

# The 2020 Text Prize

## for Young Adult and Children's Writing



**SUBMISSIONS OPEN: Monday 6 January 2020**  
**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE: Friday 7 February 2020**  
**PRIZE: A publishing contract with an AU\$10,000 advance, awarded to the best manuscript written for young adults or children**

## ENTRY FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	
PHONE	DATE OF BIRTH
EMAIL	
MANUSCRIPT TITLE	
NO. OF PAGES	WORD COUNT
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TEXT PRIZE?	

### Please indicate your audience:

Primary School Readers  Secondary School Readers

### Please include:

- Completed entry form  
 Manuscript  
 Plot synopsis (200 words max.)  
 Author bio (50 words max.)  
 Title and page number on every page  
 Author's name not included on manuscript  
 Entry fee of AU\$25

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT TO**  
**Text Publishing, Level 10, 22 William Street, Melbourne 3000**

### Entry fee payment details

ENTRANT'S NAME	
PHONE (W/H)	(MOB)
I have enclosed a cheque/money order for AU\$25 payable to Text Publishing <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR (Payments will be processed after submissions close.)	
Please charge AU\$25 to my credit card: MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/>	
CARD NUMBER	
EXPIRY DATE	CCV NUMBER
CARDHOLDER'S NAME	
SIGNATURE	
OFFICE USE ONLY	
Payment received:	Payment processed:

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The manuscript must be a work of fiction or non-fiction of between 20,000 and 100,000 words, and must be written in English. An author may submit one entry only.
- Your submitted work must not be on submission to or under contract/option to any other publisher. It is a condition of entry that Text Publishing has the right to make an offer for worldwide publication rights in any manuscript submitted to the competition, until the winner has been announced.
- The manuscript submitted must be complete and must be suitable for a young adult or children's readership.
- This prize is not open to picture books.
- The competition is open to living writers, whether they have been published before or not. Self-published works in print or ebook may be submitted, but they must be withdrawn from sale if the manuscript is shortlisted. Writers published by or under contract with Text are ineligible.
- Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand.
- In entering the competition you warrant that:
  - The entry is an original work.
  - Publication of your manuscript by Text will in no way whatsoever infringe any existing copyright or licence or any other right of any third person.
  - That it contains no defamatory matter, or any matter which invades any individual's rights of privacy.
  - All statements in the work purporting to be facts are true.
- Each entry must be received by post, and must contain the following:
  - A completed entry form, available from the Text Publishing website (textpublishing.com.au).
  - The complete manuscript.
  - A synopsis of no more than 200 words.
  - An entry fee of AU\$25.
- It is preferable for manuscripts to be double spaced, printed double sided and to not be bound.
- Post your entry to The Text Prize, Level 10, 22 William Street, Melbourne 3000. The Text Prize is open for submissions from Monday 6 January 2020. All entries must be received by Text Publishing no later than 4pm Friday 7 February 2020.
- Electronic or hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted.
- The winner and shortlistees will be notified by phone and/or email.
- The winner will be announced at an event in Melbourne in May 2020, and on the Text Publishing website (textpublishing.com.au).
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into either during or after the judging process.
- Chance plays no part in determining the winner. Entries will be judged in regard to literary merit and commercial potential in today's young adult or children's book markets.
- Only one prize will be awarded.
- Submitted manuscripts will not be returned. Do not submit any creative materials apart from your written entry, as no material can or will be returned. Do not submit any original documents and keep a copy of your entry for your reference.
- Text Publishing takes no responsibility for lost or misdirected entries.
- The winner receives a prize of AU\$10,000 which constitutes an advance against royalties from sales, and a contract to publish the winning book with Text Publishing.
- Text Publishing will acquire worldwide publications rights in the winning entry, under the terms of a publishing agreement, which shall be negotiated with the winner in good faith and in line with industry norms.
- The prize is not transferable and not redeemable for any other goods or services.
- Text Publishing reserves the right not to offer a prize if in its reasonable opinion no entry is received which is of an acceptable standard to warrant publication.
- By entering this competition you have opted-in to Text's marketing database and may receive marketing information from us. The personal information you have provided to Text is collected for the purpose of notifying the winner of the competition and for Text's direct marketing. It will not be disclosed to any other organisation. You may opt out of our marketing database at any time.
- By entering the competition you accept the conditions of entry as prescribed and give your consent for your manuscript to be considered for the prize.
- The promoter is Text Publishing, ABN 46 063 671 205, 22 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.