



## SPARKLIT AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

### 2026 Australian Christian Book of the Year Award

The Australian Christian Book of the Year Award is given annually for an original book written by an Australian citizen. The award recognises and encourages excellence in Australian Christian writing.

The award carries a prize of **\$3,000** for the author, and a framed certificate for the author and publisher.

Entries are judged with an eye to the:

**Original nature** of the work.

**Literary style**, including suitability for the target audience.

**Design**, layout, cover, typography and illustrations.

**Contribution** that the book makes in meeting a need for Christian writing in the Australian situation and in the Australian market.

Entries are read and judged by a panel selected by the SparkLit board. If, in the opinion of the judges, no entry meets the standards expected, no award will be made. The shortlist will be released on 1 July 2026. The 2026 Australian Christian Book of the Year will be announced during the SparkLit Awards Night in Melbourne in August 2026. All entrants and interested persons are encouraged to attend the awards event.

If you have any questions please email [admin@sparklit.org](mailto:admin@sparklit.org) or telephone 1300 13 7725.

### Submission of entries

Entries must be submitted by **31 March 2026**.

**Four** copies of each title submitted and a **\$50** entry fee per title are required. There is no limit to the number of titles a publisher or author may submit. A new entry form is to be completed for each title. Books submitted for the award will not be returned.

A high-resolution image of the cover (minimum 1200 pixels high) and portrait of the author (landscape orientation, minimum 2000 pixels wide) must be supplied.

### Shortlisted titles

If a book is shortlisted its publisher will supply SparkLit with ten additional copies.

Shortlisted authors agree to attend the awards event in Melbourne in August 2026.

If an author's availability is in doubt, SparkLit must be informed immediately.

Book title:
Author name:
Author postal address:
Author email:
Author phone:

Name of imprint:
Name of publisher:
Contact name:
Postal address:
Email:
Phone:

Requests for review copies are to be sent to:

Name:
Email:
Phone:

Stock can be ordered from:

Name:
Email:
Phone:



☐ I have sent **four** copies of the title submitted to:

**The Awards Coordinator**

**SparkLit Australian Christian Literature Awards**

**PO Box 198**

**FOREST HILL VIC 3131**

**Australia**

☐ I have sent an image of the **cover** (minimum 1200 pixels high) to: admin@sparklit.org

☐ I have sent a **portrait** of the author (landscape orientation, minimum 2000 pixels wide) to: admin@sparklit.org

I am paying an entry fee of \$50 by:

☐ **Cheque** made out to SparkLit.

☐ **Direct deposit** to SparkLit, BSB: 085-005, account number: 516701561, using the book title as reference. (SWIFT code: NATAAU3303M)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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