



HIGHLAND BOOK PRIZE

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The Highland Book Prize, established in 2017, celebrates the finest work that recognises the rich culture, heritage and landscape of the Highlands. This annual prize is open to work in fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Presented by the Highland Society of London, facilitated by Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre and Ullapool Book Festival, and supported by the William Grant Foundation, this prize aims to bring recognition to and develop a readership for books created in or about the Highlands.

The winner will be announced at the Ullapool Book Festival, May 8th – 10th, 2020 and will be awarded £1000 prize money and a week's writing retreat at Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre. Other opportunities such as reader engagements and teaching may be available at Moniack Mhor and through partner organisations.

Key Dates

Wednesday July 24 th , 2019	Entries open
Friday August 16 th , 2019	Entries close 5pm
Monday November 11 th , 2019	Longlist announced
Wednesday February 12 th , 2020	Shortlist announced
Friday May 8 th to Sunday May 10 th , 2020	Winner announced at Ullapool Book Festival

Eligibility

To be eligible for submission to The Highland Book Prize, titles must comply with at least one of the following criteria:

- Promote or concern itself with Highland culture, heritage or landscape
- or**
- Have a significant amount of activity set in the Highlands
- or**
- The author(s) must have been born/brought up in the Highlands
- or**
- The author(s) must have lived in the Highlands for a period of 6 years or more

For the purpose of the Highland Book Prize the “Highlands” are defined as the 2019 Local Authority areas Argyll & Bute, Highland, Western Isles, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Moray.

Eligible titles must also adhere to the following rules:

- a) Books must be published by an established UK-based publisher or imprint between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 for the 2019 prize. If a book has been previously published in the UK, it will not be eligible. An established UK publisher is defined as a publisher which publishes a list of titles by a range of authors with ISBNs, sells and distributes its books nationally through recognised booksellers and online retailers.

- b) Works of fiction and non-fiction books are eligible. Collections of short stories and poetry are eligible. Books written in English, Scots and Gaelic are eligible.
- c) Academic textbooks, reference books and picture-led books are not eligible. Books published solely as eBooks will not be eligible. Self-published books are not eligible.
- d) Only books submitted by publishers or called in by the prize organisers will be considered.
- e) Submission of a book will be taken as acceptance of and adherence to the Highland Book Prize rules by the publisher, who will have gained the consent of the author(s) to submit their work.
- f) Books must not be written by more than two authors. If a co-authored book wins, the prize money will be shared between the co-authors.
- g) The decision of the judging panel as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- h) The shortlisted authors **must be available** to attend and participate in a reading event at the Ullapool Book Festival from Friday May 8th to Sunday May 10th, 2020, and to attend and participate in the subsequent prize-giving.
- i) Publishers are encouraged to ensure that subsequent print runs of the shortlisted (and/or prize winning) works refer to the shortlisting (and/or prize) on the front or back cover, and that Highland Book Prize branding will be used; the submitting publisher must bring this to the attention of the literary agent, and all relevant parties.
- j) Publishers, agents and authors are required to keep all information communicated to them in advance of the longlist, shortlist and winner announcements strictly confidential until they are officially announced by prize organisers.
- k) For the Highland Book Prize 2019, each of the shortlisted authors is invited to attend one additional reading event at a book festival, bookshop or community group (at a time and place to be agreed mutually between the publisher, author and the Prize organisers), in order to promote both the shortlisted title and the Highland Book Prize. The Prize organisers agree to pay for reasonable travel and accommodation costs associated with such an event. If it is deemed the author would require an appearance fee, it is anticipated that this would be financed by the publisher.
- l) Judges and employees of organisations associated with the prize are not eligible to submit their work for consideration.

Submitting a book

Completed entry forms, together with a PDF or ebook version of the title, must be submitted by email to highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk by 5pm on Friday August 16th, 2019.

We request that a maximum of 6 hard copies of all **longlisted** titles are delivered to The Highland Book Prize organisers no later than 5pm on Thursday November 7th, 2019. For any further details or clarification please email highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk

Entry Form



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Book title	
Author(s) name(s)	
ISBN	
Publication date	
Publisher name and address	
Publisher telephone number	
Publisher email address	

Please identify which criteria this title meets (books must meet at least ONE of the following)

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Please confirm that you have read and agree to the Highland Book Prize rules as stated above.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print name and job title _____

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