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Dear Publisher

The Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2009

Booktrust is now calling for entries for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2009, which was launched last year in association with Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007-9, who had the original idea for the prize.

The prize has two categories:

- The funniest book for children aged six and under
- The funniest book for children aged seven to fourteen

We expect all entries for the first category to be picture books. Fiction, non fiction and poetry will be welcomed in both categories.

The winners of each category will receive £2,500, which will be presented at an awards ceremony in London in November.

The panel of five judges will be chaired by Michael Rosen, poet and author, and will include a prominent comedian, a children's illustrator and an author. We will announce the shortlist of six books in each of the two categories in early September to tie in with Roald Dahl Day on 13 September.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me by either phone or email, and I will be happy to answer them.

We look forward to receiving your entries by **Monday 29 June 2009**.

Yours sincerely

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The shortlists will be announced to coincide with Roald Dahl Day on 13 September, and the winners will be announced in November, at an awards ceremony in London.

Rules and Eligibility

- Books must be first published between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 in the UK or Ireland, by a UK or Irish publisher. Previously published books will not be eligible.
- Books must be first written in English, translations will not be eligible. All titles must be the work of either a single or joint author/s. Collections by multiple authors will not be eligible.
- Publishers may enter up to **five** titles in each category, per bona fide imprint, allowing up to 10 titles to be entered. Please note that each book within a series will be judged individually.
- In both categories, fiction, non-fiction and poetry are welcome.
- Authors and illustrators must be of British or Irish nationality; or other nationals who are resident in the UK or Ireland at the time of entering. **It is the responsibility of the publisher to ascertain this information before entering the book.**
- Please submit **SEVEN** copies of each entry by **Monday 29 June 2009** using the attached entry forms – please photocopy where necessary. Please note that bound proofs will only be accepted if the publication date is after the closing date. Please let Booktrust know if you intend to enter proofs, and follow up with the finished copies as soon as possible.
- Entries will not be returned.
- The administrator's decision on eligibility is final.
- Publishers will be required to provide 40 gratis copies of their shortlisted titles for promotional use, plus agree to sell further copies to Booktrust at 60% discount.
- Publishers of shortlisted books must agree to contribute £750 towards the cost of producing display materials. If a publisher has more than one book on a shortlist, they will need to contribute for each title.
- Authors are encouraged to participate fully in the promotion of the prize – whether it is interviews or writing a piece for the website.
- Publishers agree to do their best to ensure the attendance of their shortlisted author/illustrator at the awards ceremony, and to cover the cost of their visit if needed.

Entry Form for The Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2009

Please send **seven** copies of each entry to: The Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Booktrust, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ to arrive by **29 June 2009**.

Category: Funniest Book for Children aged six and under

Title Date of Publication

Author Illustrator

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I confirm the author's and illustrator's eligibility and agree to abide by the rules.

Submission made by (please print)

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Tel: Fax:

Email

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Category: Funniest Book for Children aged seven to fourteen

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I confirm the author's and illustrator's eligibility and agree to abide by the rules.

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