

Rules

Submission Forms deadline: 31 March 2010

Books deadline: 30 June 2010

www.wellcomebookprize.org

1. About the prize

The Wellcome Trust Book Prize is an annual prize of £25 000 that celebrates medicine in literature. The prize recognises literature of the highest quality that engages with the human experience of health and illness or otherwise promotes excitement and interest in medical science. We are looking for books that will capture the public's interest around the theme of medicine.

The prize will be open to books published in the UK over the period of one year, including works of fiction and non-fiction. Books published in English translation are eligible, provided that they have been published in English in the course of the prize year.

The prize will be judged by an independent panel of judges and will be presented at a prestigious ceremony in Wellcome Collection – the Wellcome Trust's highly acclaimed cultural venue for medicine, life and art.

Aims of the prize

The Wellcome Trust Book Prize will celebrate high-quality literature that centres on medical or biomedical themes. The prize aims to:

- stimulate interest, excitement and debate about medicine and literature
- reach audiences not normally engaged with medical science
- encourage new ways of thinking about medicine by reaching the broadest possible audience.

2. How the prize works

- a. A total of £25 000 will be made available per year. As the prize is open to multi-author submissions, as well as books published in translation, the prize money may have to be shared with a co-author or translator. If a translated book wins, two-thirds of the prize money will be awarded to the author, and one-third to the translator.
- b. The award will be made on a yearly basis.
- c. To be eligible books must be published between **1 October 2009** and **30 September 2010**.
- d. The judges and chair will first decide on a shortlist of six books, to be announced at the *Times* Cheltenham Literature Festival. A winner will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held at Wellcome Collection in early November.
- e. Shortlisted authors will be asked to participate in some events (e.g. readings at Wellcome Collection, etc). These will take place between October and November 2009.

3. Eligible books

- a. Books must be published by a UK-based publisher during the prize year.
- b. Books published in English translation are eligible, provided that they have been published in English in the course of the prize year.
- c. The book cannot be a reissue.
- d. Any book of fiction or non-fiction is eligible, so long as medicine or medical science is central to its theme. Collections of short stories are eligible but anthologies will not be considered.
- e. Children's books will only be accepted on the condition that they have also been published by an adult imprint within the specified dates.
- f. Self-published books are not eligible where the author is the publisher or where a company has been specifically set up to publish the book.
- g. Authors must be living at the time of the submission.
- h. Online submissions will only be accepted from an established imprint and on the condition that five copies are downloaded for the judges' consideration. In the event that an online book is shortlisted, the publisher must undertake to produce hard copies and make these available for sale as soon as the shortlist is announced.
- i. The decision of the judging panel as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- j. No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won either the prize or any other prize previously.
- k. All submissions are made on a confidential basis.

4. Entry of books

- a. UK publishers may enter up to three books, with scheduled publication dates between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2010.
- b. The deadline for submission forms is **31 March 2010**. Each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form. If finished copies are not available by 31 March, bound proofs may be submitted on condition that they are of good quality and that the content reflects that of the final book. If proofs are submitted, final copies should be sent in as soon as they are available. Final texts must be submitted by **30 June 2010**.
- c. Five copies of each entry must be submitted to Colman Getty (see entry form, below) and not directly to the judges.
- d. The judges may also, not later than 31 July 2010, call in any book published between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2010. In that event the publisher will be asked to submit a completed entry form, along with five copies of the book.
- e. No book entered by publishers or called in by the judges will be returned to the publishers.
- f. The competition is not open to employees or contractors or their direct family members of the Wellcome Trust or any of its associated companies, or to any person directly or indirectly involved in the organisation or running of the book prize, or their direct family members.

Entry form

Please return the submission form by 31 March 2010 and five copies of the book by 30 June 2010 to:

Sonia Goul-Wheeker
Colman Getty
28 Windmill Street
London W1T 2JJ

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T 020 7631 2666
F 020 7631 2699

Name of Publisher

Entry 1

Title

Author

Full date of birth

Place of birth
(town and country)

Current place of residence
(town and country)

Country of citizenship

Publication Date

Link in the book to medicine or
biomedical science

Entry 2

Title

Author

Full date of birth

Place of birth
(town and country)Current place of residence
(town and country)

Country of citizenship

Publication Date

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Title

Author

Full date of birth

Place of birth
(town and country)Current place of residence
(town and country)

Country of citizenship

Publication Date

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PUBLISHER DETAILS

Publicity Director's Name

Publicity Assistant (for
submission purposes)

Telephone number

E-mail

Address