

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 teaching that everything is interconnected and in relationship with all else. Books in this genre have at their core a deep insight into the connectedness of body, mind and spirit. Often the genre will explore higher consciousness, expanded awareness, and enlightenment.

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- 3.4 The manuscript for the book may not have won the Ashton Wylie Unpublished Manuscript Award.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.