

Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust Book Award 2020

Criteria

1. Aim of the Award

- 1.1 The purpose of this annual award is to reward excellence for a published book in the Mind Body Spirit genre.
- 1.2 By definition, the Mind Body Spirit genre is literature that demonstrates the fundamental principle that everything is interconnected and in relationship with all else. Submissions need to be consistent with this principle and demonstrate the connectedness between all three of Body Mind and Spirit and must contain a spiritual element to be considered.

2. The Award

- 2.1 A single award of \$10,000 will be given to the author of a published book in the Mind Body Spirit genre. Merit prizes may be given at the discretion of the judges.
- 2.2 Entries to be adult fiction or nonfiction.
- 2.3 The books submitted may be published by a publishing house or be self-published.
- 2.4 The shortlisted authors will be notified by 30 June 2020 and the award will be presented to the winner at a ceremony in Auckland in mid-August 2020.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 To qualify books must be published between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.
- 3.2 Books must contain 48 pages or more. A printed and bound version of an e-book (which has its unique print ISBN) is eligible.
- 3.3 The author must be a New Zealand citizen (or a permanent New Zealand resident), living full-time in New Zealand – a current NZ IRD number to be provided as proof of residence.
- 3.4 The manuscript for the book may not have won the Ashton Wylie Unpublished Manuscript Award.
- 3.5 A publication that has been shortlisted in any previous Ashton Wylie Book Award may not be entered as a new, reprinted version.
- 3.6 Compilations or anthologies are acceptable, but all primary contributors must be New Zealand authors. Shorter pieces from other writers should make up no more than 5% of the text.
- 3.7 Books that have previously been entered to the award and have since been revised, must comprise 50% new material.

4. Conditions of Entry

- 4.1 Books must be submitted by 31 March 2020. Submissions after that date will not be considered.
- 4.2 It is assumed that all books submitted by publishers have been entered with the knowledge and agreement of the authors.

- 4.3 An entry fee of \$25 (including GST) must accompany each submission.
- 4.4 The publisher of the winning book must ensure that books supplied to bookstores carry the 'winner' or 'finalist sticker'.
- 4.5 If in the opinion of the judging panel no entry is worthy of the award it will not be given.
- 4.6 The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 4.7 Shortlisted authors and their publishers must attend the awards ceremony in Auckland in mid-August 2020.

5. Judging Panel

- 5.1 The judging panel will consist of three people.

6. General Judging Criteria

- 6.1 The main purpose of this award is to reward excellence in authorship.
- 6.2 Books must be of a high publication standard. This includes:
 - i. the book's structure and its clarity of concept
 - ii. language that communicates clearly, with sound spelling and no editorial lapses
 - iii. the book's design, typography, illustration and graphics, cover and printing.
- 6.3 Books must be compatible with the values expressed in the definition in 1.2 above.
- 6.4 Consideration will be given to the work's ability to educate, uplift and enhance society.
- 6.5 The book will be a significant addition to the Mind Body Spirit genre.

7. How to Enter

- 7.1 Entries will be accepted from 15 January 2020 and will close on the 31 March 2020.
- 7.2 Please read the eligibility criteria and conditions of entry carefully before submitting.
- 7.3 Complete one copy of the entry form including the eligibility checklist for each title you wish to submit.
- 7.4 You must pay the entry fee. Entry forms are online at www.awct.org.nz. You will be directed to payment information when you submit your application.
- 7.5 Entrants must send in (4) copies of each title submitted.
- 7.6 For publicity purposes, all entrants are required to supply:
 - a short bio
 - high resolution (at least 1MB) JPEG photograph of the book cover
 - high resolution (at least 1MB) photograph of the author.
- 7.7 Submitted books become the property of the awards committee and the administrators.