



The Desmond Elliott Prize 2012

The Prize for New Fiction

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Rules & Entry Form

CLOSING DATES

**Books & Entry Forms
Friday 25 November 2011**

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1. THE PRIZE

- a) The Desmond Elliott Prize, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in 2012, is worth £10,000 to the winner and is awarded by the Trustees of the Desmond Elliott Charitable Trust.
- b) The prize is awarded annually for the best first full-length work of fiction written in English published in book form in the UK, written by an author whose permanent place of residence is in the UK or Ireland.
- c) The prize will be selected from a longlist of ten titles, followed by a shortlist of three outstanding books submitted for the prize. For inclusion in this shortlist a novel must have the full support of at least one judge in whose opinion it is a valid contender for the Prize. Each shortlisted author will receive a hamper from Fortnum & Mason.
- d) The panel of three judges is chosen by the Trustees of the Desmond Elliott Charitable Trust.

2. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Any eligible book which is entered for the prize will only qualify for the award if its publisher agrees to its submission and it satisfies the conditions set out in rule 3.

3. ELIGIBLE BOOKS

- a) Any first full-length novel, as verified by the publisher, is eligible. Such a book must be a unified and substantial work. Neither a book of short stories nor a novella is eligible. Entry for books is dealt with in Rule 4.
- b) Authors must be living at the time of submission.
- c) Only books written and published originally in English are eligible. A self-published book does not qualify. E book submissions will be considered but should come from an established imprint and on the condition that three copies are downloaded for the judges' consideration. In the event that

an online book is shortlisted, the publisher must undertake to produce hard copies.

- c) Children's/crossover books will only be accepted on the condition that they have also been published by an adult imprint within the specified dates.
- f) All entries must be published in the United Kingdom between the required dates (Rule 4a) but previous publication of a book outside the UK does not disqualify it provided the author is permanently resident in the UK and Ireland (see Rule 1a).
- g) The decision of the administrator and judges as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding.
- h) No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won any other prize previously.
- i) All submissions are made on a confidential basis.

4. ENTRY OF BOOKS

- a) United Kingdom publishers may enter up to two full-length novels per imprint, with scheduled publication dates between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.
- b) Entry forms must be submitted by 25 November 2011. At that date all available books should be submitted to the Prize administrator. One copy or bound proof of each entry must be submitted.
- c) The judges may also, not later than February 2012, call in any book published between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012. In that event, the publisher will be asked to submit one printed copy of the book to the Prize administrator.
- d) A longlist of ten titles will be announced in March 2012. At this stage, the publisher of each longlist title must supply an additional six copies of each book to the Prize administrator.
- e) No book entered by publishers or called in by the judges will be returned to the publishers.

5. **PROMOTION OF THE PRIZE**

- a) The publisher of the winning book must undertake to print the following on the jacket of any subsequent edition:

Winner of The Desmond Elliott Prize 2012

- b) Authors should be prepared to undertake press and media interviews on being shortlisted and / or winning and, wherever possible, reference the Prize on their websites/blogs.

