



Information for Readers

Thank you so much for applying to be a volunteer reader for the 2023 Highland Book Prize. Your input will help our judges develop a comprehensive longlist identifying those titles which will ultimately be shortlisted. The winner will be announced in May 2024.

- July – September Reading period
- November 2023 Longlist announced
- April 2024 Shortlist announced
- May 2024 Winner announced

Receiving your books

You will receive an email from us with a link to download your books as digital files. We will send as PDF and as an epub file (compatible with Kindle). We will also send guidance for uploading the files to Kindle should you need it.

Please download your books and save them within 5 days of receiving the email as the link may expire. Please contact us with any queries.

Reporting on your books

We would like you to read your allocation and complete a pro-forma report for each one.

Please return your reports to us as soon they are completed, and no later than 5pm on October 2nd 2023. Form can be returned by email to highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk

While reading your allocated titles, we would like you to consider the work over five broad areas:



- Literary Merit
- Content/Subject Matter
- Structure/Plot
- Representation/content referring to the Highland landscape and/or cultural heritage
 - PLEASE NOTE: If the book is submitted because the author was born in, or lives in the Highlands, rather than because it has Highland content, this may be 0. We will allow for this when compiling scores.
- Enjoyment

Please score the work from 0 (low score, indicating poor or low level of skill) to 10 (high score, demonstrating a high or very accomplished ability), and then give a summary of your reasons for the score you have arrived at. We suggest this should be between 50-150 words.

Your scores are collated with all readers for each book, and it is these combined scores that rank the submissions and create the longlist for the judging panel to review. The comments help us to understand how you arrived at each score and can be extremely helpful to the judges through the later stage of the process.

If you need any clarification or additional information to help you to complete your reports, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at

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Reader contract below.

