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THE PORTICO LITERARY PRIZE 2008

Publishers are invited to submit fiction and non-fiction titles for this biennial literary prize worth a total of £8,000.

Entries must be published between 31 August 2006 and 31 August 2008. The book must be of general interest and literary merit, and **set wholly or mainly in the Northern Counties of England.**

The Judges will draw up a shortlist from each category (fiction/poetry and non-fiction), and from the shortlists will choose an overall winner who will receive a prize of £5,000; the runner-up from the remaining category will receive £3,000. We are most grateful to the Zochonis Charitable Trust and the Lane-Smith Shindler, Solicitors – Trust and Estate Practitioners for their generous sponsorship of the event and prizes. There will be three Judges and their decision is final. They have the right to withhold the Prize and no correspondence will be entered into.

There will also be a Shadow Reading Group in the Portico Library which will meet to read the entries and select their own shortlist, unconnected with the Judges.

The Presentation will be made to the authors at a dinner in Manchester in November. Copies of the winning and short-listed books will be available for sale.

Short-listed Fiction authors will be invited to take part in an event as part of the Manchester Literature Festival in late October and the Non-Fiction authors will be invited to take part in an event arranged by the Portico Library shortly after that time, in late October/early November (dates to be confirmed). All short-listed authors will be invited to attend the dinner on 27th November (tbc).

Eight copies (or sets of proofs) should be sent by the publishers as soon as possible, but not later than 31 August 2008, (in exceptional cases, later entries will be accepted), with the attached entry form to:

Emma Marigliano
Librarian
The Portico Library
57 Mosley Street
Manchester
M2 3HY

THE PORTICO PRIZE 2008 ENTRY FORM

Please send **EIGHT** copies (or proofs) of each title as soon as possible to:

The Portico Prize
The Portico Library
57 Mosley Street
Manchester
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They must reach the Portico Library **not later than** 31 August 2008

I should like to submit the following title(s) for the Portico Prize. I confirm the eligibility of these and agree to abide by the rules.

TITLE

PUBLICATION DATE AUTHOR

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PUBLISHER

CONTACT NAME

ADDRESS

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