HEDWIG ANUAR CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2020

Singapore

Rules and Regulations

About the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award

The Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award (HABA) is presented biennially to an outstanding children's book written by a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident.

Objectives

- To encourage the quality and quantity of books published for children;
- To promote the publication of books, set in a familiar and meaningful background that is relevant to the Singapore children.

The prize carries a cash award of S$10,000, which is to be shared by the creators of the winning work, i.e. author and illustrator. Should the book be in English translation, the award will be shared equally between the author, illustrator, and translator.

Singapore Book Council (SBC) will announce the shortlist of works considered for the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award in April 2020. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend the award ceremony which will take place during the 2020 Asian Festival of Children's Content (28 - 31 May).

1. **ELIGIBILITY**

a) The award is open to all Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents who are at least 18 years of age. For books with multiple creators (i.e. author, illustrator and translator), at least both the author and illustrator must be Singapore citizens or Permanent Residents.

b) Books published for general commercial release from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 are eligible for this award. For translated books, the translation must be published within the above-mentioned time frame.

c) The award will be given for published fiction works intended for children up to 12 years old. Books belonging to the below categories are eligible for the award.

      I.   Picture Books

      II.   Middle-grade Books

d) Entries submitted can either be published in Singapore or abroad, but must fall between the specified period of publication, i.e. from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.

e) Reprints and reissues from previous years are not eligible.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

a) Picture Book

A book containing illustrations and/or words that present a coherent narrative structure. The book should contain less than 700 words and be no more than 40 pages long. The book is intended for children aged 7 years old and below.

b) Middle-grade Book

A fiction book for middle-grade readers that present an expanded narrative structure that may or may not contain illustrations. The book should have at least 6,000 words, and is intended for children aged 8 to 12 years old.

3. **SUBJECT AND THEME**

Entries may be on any subject or theme.

4. LANGUAGE

Entries must be published in English, or be in English translation. Where appropriate in content, the usage of words or phrases in another language is acceptable.

5. ORIGINALITY

Each entry must be an original work.

6. JUDGING AND SELECTION

a) A panel of three judges, comprising academics, writers, librarians, illustrators, and/or editors will be appointed by SBC to judge the submitted entries for each category.

b) The decision of the judges is final and binding. No correspondence in relation to the judges' decision will be entertained.

c) SBC reserves the right to not award a prize should the entries fail, in the judges' opinion, to meet the expected standard.

7. JUDGING CRITERIA

The Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award is given to a book of outstanding literary value that demonstrates insight into the world of children and young people. Entries are judged based on the following criteria:

    I. Originality

    II. Language

    III. Story development

    IV. Characters

    V. Synergy of text and illustration

    VI. Overall aesthetic qualities of the book

    VII. Impact on readers

8. SHORTLIST AND AWARD CEREMONY

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9. THE AWARD

a) The Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award carries a cash prize of $10,000/- for the winning entry.

b) In the event of multiple creators for the winning entry, the prize money shall be split equally between the creators.

10. POST-AWARD PROMOTION

a) The publisher, along with the author/illustrator/translator of the winning title should continue to promote the book after the award ceremony (via book events, media interviews, author talks/workshops etc.)

b) Publishers and distributors of winning titles should ensure that books supplied to bookstores carry the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award logo. An appropriate reference on the book jacket should be included for subsequent reprint(s).

11. ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

a) All entries must be submitted via the online form: https://haba2020.paperform.co/

b) Entries can be submitted either by any of the creators or publisher.

c) Applicants may submit more than one entry for the competition provided that the works are different and not variations of the same work.

d) Applicants will receive a confirmation email upon submission of the online entry form. Please print out the confirmation email and include it with your hard copy submissions.

e) Four (4) hard copies of each title should accompany each online entry form. One (1) copy of each title will be sent to each judge and will be retained by them. The remaining copy will be retained by SBC for display and promotional purposes. SBC will not be held responsible for any books that are lost or damaged in transit.

f) Entries not accompanied by hard copy submissions will be considered incomplete and disqualified from judging.

g) The hard copies of the books and printout of the confirmation email should be sent to the following address:

Singapore Book Council
Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road,
Blk E #03-32,
Singapore 439053
ATTN: Organiser/HABA

12. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for ALL submissions is **16 December 2019, 5.00pm (SG time)**. Hard copies of the books must reach Singapore Book Council by this date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted.