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FOR DEBUT AFRICAN NOVELISTS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Holland House Books (UK), Karavan Press (SA) and Karen Jennings are proud to announce the inaugural The Island Prize for a Debut Novel from Africa. The purpose of the prize is to give writers from the continent of Africa (or the diaspora) a chance to showcase their work to a wider audience, with the possibility of feedback, mentoring, meeting with a potential agent and publication (both in the UK and South Africa).

Writers from all parts of Africa who have not had a novel published are invited to enter. There is no entry fee, and the prizes are:

1ST PRIZE
£500

2ND PRIZE
£300

3RD PRIZE
£200

All three will be read by publishers and agents, and considered for publication by Holland House Books in the UK. All shortlisted novels will receive feedback.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- The Island Prize is open to African writers aged 18 and over regardless of place of residence.
- For the purposes of the competition, we define “African writers” as writers born in or having citizenship of any African country.
- Please send a one-page summary and the first 3 chapters (or 10,000 words) of a complete debut novel.
- Submissions open on Wednesday 15 September 2021 and close at midnight Central African Time on Sunday 12 December 2021.
- For the full set of rules and entry form please go to <https://www.hhousebooks.com/the-island-prize/>
- Any queries, please email Luthando on TheIsland@hhousebooks.com