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PRIME MINISTER'S LITERARY AWARDS - CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Australian Government invites entries from Australian writers for the inaugural Prime Minister's Literary Awards – two tax-free national literary prizes of \$100,000 each, for fiction and non-fiction works.

Australian writers celebrate the Australian voice and character, and make an enormous contribution to our cultural identity and the economy.

These prestigious literary awards – the nation's most generous - are designed to recognise Australia's great talent and to foster and inspire new generations of writers.

Authors, publishers and literary agents are eligible to enter books written by living Australian citizens and permanent residents.

Work must be first published in the English language and first offered for general sale between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007.

Entries close at 2 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time), Friday 28 March 2008.

We expect shortly to announce the appointment of two judging panels, each comprising three members of national standing from the fields of Australian literature, law, academia and culture.

For entry forms and eligibility guidelines: www.arts.gov.au/pmliteraryawards

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