

**Criteria for The Pigott Poetry Prize**  
***in association with Listowel Writers' Week.***

- The closing date for entries for the 2018 Pigott Poetry Prize is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019** and entries are strictly limited to Poetry Books published between the 1st February 2018 and the 1st February 2019.
- The closing date for subsequent years shall be determined by Listowel Writers' Week.
- **3 copies** of each book entered for the Pigott Prize should be submitted to "The Pigott Poetry Prize," Listowel Writers' Week, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co Kerry V31 RD93 on or before the due closing date. No copies of submissions shall be returned.
- **NO** formal Application Form is required although the covering letter must clearly state that the book is being entered for the Pigott Poetry Prize.
- The First Prize is an award of €10,000, an increase of €2,000. It will be awarded to the author of the best eligible Book of Poetry in the opinion of the Adjudicators. Each of the other shortlisted authors will be awarded €1,000.
- The Prize may **NOT** be divided or withheld.
- The winning authors must each be an Irish writer of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.
- Each recipient must be living at the time of the award.
- Each Book of Poetry must be in the English language.
- Books submitted for the award must be works of **Poetry**.
- If the book reaches the shortlist in March, Publishers may be required to submit further copies free of charge for publicity.
- Books will be accepted **only** from publishers and agents.
- Online submission will only be accepted from an established imprint and on the condition that three copies are downloaded for the adjudicators' consideration. In the event that an online book is shortlisted the publisher must undertake to produce hard copies and make these available for sale within 10 days of the announcement of the shortlist.
- No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won any other prize previously.
- All submissions are made on a confidential basis save and except that the submission is placed on the shortlist and or adjudicated the winner.
- The decision of the Literary Director as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- The adjudicators will be responsible for compiling a shortlist of three outstanding books submitted for the award.
- The adjudicators are appointed annually by Listowel Writers Week and its decision shall be final.
- Publishers must use their best endeavours to ensure that authors whose books are submitted make themselves available for publicity from the shortlist stage in March 2019.
- The winner will be announced at the Listowel Writers Week Opening Ceremony on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Publishers must ensure that ***The Pigott Poetry Prize in association with Listowel Writers' Week*** is included in the winning author's biography and on the cover of any future editions of the book.
- All decisions of Listowel Writers Week in any matter concerning the administration, management and or adjudication of this Prize shall be absolute and final.
- Listowel Writers' Week reserve the right to amend and alter these criteria in consultation and with the agreement of the Pigott Family.

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