



PENGUIN  
PRIZE for  
African  
Writing



## RULES FOR THE NON-FICTION PRIZE

### OVERVIEW

The Penguin Prize for African Writing will be awarded to African writers of a previously unpublished, full-length work in two categories: Fiction and Non-fiction. The prize in each category to be R50,000 (approximately US\$5,000) and a publishing contract with Penguin SA, with worldwide distribution via Penguin Group companies. Penguin aims to highlight the diversity of writing talent originating from the African continent through this award.

### JUDGING

Two panels of judges from the African continent will be constituted to adjudicate the shortlist of entries in the two categories. Judging will be done based on the reading of electronic copies of the works.

### TIMELINE

The first prize will be awarded in September 2010, the two shortlists will be announced in April 2010. The submission date for entries for consideration for the prize will be 30 January 2010.

### CRITERIA FOR ENTRY AND RULES FOR THE NON-FICTION PRIZE

- Serious narrative non-fiction that examines and explores African issues and experiences for both local and international audiences in an engaging, thought provoking and enlightening way;
- Academic works or textbooks will not be considered;
- Directories, reference books, travel guides, map books, cookbooks, how-to books, and photographic books will not be considered;
- Submissions must be typed full-length works of non-fiction (generally between 60 000 and 100 000 words);
- Submissions should be previously unpublished works and the rights available to Penguin Books (SA) for worldwide publication and distribution;
- Submissions must be original works, from established or new writers;
- Submissions must be in English;
- Translations into English will be accepted as long as the rights to publish in English around the world are not held by another publisher;
- Entrants must be citizens of an African country, where Africa is defined as continental Africa and the associated islands;
- Single or multi-author submissions are eligible;
- The competition is not open to Penguin employees, screeners or judges for the prize, nor to members of their families;
- The judging panel will be convened by Penguin Books (SA);
- The shortlist of entries will be communicated to the successful entrants;
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into;
- Submissions must preferably be emailed to: [nonfictionprize@za.penguin.com](mailto:nonfictionprize@za.penguin.com). Hard copy submissions will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances, after formal correspondence with the Prize Administrator on [nonfictionprize@za.penguin.com](mailto:nonfictionprize@za.penguin.com) or addressed to The Prize Administrator, Penguin Books, PO Box 9, Parklands 2121, South Africa;
- Entrants may submit only ONE submission;
- Entrants must keep copies of their work, as manuscripts will not be returned;
- Submissions must reach Penguin Books South Africa by 30 January 2010.