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The BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award
The BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award is the main award category.*
Minimum length 1000 words
Maximum length 5000 words
Prize: NZ$10,000

The BNZ Novice Writer category
The BNZ Novice Writer category is open only to entrants who have not previously had creative writing published or broadcast for payment.*
Minimum length 1000 words
Maximum length 3000 words
Prize: NZ$1500

The BNZ Young Writer category
The BNZ young writer category encourages New Zealand secondary school student writers, and offers a prize for the winner’s school in addition to their individual award prize.*
Minimum length 750 words
Maximum length 2000 words
Prizes: NZ$1500
Winner awarded $1500.
Winner’s school awarded $2000.**

The BNZ Short Short Story Competition
If you can pen just 150 words you can take part in this exciting challenge. Submit your Short Short Story online at facebook.com/bnzbank and be in to win cash.***
Maximum length 150 words
Prizes: NZ$500

*See terms and conditions for full details.
**If a home schooled young writer wins, this part of the prize will vary - see clause 20.
***Visit the application on facebook.com/BNZbank for competition terms and conditions.

For online entries
Submit your entry online via the entry forms on bnz.co.nz/literaryawards. All online entries must be accompanied by one manuscript typed in English, double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font and saved as a Word file (.doc) in a PC (not Mac) format. The author’s pen name (alias/nickname) only must appear on the manuscript.

For postal entries
All postal entries must include a completed entry form and two identical manuscripts, typed in English, double-spaced and in Times New Roman 12 point font. The only name to appear on the manuscript must be the author’s pen name (alias/nickname).

Entries must be addressed to:
Awards Administering Committee
C/o BNZ Sponsorship Team
BNZ Literary Awards 2012
Private Bag 92208
Auckland 1142

Entries close 30 June 2012
We wish you well for the Awards and for your future writing endeavours.
Terms and Conditions for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer Categories of the BNZ Literary Awards.

These Terms and Conditions apply to the following BNZ Literary Awards’ categories:
- BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award category;
- BNZ Novice Writer category; and
- BNZ Young Writer category.

These Terms and Conditions apply to the Awards.

Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories.

Entrants for the BNZ Young Writer category must be under 19 years of age as at the Closing Date. Entrants for the Young Writer categories from 1 May 2012 until 31 May 2012 (the “Closing Date”). BNZ will accept entries prior to the Opening Date or after the Closing Date.

Entrants must be New Zealanders by birth, naturalisation or by residence in New Zealand for three years continuously immediately prior to the Opening Date. Entrants must be New Zealanders by birth, naturalisation or by residence in New Zealand for three years continuously immediately prior to the Closing Date. BNZ will not accept entries prior to the Opening Date or after the Closing Date.

Entrants must be 13 years of age or over at the Closing Date. The BNZ Katherine Mansfield and BNZ Novice Writers’ categories have no maximum age limit.

The BNZ Young Writer category is open only to secondary school pupils (including home schooled secondary level pupils). Entrants must be attending a secondary school, or still receiving home schooling at a secondary school level, at the presentation date of the BNZ Literary Awards for the BNZ Young Writer category. Entrants for the young writer category must be under 19 years of age as at the Closing Date.

The BNZ Novice Writer category is open only to entrants who have not previously had creative writing (including, but not limited to, a novel, short story, poetry or other work of fiction) published or broadcast.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant alone.

Entries must not have been published or broadcast, or submitted for publication or broadcast, as at the presentation date of the BNZ Literary Awards for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories.

8. Entries must not be or have been entered into any other competition until after the presentation date of the awards for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories.

9. Winners of the 2011 BNZ Literary Awards are not eligible to enter the same BNZ Literary Award category in 2012. Any winners prior to 2011 may enter the same BNZ Literary Award category if eligible. Entrant’s contact details may be used by BNZ to let them know about future BNZ Literary Awards.

10. BNZ employees and their families are eligible to enter all categories.

11. The maximum and minimum lengths of entries are as follows:
   - BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award – min 1000 words, max 5000 words
   - BNZ Novice Writer category – min 1000 words, max 3000 words
   - BNZ Young Writer category – min 750 words, max 2000 words

12. Entrants may submit multiple entries. However, the same entry cannot be entered into the same category more than once.

13. Each entry for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories must be accompanied by a completed 2012 entry form and be submitted either by post (to the address specified at the end of these Terms and Conditions) or online at www.bnz.co.nz/literaryawards. Where an entry is posted, it must be accompanied by two identical manuscripts, typed in English, double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font size. Where an entry is submitted online, it must be accompanied by one manuscript, typed in English, double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font size and saved as a Word file (.doc or .docx) in a PC (not Mac) format.

14. Each entry for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories must be submitted under a pen name (i.e. alias/nickname). Entries will not be accepted if the entrant’s given name appears on the manuscript (including where the entrant’s name forms all or part of the document’s file name – if being submitted electronically).

15. Entries must not contain any photographs or illustrations and no covers are required.

16. Once an entry is submitted, the manuscript is final. The entry cannot be withdrawn and no alterations can be made to it.

17. BNZ takes no responsibility for entries.

18. For an acknowledgment of receipt of entry, postal entrants must complete the acknowledgement portion of the entry form and send it in with the entry form. Online entrants will receive a receipt of acknowledgement by email if a correct email address is provided in the online entry form. Manuscripts will not be returned to the entrants.

The prizes are:
- BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award – $10,000
- BNZ Novice Writer category – $1500
- BNZ Young Writer category – $1100 paid to the winner and $2000 paid to the winner’s school.*

* If a home schooled pupil wins, $1500 will be paid to the winner and $2000 will be paid to a secondary school or a registered charity of the winner’s choice.

The BNZ Literary Awards’ Administering Committee will endeavour to arrange first publication and/or broadcast of the winning manuscripts.

A selection of manuscripts from the BNZ Young Writer category (other than the winner) may be chosen for publication after the presentation of the award for the BNZ Young Writer category.

All entries submitted remain the property of the entrant. However, BNZ reserves the right to publish the winning entries in the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award and BNZ Novice Writer categories, and to publish any manuscript entered into the BNZ Young Writer category, without fee.

The BNZ Literary Awards’ Administering Committee will contact the winners of the Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories no later than 30 days prior to the presentation date of the awards for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted.

The presentation of the awards for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories will be in Auckland or Wellington in September 2012 and will be by invitation only. The actual presentation date will be confirmed by BNZ at www.bnz.co.nz/literaryawards. At BNZ’s sole discretion, BNZ may provide assistance to any winner to cover such winner’s costs in attending the presentation. Any such assistance will be discussed with the winner at the time the winner is contacted under clause 24 of these terms and conditions.

Winners’ names, entry details, biographical information and photographs will be required by the BNZ Literary Awards’ Administering Committee and will be used for promotional purposes.

The BNZ Literary Awards’ judges’ decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Postal entries for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories of the BNZ Literary Awards should be submitted to

BNZ Literary Awards’ Administering Committee
c/o BNZ Sponsorship Team
BNZ Literary Awards 2012
Private Bag 92028
Auckland 1142

Online entries for the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, BNZ Novice Writer and BNZ Young Writer categories of the BNZ Literary Awards should be submitted at

www.bnz.co.nz/literaryawards