



HIGHLAND BOOK PRIZE

DUAIS LEABHAIR NA Gàidhealtachd

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 Moniak 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 2021, and will be awarded £1000 prize money and a week's writing retreat at Moniak Mhor Creative Writing Centre (if the current pandemic allows). Other opportunities such as reader engagements and teaching may be available at Moniak Mhor and through partner organisations.

Proposed Key Dates, subject to change

Wednesday 10 th June 2020	Entries open
Wednesday 19 th August 2020	Entries close at 5pm
Early November 2020	Longlist announced
Mid-February 2021	Shortlist announced
Weekend of 7 th – 9 th May 2021	Winner announced

Eligibility

To be eligible for submission to the Highland Book Prize, publishers must confirm that each title complies 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 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 and imprint between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020 for the 2020 prize. An established UK publisher is defined as a publisher which publishes a list of titles by a range of authors with ISBNs; and sells and distributes its books nationally through recognised booksellers and online retailers. If a book has been previously published in the UK, it will not be eligible.
- b) Works of fiction and non-fiction 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) The decision of the judging panel as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- g) The judging panel will determine the longlist, shortlist and winner in accordance with the Highland Book Prize Judging Process (which may be amended from time to time); the judging panel are required to select a single winning book each year.
- h) 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.
- i) The shortlisted authors **must be available** to attend and participate in the prize-giving event at the Ullapool Book Festival, 7th – 9th May 2021 (assuming that the current pandemic-related restrictions regarding public gatherings and travel have been lifted).
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) We will eventually request that 6 hard copies of all the **longlisted** titles are delivered to the Highland Book Prize organisers by Monday 16th November 2020.
- m) For the Highland Book Prize, each of the longlisted authors may be 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 longlisted 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.
- n) Judges and employees of organisations associated with the prize are not eligible to submit their work for consideration.

To submit please read the following guidelines and complete the entry form below.

For any further details or clarification please email highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk

Submitting a book

Please find an entry form below.

Entry forms are available on our website: <http://www.highlandbookprize.org.uk/apply/>

Dates:

Wednesday 10th June 2020

Entries open

Wednesday 19th August 2020

Entries close at 5pm

Entries must be submitted by email to highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk by 5pm on Wednesday 19th August 2020. Entries must include:

- Completed entry form.
- PDF and e-book versions of the title, clearly named and without registration or crop marks.
- Please let us know if an audio version of the title can be made available.

**Please keep file sizes to a minimum, and please remove registration and crop marks for ease of reading.
Please use the following naming convention when saving entry forms and PDFs:**

Entry Forms Title_Author_Publisher_entryform

Books Title_Author_Publisher

Please complete the entry form below and return to: highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk

Entry Form 2020



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Book title	
Author(s) name(s)	
Genre and key theme(s)	
Short description of the book	
Short paragraph about the author	
ISBN	
Publication date	
Publisher name and address	
Contact number	
Publisher email	

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

- Promotes or concerns itself with Highland culture, heritage or landscape
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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 _____

Please email this form, together with a PDF or eBook version of the title to highlandbookprize@moniacmhor.org.uk no later than 5pm on Wednesday 12th August 2020.