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Call for nominations: NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2021

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The State Library of NSW today announced the opening of nominations for the 2021 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

Over more than 40 years the Awards have recognised hundreds of emerging and established Australian writers.

NSW Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, said: "The NSW Government recognises the outstanding achievements of Australia's talented and diverse writers. At a time when all of us could use an added dose of inspiration during these challenging times, I encourage any writer to nominate their work for the 2021 awards, which are the richest state-based literary awards in the country."

The total prize pool of up to \$305,000, including sponsored awards, will be presented to the winners at an awards ceremony at the State Library on 26 April 2021.

The NSW Premier's Literary Awards comprise the following categories:

- Christina Stead Prize for Fiction (\$40,000)
- UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing (\$5,000)
- Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-Fiction (\$40,000)
- Kenneth Slessor Prize for Poetry (\$30,000)
- Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature (\$30,000)
- Ethel Turner Prize for Young People's Literature (\$30,000)
- Nick Enright Prize for Playwriting (\$30,000)
- Betty Roland Prize for Scriptwriting (\$30,000)
- Multicultural NSW Award (\$20,000)
- NSW Translation Prize (biennial) (\$30,000)

Submitted works must have been first published, performed, screened or broadcast and made publicly available between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020, with the exception of the NSW Translation Prize which is biennial.

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Nominations may be made by authors or illustrators or by their authorised representative: agent, publisher, professional theatre company, film distributor, production company or broadcasting company or corporation. Writers and illustrators whose works are nominated must be living Australian citizens or persons holding permanent resident status.

Nomination forms and guidelines for the awards are available from:
<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pla>

Nominations close: 5pm, Monday 12 October 2020.

The NSW Premier's Literary Awards are administered by the State Library of NSW, in association with Create NSW, and with the support of Multicultural NSW and the University of Technology Sydney.

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