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**Literary Awards**  
2023

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## 2023 QUEENSLAND LITERARY AWARDS

### 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.

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### Key dates

1 March	Nominations open for all award categories
20 March	Early bird period ends
14 April	Nominations close for all award categories
17 July	People's Choice Award voting opens
August	Shortlists are announced online
14 August	People's Choice Award voting closes
September	Winners are announced at the awards ceremony

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Nomination forms must be received online by **5:00 pm AEST on 14 April 2023**. Late entries will not be accepted.
- **Entries deemed ineligible will not be refunded. Entries that are determined to be ineligible will not be returned. Entries withdrawn by a nominator will not be refunded or returned.**
- State Library of Queensland (hereafter “State Library”) will not return any copies of nominations.
- While all reasonable care will be taken, State Library accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to submitted books or manuscripts.
- State Library and awards judges may invite nominations from writers and publishers. The conduct of inviting nominations does not give rise to any legal or equitable relationship.
- Entries must be wholly the original work of the author/s and/or illustrator/s. At their discretion, the Queensland Literary Awards and its judges may determine that an entry does not comply with this condition. In some circumstances, they may determine that an award is to be withdrawn and prize money is to be repaid to State Library.
- If a prize is awarded to a recently deceased author, the prize money goes to the rights holder of the literary estate. In the case of published book awards 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).
- 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 2023 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 on the last page of this document).
- 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*.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Breach of conditions of nomination may render a nomination invalid.
- 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.
- 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. Judges reserve the right not to award a prize in any category.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### To be eligible

- The book must be first published between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive.
- The book must have been made available for general sale in Australia between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, inclusive.
- The book must be a first edition and must not have been previously published prior to 1 May 2022.
- The book must have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).
- The book must be first published primarily in English.
- The book must primarily comprise of text (except in the Children’s Book Award category). Works consisting primarily of images, pictures, photographs or illustrations are ineligible unless the accompanying text is judged to be of sufficient literary merit.
- 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 for the Judith Wright Calanthe Award for a Poetry Collection and University of Southern Queensland Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection.
  - Co-authorship is defined as joint responsibility by 2 or more authors for the entire work.
  - If the winning nomination is a co-authored work, the Queensland Literary Award will be awarded to **all** authors, co-authors, co-creators and illustrators of the work. They will share the prize money equally.
  - Nominators must indicate co-authorship at the time of nomination. If co-authors, co-creators or illustrators are missing from a nomination, they will be added by State Library during eligibility processing and the nominator advised.
- Books published by State Library are eligible for nomination, however, State Library as publisher will not nominate any books for awards.
- Nominations must also comply with the category-specific eligibility criteria.

### Not eligible

- Nominations that do not fulfil the general eligibility criteria and/or the eligibility criteria specific to the award category entered.
- Second edition books.
- Books published prior to 1 May 2022.
- Works consisting primarily of images, pictures, photographs or illustrations are ineligible unless the accompanying text is judged to be of sufficient literary merit. Books entered into the Children’s Book Award category are exempt from this rule.
- Oral histories, audio books, translated texts, and pamphlet publications.
- Anthologies, journals or books compiled by an editor, committee, organisation or author consisting principally of contributions from several writers.
- Books showing a trade publication date of May 2023 with stock released early for selective promotional events, such as literary festivals (these titles should be entered into the 2024 awards).

## **AWARD CATEGORIES & CATEGORY-SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – PUBLISHED BOOK AWARDS**

### **QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S AWARD FOR A WORK OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE (\$25,000)**

*Supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.*

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.

- This category is open to all Australian authors.
- 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 stories, authors, history, or voices. Published books in the following genres are eligible in this category: short story collections, poetry collections, novels, children's books, young adult books, plays, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, and other works of non-fiction.

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND FICTION BOOK AWARD (\$15,000)**

*Sponsored by The University of Queensland*

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

#### **Eligible**

- Novels and novellas.

#### **Not eligible**

- Short story collections – these should be entered into the University of Southern Queensland Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection.

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND NON-FICTION BOOK AWARD (\$15,000)**

*Sponsored by The University of Queensland*

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

#### **Eligible**

- biographies, autobiographies, memoir, histories, philosophy, literary criticism, science writing books, and works dealing with contemporary issues (including true crime).

### **GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARD (\$15,000)**

*Sponsored by Griffith University*

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

## **CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD (\$15,000)**

*Children's Book Award is supported by Susan Hocking and Ian Mackie, and their family, through The Hocking Mackie Trust at APS Foundation.*

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

### **Eligible:**

- Picture books, novels and novellas.

## **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND STEELE RUDD AWARD FOR A SHORT STORY COLLECTION (\$15,000)**

*Sponsored by University of Southern Queensland*

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

### **Eligible**

- Collections of short stories by a single author in book form.

### **Not eligible**

- Anthologies or collections by more than one writer.

## **JUDITH WRIGHT CALANTHE AWARD FOR A POETRY COLLECTION (\$15,000)**

*Supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund*

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

### **Eligible**

- Collections of poetry by a single author in book form.

### **Not eligible**

- Anthologies or collections by more than one writer.

## **THE COURIER-MAIL PEOPLE'S CHOICE QUEENSLAND BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD (\$10,000)**

*Sponsored by The Courier-Mail*

Awarded to an outstanding book by a Queensland author as voted by the public.

### **Eligible**

- Books by a Queensland author who is currently living in the state and can show proof of address.

### **Award process**

- Nominators cannot submit nominations to this award category. Books written by Queensland authors and entered into The University of Queensland Fiction Book Award and The University of Queensland Non-Fiction Book Award categories are automatically eligible.
- Judges in The University of Queensland Fiction Book Award and The University of Queensland Non-Fiction Book Award categories will select *The Courier-Mail* People's Choice Queensland Book of the Year Award shortlist from the eligible books.



- State Library runs a public online vote (open to anybody in Australia, one vote per person) during July and August. The book that receives the most votes wins.

## AWARD CATEGORIES & CATEGORY-SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

### QUEENSLAND WRITERS FELLOWSHIPS

*Supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and State Library of Queensland and administered by Queensland Writers Centre*

**Prize: 3 Fellowships of \$15,000 each, plus career development support to the value of \$4,500.**

Awarded to Queensland authors to advance a writing project over a 12-month period. Fellowships awarded in 2023 are for projects in January – December 2024.

#### Eligible

- Queensland residents (or a writer born in Queensland who lives elsewhere and can demonstrate continuing strong ties with the state) and can provide proof of a current Queensland address.
- Writers with a track record of work as an emerging or established author with a strong publication history, demonstrated by **at least one or a combination** of the following publication outcomes:
  - one full-length published book (trade or self-published) in any genre, which is formally published in book form (print) with an ISBN or published electronically with an ISBN
  - 7 short works of fiction or literary non-fiction (as a guide, a minimum of 1,000 words each) published in literary journals, anthologies, newspapers, or magazines.
  - 15 poems published in literary journals, anthologies, newspapers, or magazines, or a chapbook.
  - a full-length performance script (theatre or film) which has premiered in Australia.

#### Not eligible

- Collaborative projects/works (except illustrated children's books).
- Projects that are part of formal tertiary studies.

#### Nomination requirements

Your online nomination form must include the following:

- a completed 2023 Queensland Writers Fellowships application form
- a CV including your publication history – max. 2 pages
- a sample of previously published work – max. 10 pages
- up to 3 letters of support or testimonials from publishers, journals, or industry experts in support of your proposed project – please combine into a single file for upload
- a sample of the proposed writing project to show the tone and style of the work (max. 6 pages); judges understand this is likely to be at draft stage
- proof of Queensland residency or birth (e.g. photocopy of redacted rates notice, photocopy of driver licence, etc).

Files should be no bigger than 3 MB. Please contact State Library if your file is more than 3 MB.

Refer to the Nominations Process section for more information on submitting.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **quality** and uniqueness of the proposed project
- **viability** of the proposed project plan and likelihood of achieving proposed outcomes
- **impact** of the proposed Fellowship on the applicant's writing career.

## **DAVID UNAIPON AWARD FOR AN EMERGING ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WRITER**

*Supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund*

**Prize: \$15,000, plus manuscript development and publication with University of Queensland Press (UQP)**

Awarded for an outstanding unpublished manuscript by an emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writer.

### **Eligible**

- All emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writers – those who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and who are accepted as such by the communities in which they live or have lived or worked.
- Emerging writers who have never published before, or who have previously published individual short stories, poems, articles or essays in magazines, journals, anthologies or newspapers in print or online.
- Co-authored manuscripts. All authors must comply with all eligibility criteria.
- Manuscripts can be in any literary category including novels, collections of short stories, collections of poems, works for children, biographies, autobiographies and memoirs, and general non-fiction.

### **Not eligible**

- Writers with commercial publication of any full-length written work (book of fiction or non-fiction, published script/play, collection of poetry or short stories) by a trade publisher or other conventional publisher.
- Writers who have previously self-published a full-length work with an ISBN.
- Writers with an existing publishing contract or who are in current contract negotiations.
- The nominated manuscript itself must not be currently entered in other writing competitions, or under submission to a publisher.
- Writers entering the 2023 Glendower Award for an Emerging Queensland Writer.
- Manuscripts that are straight exegeses or academic monographs.

### **Additional author requirements for this category**

- Entries must include a copy of a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent/Letter of Confirmation with a common seal from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander incorporated community organisation OR a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent statutory declaration form. Please contact State Library on 07 3842 9321 or [qla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:qla@slq.qld.gov.au) if you have any questions about this requirement.

### **Manuscript requirements**

- Entries of full-length submissions are recommended (typically between 40,000 and 100,000 words) except for poetry collections and children's books, which can be of any length.



- Manuscripts can incorporate an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language.
- If you have entered a manuscript in the past, you are welcome to submit it again.

### **Manuscript format**

- Authors should include a brief single-page cover letter to introduce themselves to the judges. Include the manuscript title and word count, author name, biography, and publication history.
- Prepare a single-page synopsis or summary of the manuscript.
- Use a plain font such as Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point font size. Use double line spacing with a 3-centimetre page margin on A4 size paper.
- Please number the pages and include the title of the manuscript on each page.
- If submitting illustrations, do not send originals.
- If submitting hard copies, please submit one unbound copy of the manuscript. Loose pages should be kept together with a bulldog clip.

### **Other award information**

- The prize includes \$15,000 plus manuscript development and publication with University of Queensland Press (UQP). UQP editor/s will work with the winning author on their manuscript towards publication and offer a contract with industry-standard terms.
  - UQP will offer a contract to the winning author for their work to be published. If the author accepts the offer, UQP will have exclusive worldwide publishing rights to the winning manuscript subject to mutually agreed terms and conditions.
  - UQP will develop and publish the winning manuscript subject to normal publishing terms and conditions.
- Shortlisted authors agree to grant UQP first right of refusal to offer to publish the work for an exclusive period of 12 weeks after the shortlist announcement. This means that an author's work must not be sent to other publishers or competitions until UQP has decided whether to offer a contract. 'First right of refusal' does not guarantee an offer of publication will be made. It is recommended that all shortlisted authors and the winning author/s seek their own legal or professional advice prior to entering into any publishing agreement.

## **GLENDOWER AWARD FOR AN EMERGING QUEENSLAND WRITER**

*The Glendower Award for an Emerging Queensland Writer is supported by Jenny Summerson through the Queensland Library Foundation*

**Prize: \$15,000, plus manuscript development and publication with University of Queensland Press (UQP).**

Awarded for an outstanding unpublished manuscript by an emerging Queensland writer.

### **Eligible**

- Queensland residents (proof of residency must be submitted with the nomination).
- Emerging writers who have never published before, or who have previously published individual short stories, poems, articles or essays in magazines, journals, anthologies or newspapers in print or online.
- Manuscripts in this category can be: novels, collections of short stories, novels for children (9+ years of age) and young adults, biographies, autobiographies and memoirs, and general non-fiction.

### **Not eligible**

- Writers with commercial publication of any full-length written work (book of fiction or non-fiction, published script/play, collection of poetry or short stories) by a trade publisher or other conventional publisher.
- Writers who have previously self-published a full-length work with an ISBN.
- Writers with an existing publishing contract or who are in current contract negotiations; the manuscript itself must not be currently entered in other writing competitions, or under submission to a publisher.
- Writers entering the 2023 David Unaipon Award for an Emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Writer.
- Poetry collections, picture books, straight exegesis and academic monographs are not eligible for this category.

### **Manuscript requirements**

- Entries should be between 40,000 and 100,000 words, with the exception of middle-grade novels for children (9+ years of age), which can be 30,000 and over.
- If you have entered a manuscript in the past, you are welcome to submit it again.

### **Manuscript format**

- Authors should include a brief single-page cover letter to introduce themselves to the judges. Include the manuscript title and word count, author name, biography, and publication history.
- Prepare a single-page synopsis or summary of the manuscript.
- Use a plain font such as Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point font size. Use double line spacing with a 3-centimetre page margin on A4 size paper.
- Please number the pages and include the title of the manuscript on each page.
- If submitting hard copies, please submit one unbound copy of the manuscript. Loose pages should be kept together with a bulldog clip.

