



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S BOOK AWARDS 2025

Children's Book of the Year

The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards (the awards) are made available by the Government of Western Australia and are managed by the State Library of Western Australia.

Children's Book of the Year (\$15,000) is awarded to an outstanding children's book by an author or illustrator residing in Western Australia. This category is open to children's books in any style or genre suitable for ages between 0 to 12 years old. In the case of a book containing original illustrations, the award and prize money will be shared between the writer and the illustrator.

Guidelines, terms and conditions

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

Eligibility

1. All books entered must have been published and made available for general sale between **1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024**.
2. All books, including self-published books, must have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), be printed in book form and available for general sale.
3. Each book can only be entered in one category (i.e. the same book cannot be entered in multiple categories). The person applying must decide which category they wish to enter.
4. Authors who have published multiple books in the calendar year can enter multiple categories but must choose one category per book.
5. The author or illustrator must be substantively a Western Australian resident for a minimum of twelve (12) months before the closing date of nominations.
6. If a book has joint authorship, one of the joint authors must have been a Western Australian resident for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the closing date of nominations. Joint authorship is defined as co-authors, illustrators, translators, etc.
7. Works may be written by a maximum of two authors and one illustrator or one author and two illustrators. However, books that are the combined collaborative work of a community group or community group and author **may** be eligible. All contributors must be individually named as co-author/s of the book in the entry form, and the book must meet all other eligibility criteria.
8. Only books published for the first time are eligible (i.e. second or later editions and reprints are ineligible).
9. All works must be written in the English language or have parallel English text.
10. Published versions of books originally released electronically before the eligibility period will not be accepted.
11. Books entered must be the author's own work and must not have been published previously in any other format.
12. Works generated by artificial intelligence (AI) are ineligible.
13. Employees and Board Members of the State Library of Western Australia are not eligible to enter.
14. Books developed specifically as curriculum material are not eligible.
15. The judges or the State Library of Western Australia may request supporting documentation concerning any or all the above eligibility criteria.
16. The decision regarding the eligibility of an entry is final.

Closing date

17. The closing date for entries is **5pm (WST) Thursday 20 February 2025**. The [online entry form](#) must be completed by this time and date. Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.
18. After submitting an online entry form you will receive an automated email with your entry number and mailing address label.
19. Confirmation that your works have arrived at the State Library of Western Australia will be acknowledged by email. Please allow ten (10) working days to receive this acknowledgment.
20. The State Library of Western Australia takes no responsibility for entries that are not received by the due date.

Entries

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

Prize money

26. Prize money of \$15,000 may be awarded to the winning author/s or illustrator of the *Children's Book of the Year*.
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.
28. In the case of a publication containing original illustrations, the award and prize money may be shared between the writer and the illustrator.
29. 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.
30. Winners should seek independent advice regarding the tax implications of any prize.

Judging

31. The judges are not required to make awards in all categories if they do not consider the nominated books to be of sufficient merit.
32. The judges' decision will be final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning their decisions.
33. 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.
34. Due to the number of entries, feedback will not be available.

Winning and shortlisted entries

35. A shortlist will be announced via the State Library of Western Australia's social media channels [@statelibrarywa](#) and then published on the State Library of Western Australia's [website](#). Publishers and authors will be notified by email if their entry has been shortlisted.
36. The winners will be announced in July 2025. 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](#).
37. 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.
38. The State Library of Western Australia expects that category winners will be available from time to time to undertake media interviews and to promote the awards. Prize recipients should be prepared to undertake a small number of public appearances, media interviews (in-person or via electronic means), photographs or personal appearances at functions promoting the awards up to and including the next year the awards are presented.

Confidentiality

39. Personal information on the online entry form will be kept confidential.

Other

40. Breach of any guidelines, terms and conditions will render an entry invalid.
41. Authors and illustrators will retain copyright and moral rights in their works. The Government of Western Australia 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.
42. The State Library of Western Australia is the [legal deposit](#) library for Western Australia. Entry into the 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.
43. The Government of Western Australia may change the guidelines, terms and conditions or vary the awards process at any time. 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 Government of Western Australia to comply with the guidelines, terms, and conditions. In the case of major changes that affect the entry or outcome, all entrants will be notified via email.

Information and enquiries

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Information about the awards and the online entry form can be found at:



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