



Update 15/4/20: Amended item 3.1 with new Fellowship dates.

Update 21/4/20: Amended item 1.1b to clarify wording

1. The *Kill Your Darlings* Unpublished Manuscript Award 2020 Submission Guidelines

1. To be eligible to enter, you must:
 - a. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. Australian citizens or permanent residents currently residing overseas are eligible to enter.
 - b. Have a current yearly *Kill Your Darlings* membership at time of submission. To subscribe from \$32.95, please [visit our website](#). Current members with six-month memberships can email subscriptions@killyourdarlings.com.au to upgrade their membership.
 - i. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers are invited to submit their manuscript without the need for a *KYD* Membership.
 - c. Be 18 years of age or over at time of submission.
 - d. Be an unpublished writer of a full-length manuscript. Publication in the form of academic or scholarly reference book or conference proceedings, literary journal, or short-story anthology does not disqualify you from entering. Writers who have had a full-length work published by a commercial publishing house cannot be considered. If you have previously self-published, your entry must be a new, unpublished work.
2. Submissions must be either a work of adult fiction (including short story collections) or adult narrative non-fiction. Poetry, plays, practical non-fiction or works for young adults and children are ineligible.
3. If your submission is a short story collection, the majority of the stories must be previously unpublished.
4. Submissions open on Monday, 2 March 2020. Entries submitted before this date will not be considered.
5. Submissions close at 5pm AEST Thursday, 30 April 2020. Entries submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
6. Entries must be submitted using the *Kill Your Darlings* Unpublished Manuscript Award Submission page, found on the *Kill Your Darlings* [Submittable page](#). Using this service requires the creation of a Submittable account which is not affiliated to your *Kill Your Darlings* website login.



7. Entries must comprise the manuscript, a half-page synopsis, and a one-page document detailing how the writer will benefit from winning the Award. Entries that do not include all of these things will be considered ineligible.
8. Entries must be submitted as a single PDF. The manuscript should be formatted as an A4 double-spaced document in 12 pt Times New Roman font with 3cm margins and page numbers on each page.
9. All entrants must include contact details (phone number, email and postal address), and total word length of their submitted manuscript on their single PDF submission comprising the one-page document, synopsis and manuscript. Entries that are short-story collections must indicate which stories are unpublished.
10. Minimum word length for all entries is 40,000 words. Maximum word length for all entries is 80,000 words.
 - a. We do not require completed manuscripts for the award. If your manuscript is incomplete you are welcome to submit the first 40,000–80,000 words and note in your cover letter that the manuscript is incomplete.
 - b. If your manuscript is over 80,000 words long you are welcome to submit the first 80,000 words and note in your cover letter that the manuscript in its entirety is longer.
11. Only one entry per person will be accepted. More than one entry will mean all entries are deemed ineligible.
12. Manuscripts previously longlisted or shortlisted for the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award will not be accepted for the 2020 Award. New manuscripts from entrants previously longlisted or shortlisted for a different work will be accepted.
13. An entrant's work must not be under consideration with a publisher at the time of entry. Any work under consideration with a publisher will be deemed ineligible for the award.
14. If an entrant's work is the winner of any other prize, or is accepted for publication, or self-published before the announcement of the longlist (or subsequent lists that the entrant may be selected for), the entrant must notify *Kill Your Darlings* in writing immediately, and their work will be ineligible for the award and withdrawn from the judging process.
15. The decision of the judges is final. The judges will not enter into any correspondence and no individual feedback will be given to entrants.
16. By submitting your entry you agree to the Award Terms and Conditions found below.



2. The *Kill Your Darlings* Unpublished Manuscript Award 2020 Terms and Conditions

1. The Submission Guidelines form part of the Terms and Conditions.
2. By entering the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award you agree for your contact information to be included in Kill Your Darlings Pty Ltd (“Kill Your Darlings”) marketing database and agree to receive enews, email and communication from Kill Your Darlings. You may remove your email from the database at any time by selecting ‘Unsubscribe’ on any enews and following the prompts.
3. You warrant that your entry is your own original work and does not infringe any existing copyright or license any third party rights.
4. You warrant that your entry is not defamatory and that it does not invade any individual’s right to privacy.
5. You warrant that all statements made in your entry purporting to be facts are true and able to be substantiated.
6. You warrant that your entry does not contain material in breach of any confidentiality agreements or any other law.
7. You warrant that a) you have full power to enter the *KYD* Unpublished Award; and b) you are the sole author and owner of all the copyright in your entry; and c) the material entered has not been previously licensed for exclusive use in any form in any territory.
8. The copyright in your entry shall remain your intellectual property, and your moral rights as a creator will be recognised and respected.
9. By entering, you grant Kill Your Darlings permission to use all or any part of your entry for the purpose of announcing or promoting you as either a shortlisted or winning entrant, or to promote the Award itself.
10. If your entry is selected for the shortlist:
 - a. You grant Kill Your Darlings permission to publish an extract of up to 2000 words on the *Kill Your Darlings* website;
 - b. You agree to work in good faith with Kill Your Darlings to ensure the extract is of publishable standard.
 - c. You agree to take part in the *KYD/Varuna* Copyright Agency Fellowship from 31 August–6 September 2020 at Varuna the Writers’ House, Katoomba NSW.



11. If your entry wins:
 - a. You grant Kill Your Darlings permission to publish an extract of up to 5000 words on the *Kill Your Darlings* website;
 - b. You agree to work in good faith with Kill Your Darlings to ensure the extract is of publishable standard.
12. If the judges believe that there are two works of equal merit, they reserve the right to divide the prize money equally.
13. The judges may decide not to award the Award if they do not believe any entries are of sufficient standard.
14. The longlist will be announced on the *Kill Your Darlings* website on Monday 1 June 2020. Longlisted entrants will be notified by email.
15. The shortlist will be announced on the *Kill Your Darlings* website on Monday 15 June 2020. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email.
16. The winner will be announced in late October or early November 2020. The winner will be notified by telephone.
17. The winner agrees to take part in events and media activities to promote the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award.
18. Longlisted and shortlisted entrants also agree to take part in events and media activities to promote the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award.

3. The KYD/Varuna Copyright Agency Fellowship Terms & Conditions.

1. If your entry is shortlisted for the 2020 *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award, you agree to attend the *KYD/Varuna* Copyright Agency Fellowship (“The Fellowship”) at Varuna the Writers’ House, Katoomba NSW (“Varuna”) between the dates of **Monday 21 September and Sunday 27 September 2020. Please note due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 crisis these dates may be subject to change.**
2. Travel expenses to and from Varuna are not included, and must be arranged by the recipient. Accommodation and all meals at Varuna, workshops, mentoring and professional development services are all included at no cost to the recipient.
3. Further terms and conditions related to the Fellowship will be delivered to recipients upon being selected for the *KYD* Unpublished Manuscript Award shortlist.
4. Kill Your Darlings acknowledges the support of the Copyright Agency’s Cultural Fund in supporting the Fellowship.