



SPN Book of the Year 2021

The Small Press Network's Book of the Year Award (BOTY) aims to shine a light on some of the outstanding books that are released by small and independent publishers each year.

Books published by all members of the Small Press Network are eligible for entry. Books must be first published in the 2020 calendar year. Each publisher may enter up to five titles. Books that have previously been published by another publisher in another territory (aka buy-ins) are not eligible.

The winning book will show excellence in its genre, demonstrate quality of writing, editorial integrity, and production.

The 2021 BOTY shortlist will be announced in September 2021, with the winner to be announced as part of the SPN Independent Publishing Conference on 26 November 2021.

The BOTY award is not only a significant accolade for a publisher and author, but it is also a unique promotional opportunity for an important publication to reignite sales and publicity – crucially timed to capitalise on the Christmas selling period.

All entries must be received by COB Monday 31 May 2021.



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Eligibility Guidelines

1. BOTY is open to print or electronic books published by members of the Small Press Network for the first time in the 2020 calendar year. If a title has been released in another format prior to 2020 it is not eligible for consideration in the 2020 publication format.
2. Each member of the Small Press Network may submit up to five books to the award. If an organisation has different publications or imprints subscribed to SPN as separate memberships they are each eligible for up to five entries.
3. Any publications across any genre are eligible for the prize as long as they were produced for commercial distribution – free products, B2B publications or member-only subscription products are not eligible.
4. Journals and serialised products are eligible, but only single editions can be submitted and these will be judged as stand-alone products under the same criteria as other individual products and not as part of a suite of publications.
5. Publications must not have been published previously by another publisher. Significantly revised works that have been previously published must have at least 50% new content to be considered a ‘new’ publication. If a work is a compilation there must be at least 50% new content from a previous publication in which the compiled works appeared.



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6. Books published only in ebook form can be entered. However, printed copies of the manuscript must be available on request for judging purposes.
7. Entries must be in English. Bilingual editions are eligible, as are books first published in another language and then translated into English and first published in English during the eligibility period.
8. A completed entry form, signed by the publisher with four copies of the entered book and any relevant supporting materials, **must be received by 5.00pm on Monday 31 May**. Ebook copies of the book must also be made available on request.
9. If the book is shortlisted for the BOTY, up to ten additional print copies of the book *may* be requested for promotional purposes. Any more gratis copies than this would be supplied at the publisher's discretion.
10. Publishers and authors of the shortlisted titles must agree to being involved in the promotional campaign for the award. This may include, but is not limited to, media interviews and publicity opportunities associated with the award, discounted promotions of shortlisted books through various sales channels, appearance at promotional events.
11. Attendance at the BOTY Awards event is not compulsory but is recommended and is at the publisher's expense.



SPN Book of the Year Award 2021: Entry form

Publisher:	
Title of publication:	
Author:	
Date of publication:	

Please attach any relevant documentation that you have which was used in the support of this publication (i.e sales sheet, book trailers, publicity that was received, editorial reviews, letters of commendation, launch information, etc.) that you feel was important and which further lends support to the quality of the production of this publication. List the attachments below:



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Publisher's contact details

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Author's contact details

Name _____

Email _____

(For compilations please use the editor's contact details and for books with multiple authors please only include the 'lead' author's contact details.)

Declaration: *In entering this prize you agree to the conditions and guidelines of The SPN Book of the Year Award (BOTY) 2021. You accept that the decision of the judges and the organisers is final.*

Publisher's signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send the completed form together with four copies of the printed book/s and any relevant supporting materials to:

BOTY Award

c/o Small Press Network

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Melbourne, 3000

Please supply hi-res cover image/s and author headshot/s to award@smallpressnetwork.com.au

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