

Singapore Book Awards 2022 Category Guidelines

Please be reminded that only publications with ISBNs would be considered for all award categories with the exception of Best Magazine Title category.

Publications with ISSNs will automatically be entered for consideration under the Best Magazine Title category.

I. Book of the Year

The winning title will be selected from among the following subsidiary award winners.

- Best Education Title
- Best Illustrated Non-Fiction Title
- Best Literary Work
- Best Non-Fiction Title
- Best Picture Book (5 – 7 years old)
- Best Professional Title
- Best Young Persons Title (7 – 18 years old)

II. Best Education Title

Titles submitted under this category include but are not limited to the following:

- a) textbooks;
- b) assessment books; and
- c) educational reference books

Convince us of the educational value of your book. We will only consider books for students in primary, secondary or tertiary education, not professional or graduate education.

III. Best Illustrated Non-Fiction Title

We are looking for the visually attractive illustrated book, what used to be called “coffee table” books. Illustrated books for children

should be submitted in category VI. We are looking for high aesthetic standards, of images, writing and design, the marriage of content, design and production, and the potential for positive social impact.

IV. Best Literary Work

Titles that can be submitted under this category include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Novels
- b) Collections of short stories, etc
- c) Poetry

V. Best Non-Fiction Title

Titles that can be submitted under this category include but are not limited to the following areas:

- current affairs,
- history,
- politics,
- science,
- sport,
- travel,
- biography, autobiography, and
- the arts.

VI. Best Picture Book (5 – 7 years old)

Titles that can be submitted under this category include picture books meant for young readers as well as non-pictorial books meant for readers no older than 7 years of age. The content of these titles should help promote the habit of reading among children from the abovementioned age categories.

VII. Best Professional Title

Titles submitted for this category must be tailored for working professionals and be focused on enabling working professionals to

advance their professional knowledge and ensure their continued competence in their chosen profession.

VIII. Best Young Persons Title (7 – 18 years old)

Titles submitted should appeal to persons aged 7 through 18 years old. These include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Novels
- b) Non-Fiction books
- c) Collection of short stories and/or essays
- d) Poetry

IX. Best Audiobook

We will consider audiobooks across fiction and non-fiction titles. We will be looking at high standards in the audio quality, voiceovers, as well as technical excellence and the audio interpretation of the print title. The number of downloads and overall sales figures will be considered too.

X. Best Book Cover Design

There's no restriction on the sort of book cover design. Illustrated, typographic, or photographic covers should place an emphasis on visual impact, creativity and design. Please submit a one paragraph statement on the intention of the design.

XI. Best Magazine Title

Titles that can be submitted under this category are published either weekly, monthly or quarterly. We are looking for publications with original and engaging content that best serves its intended audience. Other factors such as design and print quality, creativity, effective use of budget and other resources will be considered. Convince us of the merits of your publication.

XII. Best Custom Publishing

Books eligible for this category are specially commissioned projects from public or private entities to their target audience. The design and style of the production, as well as the content and editorial

approach will be considered. Examples of innovative qualities in the publications should be described in detail.