



the decibel penguin prize

raising the voice of cultural diversity



The decibel penguin prize is an opportunity for talented writers from culturally diverse backgrounds to showcase their work. It is also a chance for Penguin to discover promising new writers. Winners will be published in a Penguin anthology in 2006.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- All entries must be in English.
- All entrants must be residents of the UK from an African, Asian or Caribbean background. 'Asian' in this context refers to the continent of Asia from Turkey in the West to Japan in the East.
- Entrants should not have had a full-length book published.
- Entrants can submit one short story only.
- Entries must be no more than 5,000 words and no less than 1,000 words long.
- Entries should be aimed at an adult readership.
- All entries must be original, the author's own unaided work and must not have been published previously in any form.
- The name of the author must appear only on the application form, not on the typescript. All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed official application form. Official application forms are available from the decibel website (www.artscouncil.org.uk/decibel) and the Penguin website (www.penguin.co.uk), on request from Penguin Books at the address below and at some public libraries.
- Entries must be double spaced on one side of white A4 paper.
- Entries shall be sent to The decibel Penguin Prize, Penguin Books Limited, 80 Strand, London WC2R 0RL. Receipt of typescripts will not be acknowledged, and typescripts cannot be returned.
- Entries will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on 3 January 2006, which is the closing date.
- Once received, entries cannot be subsequently amended.
- The decisions of the judging panel are final and binding, and Penguin will not enter into any correspondence about the results.
- Winners will be notified by 7 April 2006.
- Details of winners will be available on both the decibel website (www.artscouncil.org.uk/decibel) and the Penguin website (www.penguin.co.uk) from 14 April 2006.
- Winning entries will be published in a Penguin anthology in November 2006. Winners will retain the copyright to their work but grant Penguin Books Limited the exclusive right to publish free of charge their winning entry in an anthology. Furthermore, Penguin Books Limited shall have the exclusive right to publish and license the winning entries in all forms and editions for a period of five (5) years from the date of first publication and shall pay the writers of the winning entries 50 per cent of their receipts from any such sublicences for the duration of that period.
- Penguin reserves the right to edit winning entries in consultation with the authors.
- Winning entries must not infringe any copyright or contain defamatory or otherwise unlawful matter.
- Each winner agrees to the use of his/her name and photograph for publicity purposes and may be required to take part in publicity for the Prize and the resulting book without additional payment or permission.
- It is likely that winning entrants will be required to talk to the press, which may include discussions of their cultural experience.
- The submission of an entry will be deemed to imply the unqualified acceptance of these conditions of entry.

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and send it together with your manuscript to:

The decibel Penguin Prize, Penguin Books Limited, 80 Strand,
London WC2R 0RL

Name

Address

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Telephone

Email

I have read and agree to the conditions of entry:

Signature

Please mark the box that applies to your background.

Asian or Asian British:

- Asian Bangladeshi
- Asian Indian
- Asian Pakistani
- Any other Asian background

Black or Black British:

- Black African
- Black Caribbean
- Any other Black background

Chinese

- Asian and white
- Black African and white
- Black Caribbean and white
- Chinese and white

- Any other background from more than one ethnic group
- Any other ethnic group (Please give details below.)

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