

Encore Award 2022

Eligibility and Entry Guidelines

1. The Award

- a) A prize of £10,000 will be awarded to the author of the work that the judges consider to be the best second novel of the year. Each shortlisted author who does not go on to win the overall Award will also receive a £500 cash prize.
- b) The judges will be responsible for compiling a shortlist of outstanding books. This will be announced in spring 2022 and the winner will be announced shortly thereafter.
- c) The Award is administered in all respects by the Royal Society of Literature.

2. Eligible Books

- a) The Award is open any published second novel, which must be a full-length work of fiction.
- b) The writer must have been resident in the United Kingdom (UK) or the Republic of Ireland (RoI) for the past three years.
- c) All entries must be published (in any format) for the first time in the UK or RoI within the calendar year 2021.
- d) Books originally written in another language, and translated into English, are not eligible.
- e) Novellas or children's books are ineligible.
- f) Books published with vanity publishers are not eligible.
- g) A book submitted on behalf of an author who was deceased at the date of publication will not be eligible for consideration.

3. Entry of Books

- a) Books may be entered by trade publishers based in the UK or RoI, or authors who meet eligibility criteria 2.b) and have been published by a publisher based in the UK or RoI. Publishers may submit multiple eligible titles.
- b) Only digital submissions will be accepted, in epub or mobi format. Please upload files when filling out the entry form [here](#). There should be no watermarks or crop marks, and we ask that the cover and copyright page are included. Only small presses who do not have digital versions may send copies of books to the office, which cannot be returned. The deadline for entries is **Friday 14 January 2022**. Books must not be sent direct to the judges.

Please also complete an equal opportunities monitoring form for the author you are entering, the information on which will be treated in the strictest confidence and not linked to submissions. If entering on behalf of someone else, please check the responses for accuracy prior to submitting.