

## FINCH MEMOIR PRIZE 2017

The Finch Memoir Prize is for an unpublished nonfiction manuscript in the form of a memoir. The winning author will receive prize money of \$5000 and publication of his or her book on the Finch list.

### ENTRY FORM

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Cheques and money orders to the value of \$35 should be made payable to Finch Publishing.		
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Entrant's declaration: <i>By signing this entry form, I confirm that I fulfill the eligibility requirements of the Finch Memoir Prize and accept the terms and conditions of this competition.</i>		
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## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Presenting your manuscript:**

- Your manuscript must be between 40,000 and 80,000 words. Manuscripts over 80,000 words will not be accepted. A word count can be done on your computer's word processing file.
- Set your manuscript in 12-point Times New Roman (or equivalent font) with 1.5-line spacing. We will not accept handwritten manuscripts.
- Submit your manuscript in hard copy (printed) by mail. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Do not bind or staple your manuscript. Please secure with a rubber band. No folders are necessary.
- Due to time constraints, no feedback is offered on manuscripts other than the winning entry.
- The manuscript title and a page number must appear on every page. Please do not put your name on the title page or in page headers and footers.
- Photocopies of photographs may accompany your manuscript.
- Do not send original photographs or your only copy of the manuscript. Entries and photographs will not be returned.

**Creating a synopsis:** We request you write a one-page summary of your manuscript and include this with your entry.

**Compiling and submitting your entry:** Print and complete the entry form and post together with your printed manuscript and synopsis and the entry fee of \$35 to:

**The Finch Memoir Prize**  
**C/o 33 Blacks Rd**  
**Arcadia NSW 2159**

The entry fee is non refundable. Entrants will be notified by email upon receipt of a COMPLETE entry.

Entries must be posted. Do not hand deliver your manuscript. Do not submit your manuscript electronically.

**Competition deadline:** Applications are open from 3 August 2016 to 25 August 2016 at 5pm. Manuscripts will not be accepted early. Entries must be received by 5pm on 25 August 2016.

## ***ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PRIZE***

### **Entry Terms and Conditions:**

1. Entries must follow the submission requirements as previously stated.
2. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia.
3. Writers may only submit one manuscript per year for consideration. Previously entered manuscripts may be entered again, but no more than twice.
4. All writers are eligible for this competition, including authors who have been published before; authors who are represented by an agent; and unpublished authors.
5. Entrants must notify Finch Publishing immediately if their manuscript ceases to be eligible (see **Manuscripts** below).
6. Finch Publishing does not take responsibility for any lost, delayed or misdirected entries.
7. Entries must be submitted by post in hard copy and be received by 5pm on 25 August 2016. Electronic entries will not be accepted.
8. Each entrant is required to complete the entry form, which binds them to the described terms and conditions of entry. Breach of any condition of entry will render an entry invalid.

### **Manuscript Requirements:**

- The manuscript must be written in English and be an original nonfiction work intended for an adult readership. We define a memoir as an account of a life, in whole or part, told by its subject in his or her own voice.
- The manuscript submitted must be the entrant's own work and a truthful account.
- The memoir must be written by the author, and the majority of the story must be about his or her life. It cannot be written about someone else's life.
- Life stories written by a third party are not eligible.
- We will not accept manuscripts submitted by others on behalf of a deceased author.
- Multiple author entries are not eligible.
- No more than 10 percent of the manuscript may have been previously published (in print or electronic form) on a commercial basis.
- Any submitted manuscript must not be under consideration by any other publisher or for any other competition.

**Judging:**

- Manuscripts will be judged on literary merit by a panel of judges independent of Finch Publishing. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winning author will be notified by phone in strictest confidence on 3 November 2016, at which time he/she must agree to keep this news absolutely confidential until the official announcement of the winning book is made in the second quarter of 2017.
- If an entrant has not received a phone call or other notification from Finch Publishing by 3 November then he or she is free to submit their manuscript elsewhere.
- There will be no shortlist announced. The judges' comments on any highly commended entries will be published on the Finch website the day after the winner is announced.
- Each entrant is required to agree to the above terms of entry. Breach of any conditions will render an entry invalid.

**Publication and prize money:**

The winning author will receive prize money of \$5000 and publication of his or her book on the Finch list. The \$5000 prize money is payable on publication.

The publication contract will be based on standard industry terms, with the licensing of worldwide publishing rights to Finch Publishing. The winning author undertakes to be available for media interviews for a minimum period of one week immediately following publication.

The prize is not transferable or redeemable for any other goods or services.

Only one prize will be awarded.

Finch Publishing reserves the right to not:

- 1) Submit to the judging panel any manuscript deemed unsuitable for publication
- 2) Award the prize to the judges' winning entry if the manuscript does not fulfill the eligibility requirements for this competition or if Finch Publishing determines that publication of the manuscript will expose it to legal risk.

If no manuscript is judged the clear winner, Finch Publishing may decide not to award the prize.

No entrant may win the prize in successive years.

*The promoter of this competition is Finch Publishing Pty Ltd, ABN 49 057 285 248, 1A 64 Darley Street, Mona Vale, NSW, 2103, Australia.*