

Australian Naval Institute



**The Australian Naval Institute
Commodore Sam Bateman
Book Prize
2022**

Rules & Entry Form

Entries open: 1 April 2022

Entries close: 1 November 2022



About the Commodore Sam Bateman Prize

The Australian Naval Institute (ANI) has created the Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize to recognise excellence in published books making a major contribution to the study and understanding of naval and maritime matters. The Book Prize is named after Commodore Sam Bateman AM RAN (1938-2020), a former ANI Councillor and strategic thinker in recognition of his efforts to raise greater awareness of naval and maritime matters and progress the understanding and value of navies in society. Importantly, Sam Bateman had a regional perspective to maritime affairs and it is important that the Book Prize stays true to his broader horizon. The inaugural award was made in 2021.

The Prize will be awarded annually to a work of fiction or non-fiction. The subject matter of the books entered may include any aspect of naval and maritime matters or interest, strategy, shipbuilding and histories of naval matters. The focus will be on Australian naval and maritime matters but does not preclude international books.

The Prize will be judged annually by a Judging Panel selected by the ANI. The panel of judges is drawn from the ANI Council, academia and former naval officers.

The winner and two other shortlisted books will be announced on the second Wednesday of December. In February/March the following year the Commodore Sam Book Prize will be awarded at an event in Canberra. The winner will be invited to give the annual Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize lecture at the presentation.

The Australian Naval Institute is a professional not-for-profit organisation with a membership drawn predominately from serving and retired naval officers and sailors. Its Patron is the Chief of Navy. The ANI provides an active forum for the discussion of naval tactical and strategic affairs that involves our serving members, industry partners and affiliated organisations both domestically and internationally.



Rules

1. The Commodore **Sam Bateman Book Prize** (the 'Prize') is awarded annually by the Australian Naval Institute (ANI) to recognise excellence in published books making a major contribution to the study and understanding of naval and maritime matters.
2. The Prize is named in perpetuity after Commodore Sam Bateman formerly of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Naval Institute in recognition of his lifetime of dedication in raising greater awareness of naval and maritime matters and progressing the understanding and value of navies in society.
3. The Prize is sponsored by the Naval Shipbuilding College (NSC) as part of its sponsorship with the ANI.
4. This Prize is judged each year (annually) by a panel of judges nominated by the ANI. It will be awarded to the book that is judged to make naval and maritime matters more accessible to a mass audience through exciting and engaging content. A focus on books promoting the understanding of naval and maritime matters in Australia will be afforded highest priority.
5. The judging panel will be made up on at least three and no more than five people. The judging panel is selected by the ANI to include a current and serving Council member of the ANI, an independent judging member primarily working in or strongly linked with academia, a Research Fellow funded through the Department of Defence and selected annually through discussion with the Australian Defence Force Services eg: the Chief of Navy research fellow, and independent high profile people with strong backgrounds in both the naval, maritime cultural or literary world by invitation of the ANI.
6. Pivotal in promoting a wider understanding of the Navy and maritime environment and its role in societies, the Prize advocates books that challenge the public perception that writing on naval and maritime matters can be too difficult or uninteresting to engage readers.
7. **Entry process.** Books are eligible for competition if they:
 - a. are written in English,
 - b. contribute in some way to the understanding of naval and maritime matters,
 - c. are submitted for review to the ANI Book Review Section,
 - d. an Entry Form is submitted with details of the book (see below), and
 - e. are submitted in both hard copy and a pdf version to facilitate judging.



8. Eligibility criteria

- a. Books can be nominated for consideration by either ANI book reviewers or the publisher.
- b. Books must have been published between 2 November 2021 and 1 November 2022.
- c. The subject matter of the books entered may include any aspect of naval and maritime matters or interest, including strategy, shipbuilding and histories of naval matters. The focus will be on Australian naval and maritime matters.
- d. The Prize rewards books that best contribute to making naval and maritime matters more accessible to public adult audiences. Judges will look for books they deem stimulating, engaging, clear, accessible, and high-quality. These books might challenge people's views that naval matters are too difficult to comprehend, boring, of little value to contemporary society or inaccessible to the general populous.
- e. The judges' interpretation of "naval and maritime matter books" excludes books published primarily for naval or maritime professional or naval or maritime specialist audiences and pure reference works including encyclopaedias, educational textbooks, and descriptive books. The judges' decision on the eligibility of an entry is final.
- f. Books in the same series may be judged together or separately, at the sole discretion of the judges.
- g. Books must have been delivered to the ANI offices by COB, 2 November annually. Books received after this date will be reviewed for the Prize in the following year.
- h. Books entered must be in the English language.
- i. Books entered must be available to purchase in hardcopy, in Australia through an Australian bookstore or through an online retailer at time of entry.
- j. Employees and Councillors of the ANI and their immediate families, persons connected with the competition/prize draw and their immediate families will not be eligible to submit books for this Prize.
- k. There is no restriction on the geographical location of the publisher of any entry. There are no restrictions on the nationality, age or any other characteristic of the author(s) or illustrator(s) of any entry.
- l. The copies entered must be paper-based and bound. For printed books we would expect the latest edition of the paperback or hardback. For eBooks we would expect the current edition of the eBook, printed and bound.
- m. Publishers may submit as many books as they wish and are encouraged to do so.
- n. There is no charge to enter.



9. **Judging Criteria.** The Judges will assess the book on the following three criteria:
 - a. **Physical quality of the book.** (Score 1-3). Assessment of the cover design, interior layout, illustrations, maps, tables, index and general appearance of the book.
 - b. **Lucidity.** (Score 1-7). Assessment of the clarity and quality of expression.
 - c. **Intellectual Impact.** (Score 1-10). Assessment of whether the book raises the understanding of naval and maritime affairs. Does the book offer fresh insights to the subject?
10. In the first instance the ANI book reviewers will judge that a book is worthy to be considered by the Judging Panel.
11. The ANI Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize will be awarded to the author(s) of a book that is judged to best meet with these terms of entry.
12. Books must be submitted by the publisher. The submission of an author's work by the publisher will be taken as agreement for their work to be considered.
13. **The Prize & the Awarding**
 - a. The Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize consists of:
 - i. The Sam Bateman Book Prize Trophy
 - ii. Framed certificate
 - iii. One year ANI membership
 - b. Authors of two shortlisted books will receive a framed certificate.
 - c. The judging panel is appointed by the ANI. The judges' decision is final.
 - d. The publishers of the winner and two shortlisted books are requested to supply within ten working days upon notification of the announcement a book synopsis, author biography and a high-resolution electronic photographs of the author(s).
 - e. Prior to the announcement the ANI will liaise with the publishers on developing media releases.
 - f. The ANI will also liaise with the winning author and publisher regarding the award ceremony in Canberra.
14. **Enquiries**
 - a. General and media enquiries about the Prize should be sent to the ANI secretariat: admin@navalinstitute.com.au
 - b. Technical enquiries about the Prize should be sent to the ANI editorial: books@navalinstitute.com.au.



Entry Form

The 2022 Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize

I have read and accept the Rules and Guidelines for the above Prize.

Please return the form by 17 October 2022 to Sue Hart, ANI Business Manager:
admin@navalinstitute.com.au. Tel: 02 6290 1505; 0419 995 724

Submitting Publisher

Name:

Publisher (and imprint):

Address:

Signature:

Submission Contact

Name:

Telephone:

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Date:



Submitted Book Details

Please use a separate form for each title.

Book Title:

Author:

Author's Address:

Author's Telephone & Email:

Date of first publication:

Country of first publication:
