

Writers Unleashed 2020 Picture Book Writing Competition



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1st prize

\$500

Plus mentorship with Clare Hallifax (Children's Fiction Commissioning Editor at Scholastic)

2nd prize

\$200

3rd prize

\$100

Plus a certificate to all shortlisted and winning entries,

Conditions of Entry

- Original picture book manuscripts only. Must not have been accepted for publication or won a prize in any other competition at time of submission.
- 500 word limit (entries over this limit will be disqualified).
- No illustrations to be included.
- Open theme.

Important Dates

Opens: 2 March

Closes: 27 April

Shortlist Announced: 22 June

Winners Announced: 1 August

Entries postmarked or emailed after 27 April will not be accepted.

Submission Guidelines

- Entries must be in English and typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, Courier or Verdana font.
- The header should contain the title, word count and page number.
- Microsoft Word or PDF documents only for email submissions.
- Entries must be accompanied by cover page that includes the title, word count, author's name, address, phone number and email.
- Entrant's name should NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript, only on the cover page.

Judging & Notification

- Shortlisted Entrants will be notified by email on 22 June 2020.
- Shortlist will be published in Pass It On and Buzz Words from 22 June 2020.
- Winners announced and prizes awarded at the Writers Unleashed Festival, 1 August 2020.
- 1st Prize Mentorship with Clare Hallifax includes written feedback on two unpublished manuscripts by the winner (either the competition entry and one other OR two separate manuscripts). Clare will provide initial feedback, a follow-up meeting or phone call to discuss revisions.
- Prizewinners unable to attend the Festival will have their prizes mailed to them.
- Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Payment

Entry Fee: \$15

Direct Debit:

Account Name: Fellowship of Australian Writers

BSB: 032-059 Account No. 227994

OR

Bank Cheque/Money Order made to Fellowship of Australian Writers

Send to:

Email to shirefestivalcomp@gmail.com

Attach 3 separate documents: manuscript, cover page and proof of payment.

Please put Picture Book Competition as the subject of the email.

Postal Entries:

Must consist of manuscript, cover page and payment or proof of payment. May be paid via direct debit, bank cheque or money order.

Send to:

Picture Book Writing Competition

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