

Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2018

Rules and Regulations

1. Eligibility

- (a) The award is open to all Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents who are at least 18 years of age. For books with multiple creators, all must be Singapore citizens or Permanent Residents.
- (b) Books published for general commercial release from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017 are eligible for this award.

2. Category

The award will be given for any published work of creative writing published originally for children or teenagers, i.e. YA novels, chapter books, picture books and poetry, published in Singapore or abroad, from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017. Reprints and reissues from previous years are not eligible.

3. Subject and Theme

Entries may be on any subject or theme.

4. Language

Entries must be published in English, including translated works. Where appropriate in content, the usage of words or phrases in another language is acceptable.

5. Originality

Each entry must be an original work written by the entrant(s).

6. Selection

- (a) The Book Award Committee will comprise a panel of three judges, all of which will be academics, writers, librarians, illustrators, and/or editors.
- (b) The decision of the judges is final and binding. No correspondence in relation to the judges' decision will be entertained.
- (c) The Book Award Committee reserves the right to not award a prize should the entries fail, in the judges' opinion, to meet the required standard.

7. Judging Criteria

The book that wins the Award should be a book of outstanding literary value that demonstrates insight into the world of children or young people. It would be judged based on the originality; the use of language; a well-constructed plot; consistent and convincing characters; an engaging synergy of text and illustration; the overall aesthetic qualities of the book; and the lasting impact that the book has made on the readers.

8. Shortlist

The Book Award Committee will announce a shortlist of works considered for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award in June 2018. Shortlisted candidates are expected to be present at the Award Ceremony during the Asian Festival of Children's Content 2018.

9. Announcement of Winner

The judges will announce the winner of The Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award in September 2018 during the Asian Festival of Children's Content. The Prize will be presented to the winner at the award ceremony.

10. The Award

- (a) The Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award carries a prize of \$10,000 for the winner.
- (b) In the event of multiple creators for the winning entry, the prize money shall be split equally between them.

11. Post Prize Award Activity

- (a) The publisher and the writer/illustrator/translator of the winning title must continue to promote the book after the award ceremony by giving interviews, and attending book reading and book signing sessions, as well as conduct talks and workshops as required.
- (b) Publishers and distributors of winning titles must ensure that books supplied to bookstores should carry the Hedwig Anuar Book Award logo. An appropriate reference on the book jacket should be included for any subsequent reprint.

12. The Book Award Committee

The chairperson and the panel of judges will be appointed by the Singapore Book Council.

13. Conditions of Entry

- (a) An official entry form must be attached to each submitted entry.

- (b) Entries can be submitted either by the author or publisher.
- (c) Four copies of each title should accompany the completed official entry form. One copy of each title will be sent to each of the three judges and will be retained by them. The remaining copy will be retained by the Book Council for display and promotional purposes as necessary.
- (d) A recent photograph, a short biography (not more than 100 words), and a soft copy of the NRIC of the author/illustrator must be provided for each entry at the time of submission. This should be submitted on pen-drive/thumb-drive/flash-drive or by email to: info@bookcouncil.sg.
- (e) An entrant may submit more than one entry for the competition for a particular year provided that the works are different and not variations of the same work.

14. Entry Submitted

The organisers shall not be held responsible for any entries lost or damaged in transit.

15. Closing Date

The closing date for the competition is 31 March 2018, 5.00pm, Singapore Time.

16. Submission

All entries (including official entry form, four copies of title, and a pen-drive/thumb-drive/flash-drive containing biographical data and photographs) should be sent through registered post or delivered by hand, in a parcel marked "Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2018" and addressed to:

Organiser – Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award 2018

Singapore Book Council
Blk E #03-32, Goodman Arts Centre
90 Goodman Road, Singapore 439053

Entries that fail to include any of the above will be disqualified.