

Storylines Dame Kāterina Te Heikōkō Mataira Award for a manuscript written in te reo Māori



Introduction

This award is sponsored by Huia Publishing and is an annual award for a manuscript written originally in te reo Māori by a New Zealand author.

The award shall be known as the Storylines Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira Award for a work originally written in te reo Maori Award, sponsored by Huia.

The Award is held annually, and open to writers of an unpublished manuscript in te reo Māori in any genre (picture book, junior fiction, young adult fiction, non-fiction). The manuscript submissions must be original works in te reo Māori and not be translations of books that have been written or already published in English.

The deadline for submission shall be 31 October of each year and the award presented at the Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day in the following year.

The award is open to any writer who meets the eligibility criteria as laid out on the entry form and guidelines posted on the Storylines website.

The author shall receive:

- Assurance by Huia of publication of the winning manuscript.
- A cash prize of NZ\$1500 provided in 2020 by Massey University Te Pūtahi-a-Toi: School of Māori Knowledge in lieu of a publishing advance, and presented at the Storylines annual awards day. From 2020, the cash prize of NZ\$1500 will be provided by Huia.
- Expenses covered by Storylines for attendance at the announcement of the award during the annual Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day held in Auckland late March or early April.
- Expenses covered by Huia for the winner to attend the launch of the book at the Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day or at a Storylines event in the following year.

Judging panel

The judging panel consists of two representatives of Huia, three representatives of Storylines; all will be fluent in te reo Māori. One of the Storylines representatives is appointed as convenor.

Conditions of entry

- The deadline for submissions is 31 October.
- Submissions must be of the following lengths according to the age group the manuscript is written for:
 - no longer than 1000 words for a picture book
 - approximately 25,000 to 45,000 words for a junior fiction book
 - no longer than 75,000 words for a young adult title
- Four copies of the manuscript submissions will be required to be submitted in hard copy to the Storylines Awards administrator, plus one PDF copy electronically. Submissions may be single-spaced and double sided. Entries submitted solely online will not be accepted.

- Huia has the first option to publish any of the manuscripts submitted.
- The award shall not be presented in any year if in the opinion of Huia and the three Storylines judges there is no manuscript submitted that is of publishable standard. It is understood that the manuscripts are assessed with the expectation that editing may be required.
- Storylines will inform the shortlisted authors and the winner. This advice must be kept confidential by all parties until the announcement of the award. The winning author will be reminded that editing and production processes will be determined by Huia according to its normal standards and practices.
- Huia will draw up a standard contract with the author.
- Storylines and Huia will announce the winning author at the Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day held each year at the end of March or beginning of April, put out media releases and undertake other publicity to maximise the profile and stature of the award.
- Huia undertakes to launch the book of the winning manuscript at the Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day of the year following, or at a time negotiated with Storylines.
- A submission which is short-listed may be re-submitted for the following year.
- After judging, all judges will return the manuscript to the Storylines awards administrator, destroy all files with judges' comments and sign a document to this effect.
- Huia will use the Storylines Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira Award name and the Storylines Te Reo Māori Award logo (or in its absence, the Storylines logo) as an endorsement for the winning published book. A credit will appear in te reo Māori and in English as follows in the work: "XXX is the winner of the Storylines Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira Award sponsored by Huia".