



THE ISLAND PRIZE

FOR DEBUT AFRICAN NOVELISTS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Writers from all parts of Africa and the diaspora who have not had a novel published (short stories, poems, or non-fiction are fine) are invited to enter. There is no entry fee, and the prizes are:

1st Prize – £500

Runners-up – £200 each

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- Please send a one-page summary and the first 3 chapters (or 10,000 words) of a completed unpublished debut novel.
- Submissions open on 1 October 2023 and close at midnight Central African Time on 1 January 2024.
- For the full set of rules and entry form please go to <https://www.hhousebooks.com/the-island-prize/>