



The *Kill Your Darlings* Unpublished Manuscript Award 2018

Submission Guidelines

1. To enter you must be an Australian citizen or hold Australian permanent residency.
2. You must have a current full-year (12 months) *Kill Your Darlings* membership at time of submission. To subscribe from \$29.95, please visit [here](#).
3. You must be 18 years of age or over at time of submission.
4. You must be an unpublished writer. Publication in the form of academic or scholarly reference book or conference proceedings, literary journal, or short-story anthology does not disqualify you from entering. Writers who have had a full-length work published by a commercial publishing house cannot be considered. If you have previously self-published, your entry must be a new, unpublished work.
5. Submissions must be either a work of adult fiction (including short story collections) or adult narrative non-fiction. Poetry, plays, practical non-fiction or works for young adults and children are ineligible.
6. If your submission is a short story collection, the majority of the stories must be previously unpublished.
7. Submissions open at 9am AEDT Monday, 15 January 2018. Entries submitted before this date will not be considered.
8. Submissions close at 5pm AEDT Saturday, 31 March 2018. Entries submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
9. Entries must be submitted using the *Kill Your Darlings* Unpublished Manuscript Award Submission page, found on our website.
10. Entries must comprise the manuscript, a half-page synopsis, and a one-page document detailing how the writer will benefit from winning the Award. Entries that do not include all of these things will be considered ineligible.





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11. Entries must be submitted as a single .pdf, set up as an A4 double-spaced document in 12 pt Times New Roman font with 3cm margins and page numbers on each page.
12. All entrants must include contact details (phone number, email and postal address), and total word length of their submitted manuscript on their single .pdf submission comprising the one-page document, synopsis and manuscript.
13. Minimum word length for all entries is 40,000 words. Maximum word length for all entries is 80,000 words.
14. Only one entry per person will be accepted.
15. If an entrant's work is the winner of any other prize, or is accepted for publication, or self-published after submission, the entrant must notify *Kill Your Darlings* in writing immediately, and their work will be ineligible for the award and withdrawn from the judging process.
16. The decision of the judges is final. The judges will not enter into any correspondence and no individual feedback will be given to entrants.
17. By submitting your entry you agree to the Award Terms and Conditions found below.





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Terms and Conditions

1. The Submission Guidelines form part of the Terms and Conditions.
2. By entering the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award you agree for your contact information to be included in Kill Your Darlings Pty Ltd (“Kill Your Darlings”) marketing database and agree to receive enews, email and communication from *Kill Your Darlings*. You may remove your email from the database at anytime by selecting ‘Unsubscribe’ on any enews and following the prompts.
3. You warrant that your entry is your own original work and does not infringe any existing copyright or license any third party rights.
4. You warrant that your entry is not defamatory and that it does not invade any individual’s right to privacy.
5. You warrant that all statements made in your entry purporting to be facts are true and able to be substantiated.
6. You warrant that your entry does not contain material in breach of any confidentiality agreements or any other law.
7. You warrant that a) you have full power to enter the *KYD* Unpublished Award; and b) you are the sole author and owner of all the copyright in your entry; and c) the material entered has not been previously licensed for exclusive use in any form in any territory.
8. The copyright in your entry shall remain your intellectual property, and your moral rights as a creator will be recognised and respected.
9. By entering, you grant Kill Your Darlings Pty Ltd (“Kill Your Darlings”) permission to use all or any part of your entry for the purpose of announcing or promoting you as either a shortlisted or winning entrant, or to promote the Award itself.





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10. If your entry wins: a) you grant *Kill Your Darlings* permission to publish an extract of up to 5,000 words on the *Kill Your Darlings*' website; and b) you agree to work in good faith with *Kill Your Darlings* to ensure the extract is of publishable standard.
11. If the judges believe that there are two works of equal merit, they reserve the right to divide the prize money equally. In this instance, *Kill Your Darlings* will provide a mentorship to both winners.
12. The judges may decide not to award the Award if they do not believe any entries are of sufficient standard.
13. The longlist will be announced on the *Kill Your Darlings* website on Friday 8 June 2018. Longlisted entrants will be notified by email.
14. The shortlist will be announced on the *Kill Your Darlings* website on Friday 22 June 2018. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email.
15. The winner will be announced on Friday 6 July 2018.
16. The winner agrees to take part in events and media activities to promote the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award.
17. Longlisted and shortlisted entrants also agree to take part in events and media activities to promote the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award.

