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Queensland Literary Awards 2021

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PUBLISHED AWARDS**



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The Queensland Literary Awards

The Queensland Literary Awards showcase outstanding authors from across Australia, celebrating emerging and established authors across a range of genres. State Library of Queensland is proud to manage the Awards in collaboration with sponsors, the literary community, and industry partners.

The Queensland Literary Awards are supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and State Library of Queensland, sponsors, grants and philanthropic donations through the Queensland Library Foundation.

Key Dates

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| 1 March | Nominations open for all award categories |
| 31 March | Early Bird March discount ends – save \$10 on nomination fees |
| 30 April | Nominations close (all categories) |
| 19 July | <i>The Courier-Mail</i> People's Choice Award voting opens |
| August | Shortlist announcements |
| 16 August | <i>The Courier-Mail</i> People's Choice Award voting closes |
| September | Winners announced at the awards ceremony |

Awards and Prizes

- Queensland Premier's Award for a work of State Significance – \$25,000
- Fiction Book Award – \$15,000
- Non-Fiction Book Award – \$15,000
- Griffith University Young Adult Book Award – \$15,000
- Children's Book Award – \$15,000
- University of Southern Queensland Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection – \$15,000
- Judith Wright Calanthe Award for a Poetry Collection – \$15,000
- *The Courier-Mail* People's Choice Queensland Book of the Year Award – \$10,000

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible books must have a publication date between **1 May 2020** and **30 April 2021 inclusive**, and be first published and offered for general sale in Australia between **1 May 2020** and **30 April 2021 inclusive**.

- Published books submitted in the 2020 Queensland Literary Awards are ineligible to be re-submitted.
- Eligible works will be formally published in book form (print) with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or formally published electronically with an ISBN.
- Self-published books in print with an ISBN or self-published electronic books with an ISBN are eligible for entry.
- Eligible works must be first published, or publicly released, in English.
- Eligible works will be primarily text (except in the children's book category). Works consisting primarily of images, pictures, photographs or illustrations are ineligible unless the accompanying text is judged to be of sufficient literary merit.
- Oral histories, translated texts, and pamphlet publications are ineligible for these awards.
- Only books with a listed for-sale date prior to 1 May 2021 are eligible.
- Books with a trade publication date of May 2021 with stock released early for selective promotional events, such as literary festivals, are not eligible for entry in the 2021 awards. These titles should be entered into the 2022 awards.
- For digital works, this means first publicly released and made available for sale to general Australian audiences between **1 May 2020** and **30 April 2021 inclusive**.

Authors

All authors, co-authors, co-creators and illustrators must be:

- Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia for a minimum period of three (3) years prior to the closing date for nominations
- at least 18 years of age, or provide written consent from a parent or guardian to nominate
- living at the date of nomination.

Works of co-authorship are eligible except in the poetry collection and short story collection categories.

Co-authorship is defined as joint responsibility by two (2) or more authors for the entire work. If the winning nomination is a co-authored work, all eligible authors, co-authors, co-creators and illustrators of the work will receive the award and share the prize money equally. Nominators must indicate co-authorship, if applicable, at the time of nomination.

Anthologies, journals or books compiled by an editor, committee, organisation or author consisting principally of contributions from several writers are ineligible.

Eligibility and nominations process

- All eligible nominations must include a completed online nomination form, payment of the nomination fee and the submission of five (5) copies of the nominated book in published book

form. Digital book files (for example, ePub or mobi) are accepted only for electronic and internet-only publications.

- There is no limit to the number of published titles by the same author that may be nominated, provided that each book meets all relevant eligibility requirements. An online nomination form, entry fee and five (5) copies of the nominated work must accompany each nomination.
- The same title may be submitted to multiple categories if eligible, and each category must be indicated on the online nomination form. A nomination fee applies per category. Five (5) copies of the nominated work must be provided for each nomination in each category.
- Books may be submitted by authors, publishers, literary agents or interested third parties. However, any third-party nominating books on behalf of an author is responsible for ensuring and demonstrating, if requested, that the author's consent has been obtained prior to the nomination.
- Books published by State Library of Queensland are eligible for nomination, but State Library of Queensland does not, as publisher, nominate any books for awards.