### **Other award information**

- The prize includes \$15,000 plus manuscript development and publication with University of Queensland Press (UQP). UQP editor/s will work with the winning author on their manuscript towards publication and offer a contract with industry-standard terms.
  - UQP will offer a contract to the winning author for their work to be published. If the author accepts the offer, UQP will have exclusive worldwide publishing rights to the winning manuscript subject to mutually agreed terms and conditions.
  - UQP will develop and publish the winning manuscript subject to normal publishing terms and conditions.
- Shortlisted authors agree to grant UQP first right of refusal to offer to publish the work for an exclusive period of 12 weeks after the shortlist announcement. This means that an author's work must not be sent to other publishers or competitions until UQP has decided whether to offer a contract. 'First right of refusal' does not guarantee an offer of publication will be made. It is recommended that all shortlisted authors and the winning author/s seek their own legal or professional advice prior to entering into any publishing agreement.

## QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S YOUNG PUBLISHERS AND WRITERS AWARDS

*Supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland*

**Prize: 2 awards of \$10,000 each, plus career development support to the value of \$2,500.**

Awarded to 2 outstanding Queensland writers and/or publishers up to 30 years of age.

### Eligible

- Queensland residents (or a writer born in Queensland who lives elsewhere and can demonstrate continuing strong ties with the state) up to and including 30 years of age at 30 April 2023 (proof of residency and age must be submitted with the nomination).
- Individual writers with a steady professional history, and individual publishers with a steady professional history (co-produced work is acceptable but only individuals will be awarded).
- Writers and publishers of all forms, including novels, short stories and/or poems, works for children, biographies and memoirs, plays and scripts, non-fiction works including journalism; comics and graphic novels are eligible if there is sufficient and integral text and writing.
- Writers who can demonstrate **at least one or a combination** of the following publication outcomes:
  - one full-length published book (including electronic or online publications with an ISBN)
  - 5 short works of fiction or non-fiction published in literary journals, edited anthologies, major newspapers or national magazines (print and online accepted)
  - 10 poems published in literary journals, anthologies, newspapers or magazines (print and online accepted)
  - a blog which has existed for at least 2 years, with evidence of a wide following and regular (at least monthly) new content
  - a full-length performance script (theatre or film) which has premiered in Australia.
- Publishers who can demonstrate at least one or a combination of the following publication outcomes:
  - a selection of up to 5 examples of publishing in all its forms (in print, online or combination of media) that shows a commitment to creating publication or presentation avenues for Queensland literature and stories.
  - examples may include, but are not limited to: small press publications, electronic journals, zines, podcast series, live literature performances.

### Not eligible

- Co-authored work, collectives, partnerships or groups.
- Writers who are currently funded through the Queensland Writers Fellowship program.

### Nomination requirements

Your online nomination form must include:

- a one-page cover letter outlining your eligibility for this award
- a detailed CV with full publication history – max. 4 pages
- Writers: a portfolio of writing – this should include up to 6 pieces of writing, including at least one item published in the previous 12 months
- Publishers: a portfolio of up to 5 publications or documented productions, including at least one item produced in the previous 12 months.

Files should be no bigger than 3 MB. Please contact State Library of Queensland if your file is more than 3 MB.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

### Nomination process for published book award categories

- Complete an online nomination form
- Pay the nomination fee
- Post, courier or deliver 5 copies of the nominated book. Please mark your delivery as **Attn: Queensland Literary Awards**
- Within 3 weeks, State Library will email you confirmation of your accepted nomination

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

### Nomination process for development award categories

- Complete an online nomination form
- Attach all required documents to the online nomination form (refer to the specific category)
- Within 3 weeks, State Library will email you confirmation of your accepted nomination

The person listed as the 'nominator' will be the contact person for all information relating to that nomination. 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.

## NOMINATION FEES

**Early bird:** \$40.00 (inc. GST) per nomination for all published book award categories. **Early bird fees** are payable for all nominations received online between 1 March – 20 March.

**Full fee:** \$50.00 (inc. GST) per nomination for all published book award categories. **Full fees** are payable for all nominations received online between 21 March – 14 April (close of nominations).

Pay the nomination fee/s by credit card while entering online. If you are unable to pay by credit card, or would prefer an invoice for multiple entries, please email [gla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:gla@slq.qld.gov.au).

### Concession

- Entry is free for one nomination per author, 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, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, tertiary student card, or a Veteran Card issued by the Australian Department of Veteran Affairs. Please note that Seniors Cards are not eligible for fee-exemption.
- Fill out the 'Published book – concession form' online
- Proof of the author's status as a current card holder must be submitted online or in hardcopy.
- For queries about free entries, please email [gla@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:gla@slq.qld.gov.au).

**Entry is free to all development award categories.**

## 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.

State Library of Queensland is subject to privacy legislation which applies to the Queensland public sector — the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the Act). The Act contains several 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.