

## **The Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year 2019 is association with Listowel Writers' Week**

**This prize is for a work of Literary Fiction by an Irish Author.**

### **Criteria 2019**

- The Prize is worth €15,000 to the winner. It will be awarded to an Irish author of the best eligible full-length novel in the opinion of the Adjudicators. Each shortlisted author will be awarded €500.
- The Prize may **NOT** be divided or withheld.
- The author must be an Irish writer of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland or hold an Irish Passport.
- Authors must be living at the time of the award.
- **NO** application form is required – please submit novels by post.
- Books submitted for the award must be works of **literary fiction**.
- **Six** copies of the Book must be submitted to:
- Eilish Wren, Festival Manager, **The Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award**, Listowel Writers' Week, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co Kerry, V31 RD93 Ireland before the **1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**.
- If the book reaches the shortlist in March 2019, publishers will be required to submit further copies for publicity purposes.
- Self-published books are eligible where the author is the publisher or where a company has been specifically set up to publish the submitted book.
- Online submission will only be accepted from an established imprint and on the condition that six 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 sales within 10 days of the announcement of the shortlist.
- The book must have been published within the current award year i.e. between 1st February 2018 and 1st February 2019.
- No entry shall be ineligible because its author has won either the prize or any other prize previously.
- The decision of the Literary Director as to whether a book is eligible shall be binding and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- The adjudicators will be responsible for compiling a shortlist of five outstanding books submitted for the award.
- The adjudicators are appointed by Listowel Writers' Week.
- Publishers must use their best endeavours to ensure that authors whose books are submitted make themselves available for publicity from the short-list 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 Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award** is included in the winning author's biography and also on the cover of future reprints of the winning book.

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