PUBLISHED BOOK AWARDS

QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S AWARD FOR A WORK OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE

PRIZE: \$25,000

Awarded to an outstanding work by an Australian writer, focused on documenting, discussing or highlighting a uniquely Queensland story.

Category-specific criteria

- Judges will award this prize to the nomination of the highest literary merit, telling a significant Queensland story, or to any work by a Queensland author if it has increased the awareness and profile of Queensland writing.
- Eligible works will profile or contain important Queensland authors, stories, history, or voices.
- Published books in the following genres are eligible in this category: plays, short story collections, poetry collections, novels, children's books, young adult books, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, and other works of non-fiction.
- This category is open to all Australian authors. Authors do not need to be based in Queensland to be eligible for this award.

FICTION BOOK AWARD

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding work of fiction by an Australian writer.

Category-specific criteria

- Historical fiction and fictionalised memoirs are eligible for this category.
- Short story collections are **not** eligible for this category. Short story collections by a single author should be nominated in the University of Southern Queensland Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection.

NON-FICTION BOOK AWARD

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding work of non-fiction by an Australian writer.

Category-specific criteria

- Eligible non-fiction works include biographies, autobiographies and memoir, histories, philosophy, literary criticism, science writing books, and works dealing with contemporary issues, including true crime.
- Oral histories are **not** eligible unless the author claims artistic responsibility for the majority of the text.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARD

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding work suitable for young adults 13 to 19 years of age.

CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding work by an Australian writer suitable for children up to 12 years of age.

Category-specific criteria

- Wordless picture books or illustrated narratives are eligible for nomination in this category.
- In the case of illustrated picture books, this prize awards the author **and** the illustrator. The author and illustrator will jointly win the award and share the prize money equally.
- Both the author and illustrator must meet the general eligibility criteria.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND STEELE RUDD AWARD FOR A SHORT STORY COLLECTION

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding collection of short stories by an Australian writer.

Category-specific criteria

- Eligible works must be a collection of short stories by **one author** collated in book form.
- Anthologies or multi-author collections are **not** eligible.

JUDITH WRIGHT CALANTHE AWARD FOR A POETRY COLLECTION

PRIZE: \$15,000

Awarded to an outstanding published collection of poetry by an Australian writer.

Category-specific criteria

- Eligible works must be a collection of poetry by **one author** in book form.
- Anthologies or multi-author collections are **not** eligible.

This award is supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund.

THE COURIER-MAIL PEOPLE'S CHOICE QUEENSLAND BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD

PRIZE: \$10,000

Awarded to an outstanding book by a Queensland author.

Category-specific criteria

- For the purposes of this award, a Queensland author is someone who has lived in Queensland for at least the past three (3) years or is a Queensland-born author who continues to strongly identify with the state.
- Queensland-authored nominations in Fiction Book Award and Non-Fiction Book Award categories are automatically eligible for this award.
- The Queensland Literary Awards judges select the shortlist from the eligible nominations.
- The public then votes for their favourite shortlisted book to determine the winner.
- The nomination that receives the most votes wins the prize.
- There is no nomination form or entry fee for this award.
- The shortlist for this award will be announced on 19 July 2021.
- Voting will be via the State Library of Queensland website from 19 July to 16 August 2021. These dates may be subject to change at the discretion of State Library of Queensland.

NOMINATION FEES

A \$50 fee applies to each nomination for the published book awards. This amount includes GST. The nomination fee is paid via credit card as part of the online nomination process.

Early Bird discount
SAVE \$10 on fees
for nominations received in March

Fee exemption

- A fee exemption is available for **one nomination only**, if the **author** of the nominated work holds one of the following valid Australian concession cards:
 - Pensioner Concession Card
 - Health Care Card or Low Income Health Care Card
 - tertiary student card
 - Veteran Card issued by the Australian Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Photocopied proof of the author's status as a current card holder must be submitted with the copies of the nominated books or the nomination will not be eligible for judging.
- Please use the 'Published book awards – concession' nomination form.
- Please note that Seniors Cards are not eligible for fee-exemption.
- Only one fee-exemption nomination may be entered. Further nominations will be subject to nomination fees. For requests for further fee-exempt nominations due to financial hardship, please email your written request to gla@slq.qld.gov.au for consideration.

