

The Text Prize for Young Adult & Children's Writing

Terms & Conditions of Entry

1. The manuscript must be a work of fiction or non-fiction of at least 25,000 words, and must be written in English.
2. The manuscript submitted must be complete and must be suitable for a Young Adult or Children's readership.
3. This prize is not open to illustrated books.
4. The competition is open to all living writers, whether they have been published before or not. However your submitted work must not be on submission to or under contract/option to any other publisher. It is a condition of entry that Text Publishing has the right to acquire worldwide publication rights in any manuscript submitted to the competition, until the end of the judging period.
5. Only one entry per author will be accepted.
6. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand. In entering the competition you warrant that:
 - (i) The entry is an original work, which has not been published or made available in any form anywhere throughout the world.
 - (ii) That it is in no way whatever an infringement of any existing copyright or licence or any other right of any person.
 - (iii) That it contains no defamatory matter, or any matter which invades any individual's rights of privacy.
 - (iv) All statements in the work purporting to be facts are true.
7. Entries must be received by post, and must contain the following:
 - (i) A completed entry form, available from the Text Publishing website (www.textpublishing.com.au).
 - (ii) The complete manuscript.
 - (iii) A synopsis of no more than 100 words.
8. Electronic submissions will not be accepted, nor will hand delivered submissions. Post your entry to The Text Prize, Level 10, 22 William Street, Melbourne 3000 between Monday 4 May 2009 and Friday 31 July 2009.
9. All entries must be received by Text Publishing no later than 4pm Friday 31 July 2009.
10. The winner will be notified by phone and/or email.

**Entry form and conditions at
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11. The winner will be announced at the Melbourne Writers' Festival during the last week of August 2009, and on the Text Publishing website (www.textpublishing.com.au).
12. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into either during or after the judging process.
13. Chance plays no part in determining the winner. Entries will be judged in regard to literary merit and commercial potential in today's Young Adult or Children's book markets.
14. Only one prize will be awarded.
15. Submitted manuscripts will not be returned. Do not submit any creative materials apart from your written entry, as no material can or will be returned. Do not submit any original documents and keep a copy of your entry for your reference.
16. Text Publishing takes no responsibility for lost or misdirected entries.
17. The winner receives a prize of \$10,000 which constitutes an advance against royalties from sales, and a contract to publish the winning book with Text Publishing.
18. The winning entry shall be published by Text Publishing under the terms of a publishing agreement, which shall be negotiated in line with industry norms.
19. The prize is not transferable and not redeemable for any other goods or services.
20. Text Publishing reserves the right not to offer a first prize if in its reasonable opinion no entry is received which is of an acceptable standard to warrant publication.
21. By entering this competition you have opted-in to Text's marketing database and may receive marketing information from us. The personal information you have provided to Text is collected for the purpose of notifying the winner of the competition and for Text's direct marketing. It will not be disclosed to any other organisation. You may opt out of our marketing database at any time.
22. By entering the competition you accept the conditions of entry as prescribed and give your consent for your manuscript to be considered for the prize.
23. The promoter is Text Publishing, ABN 46 063 671 205, 22 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

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