📚 PenMasters Global Award for Literary Excellence

# 2026 Competition

🗓 ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2026

## 📇 SUBMITTER INFORMATION

Name (Person Submitting Entry): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly. All communications regarding your entry will be sent via email.)

## 📖 BOOK INFORMATION

Full Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Publisher (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author/Book Website (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ISBN-13 (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## 🏷 ENTRY CATEGORY SELECTION

Enter Your Book in One or More Literary Categories (List Provided on Next Page):

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2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## 💳 ENTRY FEES

$35 per title/per category

(Example: One book entered in three categories = $105. Each category requires a separate $35 transaction.)

☑ I paid online via PenMastersGlobal.com

Email Used for Payment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## 📌 Important Entry Guidelines

• Entry Fee: $35 per category

• Eligibility: Published books (2021–2026), unpublished manuscripts, galleys accepted

• Language: English only

• ISBN not required for unpublished entries

• Winners & Finalists announced: January, 2026

• Authors retain all rights; materials deleted post-competition

• All sales final

## 🌟 What Winners Receive

• Custom digital award seal for book cover and marketing

• Lifetime promotion via PenMastersGlobal.com

• Permanent “PenMaster” author profile for category winners

• Eligibility for the PenMasters Global Book of the Year title

## ✅ Submission Checklist

☑ Completed entry form (this document)

☑ Book PDF (or Dropbox/Google Drive link)

☑ Author biography

☑ Author photo

☑ High-resolution book cover

☑ Optional: Marketing materials or press releases

☑ Email used for payment

📌 Payment will appear as PenMasters Global on your statement.

## 🏆 Official 2025 Categories (Full 73-Category List)

1. General Fiction

2. Historical Fiction

3. Fantasy

4. Science Fiction

5. Horror

6. Romance

7. Thriller / Adventure

8. Mystery / Suspense

9. Psychological Fiction

10. LGBTQ+ Fiction

11. Inspirational Fiction

12. Religious / Spiritual Fiction

13. Women’s Fiction

14. Young Adult Fiction

15. Middle Grade Fiction

16. Children’s Fiction

17. Flash Fiction

18. Novelette

19. Novella

20. Short Story Collection

21. Dystopian Fiction

22. Urban Fiction

23. Literary Fiction

24. Magical Realism

25. Satirical Fiction

26. Memoir

27. Biography

28. Self-Help

29. Health & Wellness

30. Business / Finance

31. True Crime

32. Political

33. Cultural Criticism

34. Humor

35. Essay Collection

36. Science / Nature

37. History

38. Travel Writing

39. Parenting & Family

40. Academic

41. Food & Drink

42. Art & Photography

43. Religion / Spirituality (Nonfiction)

44. LGBTQ+ Nonfiction

45. Poetry

46. Narrative Poetry

47. Experimental Poetry

48. Spoken Word

49. Haiku

50. Political Poetry

51. Spiritual Poetry

52. Nature Poetry

53. YA Poetry

54. Graphic Novel

55. Illustrated Fiction

56. Hybrid (Fiction & Poetry)

57. Hybrid (Fiction & Nonfiction)

58. Interactive Storytelling

59. Metafiction

60. Autofiction

61. Best Debut Book

62. Best Indie-Published Book

63. Best Self-Published Book

64. Best Book Series

65. Best Illustrated Book

66. Best Cover Design

67. Best Youth Author

68. Best College-Aged Author

69. Best Senior Author

70. Best Teen Debut

71. Best Cross-Genre Book

72. Best Genre Fiction

73. Best Sports Book