Unable to pay by credit card?

Please contact State Library of Queensland by email at gla@slq.qld.gov.au or by phone on 07 3840 7424 if you are unable to pay by credit card, or if you have any questions about the nomination fees.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Nominations must be received before the closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Copies of works submitted as part of a nomination will not be returned.
- The nominator consents to the author's personal information being used and disclosed where appropriate for editorial, advertising, or promotional purposes in conjunction with the 2021 Queensland Literary Awards and the ongoing Queensland Literary Awards program. The State Library of Queensland will adhere to the privacy principles in the Information Privacy Act 2009 (see Privacy notice below).
- While all reasonable care will be taken, no responsibility is accepted by State Library of Queensland for loss or damage to submitted books or manuscripts.
- State Library reserves the right to change the conditions of nomination, cancel, or vary the awards process at any time, whether before, on, or after the closing date.
- The conduct of inviting nominations does not give rise to any legal or equitable relationship.
- In all matters relating to the conditions of nomination and judging process, the decisions of the judges and State Library are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Breach of conditions of nomination will render a nomination invalid.
- No person will be entitled to claim compensation for loss from State Library for any matter in connection with the Queensland Literary Awards, including, but not limited to, a failure by State Library to comply with the conditions of nomination.
- Publishers may print 'Queensland Literary Awards Finalist' or 'Queensland Literary Awards Winner' on subsequent printings of shortlisted and winning works. Hard copies and digital stickers will be provided to nominators of winning and shortlisted entries.
- Award winners and finalists should be prepared to participate in a small number of local and national media opportunities at the time of, and in the year following, being awarded.
- For the published book award categories, in the case of the prize being awarded to a recently deceased author, the prize money goes to the rights holder of the literary estate. In cases where this is not able to be determined, prize money will be awarded to the publisher to be distributed to the rights holder once they are identified (for example, as with royalty payments).
- Judging panels may request additional information from authors or nominators if they feel it is required.
- Judges have the right to move a nomination to a different category if they deem the category to be more relevant.
- Outcomes of the judging process are final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into about final award decisions or the judging process.
- State Library and Queensland Literary Awards judges reserve the right not to award a prize in any category.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Closing dates

- Complete nominations must be received no later than 5pm AEST on 30 April 2021.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

Nomination steps

1. Complete the online nomination form and pay your nomination fee/s via credit card, if required. If you are exempt from paying the nomination fee, use the 'Published book award – concession' form.
2. You may submit up to ten (10) nominations per form. Publishers submitting more than ten (10) nominations may use multiple forms or email qla@slq.qld.gov.au for alternatives.
3. Send copies of the nominated title and/or application support materials to State Library of Queensland:
 - **For books published in print**, send five (5) copies of the nominated print book per category to the State Library address below. *These copies are for distribution to the category judges and will not be returned.*
 - **For electronic and Internet-only entries** send one (1) USB containing the three (3) separate versions of the book's digital file (ePub, .mobi and PDF formats) to the State Library address below.

PRIVACY NOTICE

State Library of Queensland collects the minimum personal information necessary to process a nomination and administer the Queensland Literary Awards. We will only use the personal information from the online application form for the purpose for which it has been provided and for directly related purposes such as contacting the applicant, assessing the merits of the nomination and to promote shortlisted and winning nominations. We will not disclose the personal information without the consent of the individual to whom the personal information relates, except for purposes directly related to administering this award program.

The State Library of Queensland is subject to privacy legislation which applies to the Queensland public sector — the Information Privacy Act 2009. The Information Privacy Act contains a number of privacy principles that set out how agencies must handle personal information.

Further information on the Queensland Government's information privacy scheme can be accessed through the Office of the Information Commissioner.

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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