

Write and create a book and you could be this year's Young Territory Author of the Year.

The Young Territory Author Awards aim to inspire children and young people in the NT to explore their ideas and turn them into stories.

These awards are open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Northern Territory at the time of entering the book.

Other Prizes:

The Bookshop Darwin: Darwin Regional Award - \$100
Regional Area Winners - \$50
16-18 Age category winner - Voiceworks Subscription
Age Category Winners - \$50 voucher
Highly Commended - \$30 voucher
Encouragement Awards - \$20 voucher

How to enter:

Create an original story and present it as a book. Fill in the entry form and submit it with the book. Enter online, by mail or drop it in.

Online - upload a pdf of your book, and complete the online entry web form on our website: darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa

Mail - Send your book plus 1 B+W photocopy of your book, along with the entry form to City of Darwin Libraries PO Box 40171, Casuarina, NT 0811

Drop it in - Bring your book plus 1 B+W photocopy of your book, along with the entry form to any NT public library.

For any enquiries email: darwinlibraries@darwin.nt.gov.au



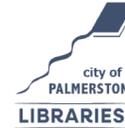
The Collection and the Awards

In 1991 City of Darwin launched the Young Territory Author Collection and the Young Territory Author Awards for young writers who produce their own book.

The purpose of the Collection is to provide a platform for young Territory authors to share their work and gain recognition for its literary value. Authors of all ages now have their books featured in the Young Territory Author Collection, which is housed at Casuarina Library and available for borrowing.

The awards are organised in association with Municipal Councils, schools, and libraries of the Northern Territory.

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YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS

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Author of the Year - \$500

Variety NT Runner-up Award - \$250

School Entry prize - \$500

CBCA NT Wow Award - \$200

Entries close 27 August 2026.

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Winners will be announced in
November 2026.**

Entry specifications:

An entry must be in a book format and contain:

- A front and back cover.
- A title page stating: the name of the book, the names of the author/s, and an acknowledgement of an illustrator or other persons who have contributed to the book.
- Page numbers must be on each page.
- Maximum size online 20MB.
- The book should be well bound (loose papers or paper clipping may not be acceptable), written by hand or typed text.
- Final, submitted work must be human-created and have disclosed any use of AI.

Terms and Conditions:

For Terms and Conditions use the QR code or visit:
darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa



Please fill in one of these forms only

School entry form

(submit one book that a class has worked on together)

Students' names: (Please attach a separate list)

Title of book*: _____

Teacher's name*: _____

Class name*: _____

School name*: _____

Age span of authors*: _____

School teacher's email*:

School phone number*: _____

School postal address*: _____

Where did you hear about YTAA?: _____

* These are mandatory

Checklist

(please tick all applicable boxes)

- Original story AI assisted
- Entry fits the specifications of a book
- I have read the Terms and Conditions

Entries by mail or drop in

- A well-bound book Completed entry form
- A black and white copy of the book

Entries online

- A pdf of the book
- Completed online entry form

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Individual entry form

(submit one book you have worked on individually or with a friend)

Age*: _____

Author's name*: _____

Title of book*: _____

Suburb you live in*: _____

Family email*:

Family phone number*: _____

Postal address*: _____

Where did you hear about YTAA?: _____

* These are mandatory

Illustrator details (if applicable)

Name*: _____ Age*: _____

Family email*: _____

Family phone number*: _____

Postal address*: _____

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