

# Storylines Te Kāhurangi Kāterina Te Heikōkō Mataira Guidelines

Entries to be received by 31 October each year

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## Criteria for all genre originally written in te reo Māori

### Te Reo Māori:

General criteria apply as for the genres as stated below, with special consideration given to the following:

- Does the book portray the Māori world view?
- Are te reo me ōna tikanga, language and customs, expressed to a high standard?
- Is the language used evidently of high standard, with a rich vocabulary, correct grammar and the orthography following Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori guidelines?
- How relevant and resolved is the story for the intended age and audience?

**Picture book** (Note that 'school readers' and other educational material for primary children written in te reo Māori can be submitted in this category for the award.)

Elements to be considered:

- Will the text and story appeal to children up to about 8 years of age?
- Is the language used appropriate for the intended age group?
- If in rhyme, is the rhythm consistent and does it read well aloud?
- Does the text work on different levels for different audiences?
- What is the overall impact of the MS on the reader?

### Fiction

Junior fiction for primary and intermediate-aged children. Young adult fiction for upper intermediate and secondary school students.

Elements to be considered:

- Is the plot well-constructed and does it make sense?
- Are the characters and their behaviour believable, convincing and consistent, and allow for growth and development?
- Do the narrative and dialogue work together?
- Does the author's language convey a sense of place, character, atmosphere, etc.

### Non-fiction:

Poetry, folklore, retellings of myths and legends are included in this category.

Elements to be considered:

- Is the topic and information suitable for the target age group?
- Is the text authoritative, accurate and clear?
- Is the language appropriate for the intended age group?
- Does the text's general tone indicate that it is for the general young reader i.e. not for a textbook intended primarily for classroom use?