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**Literary Awards**  
2022

**GUIDELINES:  
PUBLISHED AWARDS**



# Queensland Literary Awards 2022

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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

10 March	Nominations open for all award categories
31 March	Early Bird March discount ends – save \$10 on nomination fees
29 April	Nominations close (all categories)
18 July	People’s Choice Award voting opens
August	Shortlist announcements
15 August	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
- Young Adult Book Award – \$15,000
- Children’s Book Award – \$15,000
- Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection – \$15,000
- Judith Wright Calanthe Award for a Poetry Collection – \$15,000
- People’s Choice Queensland Book of the Year Award – \$10,000

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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Books must be first published and available for general sale in Australia between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022, inclusive.

- Published books submitted in the 2021 Queensland Literary Awards are ineligible to be re-submitted.
- Eligible works will be published in book form (print) with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or 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 primarily 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, audio books, translated texts, and pamphlet publications are not eligible for these awards.
- Anthologies, journals or books compiled by an editor, committee, organisation or author consisting principally of contributions from several writers are ineligible.
- Books with a trade publication date of May 2022 with stock released early for selective promotional events, such as literary festivals, are not eligible for entry in the 2022 awards. These titles should be entered into the 2023 awards.
- All authors, co-authors, co-creators and illustrators must be:
  - Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia, and
  - at least 18 years of age, or provide written consent from a parent or guardian to nominate, and
  - 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 or more authors for the entire work. If the winning nomination is a co-authored work, all 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. If co-authors are missing from a nomination, they will be added in during eligibility processing and the nominator advised.

## Eligibility and nominations process

- All eligible nominations must include a completed online nomination form, payment of the nomination fee and submission of five copies of the nominated book in published book form. Digital book files (ePub, .mobi and PDF) are accepted only for electronic-only 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 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 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.

## QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S AWARD FOR A WORK OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE

**PRIZE: \$25,000**

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Awarded to an outstanding work by an Australian writer, focused on documenting, discussing or highlighting a uniquely Queensland story, or an outstanding work by a Queensland author if it has increased the awareness and profile of Queensland writing.

### Category-specific criteria

- Judges will award this prize to the nomination of the highest literary merit that:
  - tells a significant Queensland story and/or
  - is a 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.
- Entries submitted to this category may also be submitted to other categories for consideration. Please refer to the eligibility criteria for each category.
- State Library will waive the nomination fee for this category if the same title is also entered into at least one other category. Please tick the box indicated on the nomination form to have this applied to your nominations. Entry fees still apply to a work entered only into this category.

## FICTION BOOK AWARD

**PRIZE: \$15,000**

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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 Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection.

## NON-FICTION BOOK AWARD

**PRIZE: \$15,000**

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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.

## YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARD

**PRIZE: \$15,000**

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

## CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

**PRIZE: \$15,000**

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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.

## STEELE RUDD AWARD FOR A SHORT STORY COLLECTION

**PRIZE: \$15,000**

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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**

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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.

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE QUEENSLAND BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD

**PRIZE: \$10,000**

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Awarded to an outstanding book by a Queensland author.

### Category-specific criteria

- For the purposes of this award, a Queensland author is someone who currently lives in Queensland and can show proof of address.
- Queensland-authored nominations in Fiction Book Award and Non-Fiction Book Award categories are automatically eligible for this award. Judges in these two categories select the shortlist from the Queensland-authored nominations.
- Voting is open to everybody. There is a limit of one vote per person and duplicates will be removed.
- The nomination that receives the most votes wins.
- There is no nomination form or entry fee for this award.
- The shortlist for this award will be announced on 18 July 2022.
- Voting will be via the State Library of Queensland website from 18 July to 15 August 2022. These dates may be subject to change at the discretion of State Library of Queensland.



## NOMINATION FEES

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Fees are \$50.00 (incl. GST) per nomination.

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 request to [gla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:gla@slq.qld.gov.au) if you are unable to pay by credit card, or if you have any questions about the nomination fees.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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- Nominations must be received online 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 2022 Queensland Literary Awards and the ongoing Queensland Literary Awards program. State Library of Queensland will adhere to the privacy principles in the Information Privacy Act 2009 (see Privacy notice below).
- Arts Queensland may also request this information for marketing, promotional and media requirements, reporting requirements, record keeping and archival requirements, including as required by law under the *Public Records Act 2002*.
- 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 may 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.

## PRIVACY NOTICE

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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.

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.

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

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### Closing dates

- Complete nomination forms must be received online no later than 5pm AEST on 29 April 2022.
- 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 nominations per form. Publishers submitting more than ten nominations may use multiple forms or email [gla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:gla@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 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 USB containing the three separate versions of the book's digital file (ePub, .mobi and PDF formats) to the State Library address below.

## INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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If you have any questions, please contact State Library of Queensland.

Email: [qla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:qla@slq.qld.gov.au)

Web: [www.slq.qld.gov.au/qla](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/qla)

### Postal address

Attn: Queensland Literary Awards  
State Library of Queensland (Cannon Hill)  
996 Wynnum Road  
CANNON HILL QLD 4170

### Courier address

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State Library of Queensland (Cannon Hill)  
996 Wynnum Road  
CANNON HILL QLD 4170

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