



Entry Information for Publishers and Entry Form

The Highland Book Prize, established in 2017, celebrates the finest work that recognises the rich and diverse culture, heritage, and landscape of the Scottish 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, Scotland's Creative Writing Centre, 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 of the 2024 Highland Book Prize will be announced at an Award Ceremony in August/September 2025 and will be awarded £2000 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 (subject to change)

Monday 25 th June 2024	Entries open
Monday 9 th September 2024	Entries close at 5pm
January 2025	Longlist announced
May 2025	Shortlist announced
August/September 2025	Winner announced

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:

- Promotes or concerns itself with Highland culture, heritage, or landscape
- **or**
- Has a significant amount of activity set in the Highlands
- **or**
- The author(s) was born/brought up in the Highlands
- **or**
- The author(s) is a permanent resident in the Highlands.



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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 2024 and 31st December 2024 for the 2024 prize. We will accept draft copies of books that are due to be published by 31st December 2024. 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. Young Adult books 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 must 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.



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- i) The shortlisted authors **must be available** to attend and participate in the prize-giving event in August/September 2024. **This will be at a live award ceremony at a venue to be confirmed in the Scottish Highlands.**
- 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) Entries should be submitted as PDF **and** epub files where possible. We also request two proof copies to be posted as per the address details below.
- m) We will eventually request that up to 7 hard copies of the longlisted titles are delivered to the Highland Book Prize organisers at the time of announcement.
- n) The Highland Book Prize commits to promoting all of the longlisted titles of the book throughout the prize period.
- o) Each of the shortlisted authors may be invited to attend one additional reading event or workshop at a book festival, bookshop, community group or online (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.
- p) 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, or download from our website:

<http://www.highlandbookprize.org.uk/apply/>

We request submission as early as possible, dates below:

- Monday 25th June 2024 Entries open
- Monday 9th September 2024 Entries close at 5pm

Entries must be submitted by email to highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk by 5pm on Monday 9th September 2024. For queries regarding late entries please contact us via email.

Entries must include:

- Completed entry form (see below)
- PDF **and** epub file of the title, although PDF only will be accepted, clearly named as below.
 - Please ensure there are **no registration or crop marks within the PDF**. This can make it difficult to read on certain devices. Please keep file sizes to a minimum, thank you.
 - Please let us know if an audio version of the title can be made available.
- Please post **two proof copies** to:
 - Highland Book Prize, Moniack Mhor Writers Centre, Teavarran, Kiltarlity, Highland, IV4 7HT

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 by 5pm on Monday 9th September 2024.

If you have any questions, please email the team: highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk



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ENTRY FORM 2024

Full title of the entry	
Author(s) name(s)	
Genre and key theme(s)	
Short description of the book	
Short paragraph about the author	
ISBN	
Publication date	



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Publisher name and address	
Contact number	
Publisher email	

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes or concerns itself with Highland culture, heritage, or landscape Please give brief details of eligibility:
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Please confirm that you have read and agree to the Highland Book Prize rules. Please sign below.

Signed:

Date:

Print name and job title:

Please email this form, together with a PDF and EPUB of the title to highlandbookprize@moniackmhor.org.uk no later than 5pm on Monday 9th September 2024.

We would also appreciate if the author(s) could complete our Equalities, Diversity, and Inclusion Monitoring Form.

[Click here to download the form from our website.](#)