

## Storylines Janice Marriott Mentoring Award



### Introduction

This award is provided through the generosity of Janice Marriott and is an annual award for a previously unpublished writer for mentoring for a work written by a New Zealand writer.

The award is held annually, and open to previously unpublished writers only. Each submission must be for a proposal for a junior fiction novel by the writer.

The deadline for submissions 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.

An 'unpublished writer' is defined by Storylines as a writer who has not had a book for children or young adults in any genre (picture book, non-fiction, junior or YA fiction) published either in hard copy or online, whether by a commercial publisher or self-published. Publication by the applicant of small literary works either in hard copy or online in any genre is allowable. These could include a short story or poem in an anthology, the text of a school reader or articles for magazines.

The award will be the starting point for six months of ongoing mentoring to the successful candidate during which time Janice will be available to encourage and advise.

A work timeline will be agreed by the two parties. Dialogue will be by email, with two Zoom sessions arranged by Storylines.

### Judging panel

The judging panel consists of Janice Marriott and two representatives of Storylines. One of the Storylines representatives is appointed as convenor.

### Conditions of entry

- The deadline for submissions is 31 October.
- Submissions must be in the form of a one-page synopsis of the planned novel AND two sample chapters
- THREE copies of the submission 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.
- Submissions will only be accepted from unpublished writers who meet the New Zealand residency requirements as stipulated on the entry form.

### Process

- The award shall not be presented in any year if Janice Marriott is unavailable during the following year to undertake the mentorship.
- Storylines will inform the winner. This advice must be kept confidential by all parties until the announcement of the award. The winning writer will be reminded that the mentorship will follow Janice Marriott's usual mentoring processes.
- Storylines will announce the winning writer 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.
- Unsuccessful writers may submit an entry 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.