

# THE WINSTON GRAHAM HISTORICAL PRIZE

The Royal Institution of Cornwall is pleased to announce The Winston Graham Historical Prize, funded by a generous legacy from the author and supported by his family.

In this, its inaugural year, the Prize will be awarded for an unpublished work of historical fiction, preferably with a clear connection to Cornwall. It will be supported by publishers Pan Macmillan.

The Prize will be £5000 cash, with the potential for publication by Pan Macmillan, subject to their acceptance. In subsequent years the value and subject of the Prize may change.

## The Winston Graham Historical Prize Competition Rules 2008/09

### Eligibility

- The Prize is open to anyone over 18 years, including non-UK entrants.
- Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must not have been previously published, self-published, published on any website, or broadcast.
- Entries submitted posthumously will not be eligible.

### Closing Dates

- To be considered for short-listing, authors must submit a synopsis (not exceeding 500 words) together with the first two chapters of their work, by 31 March 2009.
- All entrants' work will be scrutinized by the Short-listing Panel which will be appointed by The Royal Institution of Cornwall.
- Entrants will be informed of the Short-listing Panel's decision by 31st May 2009. Short-listed entrants will be required to submit 5 copies of their completed work to the Judges' Panel by the 30 June 2009.

### Fees

- The entry fee is £25.00.
- Fees are payable in sterling by credit/debit card, cheque or postal order. Cheques must be from a UK bank and should be made payable to The Royal Institution of Cornwall with the sender's name and address on the back. Postal entries from overseas can only be paid by credit/debit card.
- Overseas cheques, money orders or drafts will not be accepted.

### Entry Format

- Entries must be in English.
- Entries must be clearly typed or printed, in double spacing on single sided A4 paper. Each page needs to include the title and page number and should be securely fastened.
- Entries must not include the name, address or any identifying marks other than the title of the work.
- A completed entry form, with full personal details, together with the appropriate fee must accompany all entries.
- Entries will not be returned, so entrants are advised to keep a copy.
- No corrections can be made after submission, nor fees refunded.

- Entries should be submitted by post to the Royal Cornwall Museum, River Street, Truro TR1 2SJ with "The Winston Graham Historical Prize" clearly marked on the envelope.
- Entries submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

### Receipt of entry

- If you require acknowledgement of your entry, please enclose a stamped, addressed postcard marked 'ACKNOWLEDGEMENT'.
- It is not possible to confirm receipt of entries by phone or email.

### Reports and Result

- Those on the short list will receive a letter from the Judges' Panel.
- The short list and the final result of the competition will be published on the Royal Cornwall Museum website [www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk](http://www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk)
- To receive a copy of the short-list, please enclose an A5 stamped addressed envelope marked 'SHORT LIST'

### Judges' Panel

- The Judges' Panel will be appointed by The Royal Institution of Cornwall.
- The Judges' decision is final.
- The Judges will not enter into any individual correspondence.
- Judges are unable to comment on individual entries.
- The Judges reserve the right not to make an award.
- Judging is fair and independent.

### Prize Award

#### One Prize of £5000 plus the potential for publication by Pan Macmillan

- The winner will be announced in Autumn 2009.
- Although the winning entry will be considered for publication by Pan Macmillan, there can be no prior commitment to publish.

### Copyright

- Worldwide copyright of each entry remains with the author.

**Entry implies acceptance of all the rules.**

**Failure to comply with the competition entry requirements and rules will result in disqualification.**

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