

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S BOOK AWARDS 2023

The Premier's Prize for Book of the Year

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

The Premier's Prize for Book of the Year, sponsored by Writing WA (\$15,000)

Awarded to an outstanding fiction or narrative nonfiction book by an author residing in Western Australia. This category is open to prose, poetry, fiction or narrative nonfiction in any style or genre.

Guidelines, terms and conditions

Below are the guidelines, terms and conditions for *The Premier's Prize for Book of the Year*.

Eligibility

1. All books entered must have been published and made available for general sale between **1 January 2022** and **31 December 2022**.
2. All books must have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), be published in book form and available for general sale.
3. Books cannot be submitted in multiple categories (i.e. choose one category per book).
4. Emerging writers and children's books can enter the Book of the Year. However, each book can only enter one category. Therefore, the book could not also be entered into the Children's Book of the Year or the Emerging Writer Awards. It is up to the person applying to decide which category is best for the book.
5. Authors who have published multiple books in the calendar year can enter multiple categories but must choose one category per book.
6. The author must be substantively a Western Australian resident for a minimum of 12 months before the closing date of nominations.
7. If a book has joint authorship, one of the joint authors must have been a Western Australian resident for a minimum of twelve months prior to the closing date of nominations. Joint authorship is defined as co-authors, illustrators, translators etc.
8. Anthologies of poetry, short stories or books written by three or more authors are ineligible.
9. Self-published works are eligible but must have an ISBN, be printed in book form and available for general sale.
10. Only books published for the first time are eligible. (i.e. second editions and reprints are ineligible)
11. All works must be written in the English language or have parallel English text.
12. Published versions of books originally released electronically before the eligible period will not be accepted.
13. Books entered must be the author's own work and must not have been published previously in any other format.
14. Permanent full-time employees and Board Members of the State Library of Western Australia and permanent full-time employees of the State Records Office (SRO) are not eligible to enter.
15. Permanent full-time employees of Writing WA are not eligible to enter.
16. Books developed specifically as curriculum material are not eligible.
17. The judges or the State Library may request supporting documentation concerning any or all the above eligibility criteria.
18. The decision upon the eligibility of an entry is final.

Closing date

19. The closing date for entries is **5pm (WST) Thursday 19 January 2023**. The [online entry form](#) must be completed by this time and date. Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.
20. After submitting an online entry form you will receive an automated email with your entry number and entry address label details.
21. Five (5) copies of the entered work must be received at the State Library no later than **5pm (WST) 27 January 2023**. Copies received after this date will not be accepted, and the related entry will be void.
22. Confirmation that your works have arrived at the State Library will be acknowledged by email. Please allow ten (10) working days to receive this acknowledgment.
23. The State Library of Western Australia takes no responsibility for entries that are not received by the due date.

Entries

24. Only applications entered via the online entry form and submitted with five (5) original copies of the book will be considered for *The Premier's Prize for Book of the Year*.
25. Books and other entered material will not be returned. All entered material will become the property of the State Library of Western Australia. The State Library reserves the right to add these works to the Library's collections, give them to judges or donate them to charity.
26. The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards are free to enter. However, the cost of sending books to the State Library must be covered by the applicant.
27. Books may be submitted by authors, publishers, or literary agents. Publishers or literary agents must have the permission of all the author/s and illustrator/s.
28. Joint authors must have the permission of the other author/s to enter the work.

Prize money

29. \$15,000 may be awarded to the winning author/s or illustrator of *The Premier's Prize for Book of the Year*.
30. It is the responsibility of the applicant to nominate the category into which their work is entered.
31. 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.
32. In the case of the publication containing original illustrations, the award and prize money may be shared between the writer and the illustrator.
33. Authors must be living at the time of nomination. If the winning author passes away after the nominations close, the prize money will be paid to their estate.
34. Winners should seek independent advice regarding the tax implications of any prize.

Judging

35. The judges are not required to make awards in all categories if they do not consider the nominated books to be of sufficient merit.
36. The judges' decision will be final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning their decisions.
37. The judging process must be free from interference to allow for a transparent process. Any author, publisher, literary agent or lobbyist who attempts to undertake discussions or corresponds with a judge of these awards about an entry or entries may be disqualified.
38. Due to the number of entries, feedback will not be available.

Winning and shortlisted entries

39. A shortlist will be announced via the State Library's social media channels [@statelibrarywa](#) and then published on the State Library of Western Australia's website. Publishers and authors will then be notified by email if their entry has been shortlisted.
40. The winners will be announced in June 2023. Nominees should be available for media, functions and public engagements. Winning entries and judges' comments will be posted on the State Library of Western Australia's [website](#).
41. Publishers may include 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards – SHORTLISTED' and 'Western Australian Premier's Book Awards – WINNER' badges on subsequent editions of the relevant work in a format supplied by the State Library of Western Australia.
42. The State Library of Western Australia expects that each winner of the Western Australian Premier's Prize for Book of the Year 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 appearances, 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.

Confidentiality

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

Other

44. Breach of any guidelines, terms and conditions will render an entry invalid.
45. Authors and illustrators will retain copyright and moral rights in their works. The Western Australian Government and State Library of Western Australia will not reproduce the works without permission from the author, except for uses permitted by *The Copyright Act 1968*.
46. The State Library of Western Australia is the [legal deposit](#) library for Western Australia. Entry into the Book Awards does not constitute a legal deposit. Legal deposit is a statutory provision requiring publishers to deposit copies of their publications in a nominated collecting institute.
47. The Western Australian Government may change the guidelines, terms and conditions 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, terms, and conditions. In the case of major changes that effect the entry or outcome, all entrants will be notified via email.

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The closing date for entries is:
19 January 2023 5:00pm (WST)

Information about the Premier's Book Awards
and the online entry form can be found at:



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