

BLAKE DAWSON PRIZE FOR BUSINESS LITERATURE

State Library New South Wales 2009 Guidelines

The annual Blake Dawson Prize for Business Literature was established to encourage the highest standards of commentary in the fields of business and finance. As such, the Prize is calculated to enable the general reader to be better informed about Australia's commercial life and participants in that life. The range of subjects covered by the Prize includes Australian corporate and commercial literature, histories, accounts and analyses of corporate affairs as well as biographies of business men and women.

The Prize is administered by the State Library of New South Wales on behalf of Blake Dawson Lawyers.

The winner will receive prize money of \$ 30 000. A shortlist will be announced in late 2009 and a winner announced in March 2010.

Eligible works

- The work will have primary reference to business or financial affairs, business or financial institutions or people directly associated with business and financial affairs, be written in the English language, published in book form and consist of a minimum length of 50,000 words. Consistently with the preamble to the guidelines, the work will be one which is calculated to enable the general reader to be better informed about Australia's commercial life and participants in this life.
- Eligible books will be published between 1 September 2008 and 1 September 2009, and be commercially available in Australia for a period between 1 September 2008 and 1 September 2009.
- Books previously eligible for the Blake Dawson Prize will not be eligible for subsequent Prizes. However, titles with revised content will be considered.

Eligible authors

- The author must be a living Australian citizen or hold permanent resident status.
- If the nominee dies or ceases to hold permanent resident status or citizenship after his or her work has been nominated, the judges will consider his or her work for the award. If the judges make the award to an eligible nominee, however, and that nominee dies before the award

is made, the prize money may be paid, at the State Library's discretion, to the nominee's estate.

- Books produced by an editor who is not the author of the original works compiled or those books consisting of contributions from a number of writers are not eligible for the Blake Dawson Award.
- Titles with joint authorship will be considered for the Blake Dawson Prize for Business Literature.

General

- Works may be entered by a publisher, agent or author.
- It is essential that those nominating works on behalf of others obtain permission from them and provide direct contact details for the author.
- All nominations must be submitted with five copies of the nominated work. A separate form must be completed for each nomination. In some cases additional copies of the work may be requested by the judges. It is regretted that, as a condition of entry, books cannot be returned.
- All nominations must be made on the appropriate form and be accompanied by an entry fee of \$66 (including GST) per title to be eligible for consideration. Please make cheque payable to the State Library of New South Wales.
- For the 2009 Prize, the closing date for the nomination of entries is 25 September 2009.
- The State Library of New South Wales will acknowledge receipt of nominations.
- The Prize will be judged by an independent committee whose decision will be final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning the decision.
- The judges may determine that the Prize not be made if the nominated works are not considered to be of sufficient merit. The judges may divide the Prize.
- Judges may admit or reject certain books under extraordinary conditions and the judges' report will reflect this process.
- A shortlist of no more than six books, from which the winner of the Prize will be chosen, will be released in late 2009.
- It is regretted that unsuccessful nominees will not be personally advised of the results.

- Shortlisted authors may be asked to participate in a panel discussion organised by Blake Dawson Lawyers.
- The provision of prize money may be subject to the GST.

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