The purpose of the award is to promote the State Library of Western Australia as the leading centre for original research and scholarship of West Australian History.

Western Australian Emerging Writers ($10,000)
For the first published work (of any genre) by an author residing in Western Australia. This category excludes self-published works.

Children's Books ($15,000)
For a work of prose and/or poetry written for children. In the case of a book containing original illustrations the judging panel may determine that the award and prize money be shared between the writer and the illustrator.

Fiction ($15,000)
For a work of Fiction (which may be a novel or a collection of stories).

Non-fiction ($15,000)
For a work of Non-fiction which may include biography, autobiography, history, natural history, literary criticism and other works of social, political or topical interest.

Poetry ($10,000)
For a book of poetry. Where the work contains both poetry and prose, the predominant genre determines the category into which it should be entered.

Scripts ($10,000)
For a script written for theatre, radio, film or television.

Writing for Young Adults ($10,000)
For a work of prose and/or poetry written for young adults.

Digital Narrative ($5,000)
The Digital Narrative category is open to entrants who have created a narrative for a digital platform. The award is based on the narrative merit of a work written specifically for delivery and reading/viewing on an electronic device such as a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

People's Choice Award ($5,000)
The public will be invited to vote on their favourite book out of those shortlisted in the Fiction category only. The People's Choice Award will be awarded to the author of the title which receives the most votes.

The Premier's Prize ($25,000)
This prize is for the best overall entry from all category and award winners (except the People's Choice Award) and recognises the most outstanding winning entry.

These awards have been made available by the Western Australian Government and are managed by the State Library of Western Australia.

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Information about the Premier's Book Awards and the online entry form can be found at:
http://pba.slwa.wa.gov.au

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