

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The author/s must be women, including intersex and transgender. Please note that books co-written with men or including chapters written by men, will not be eligible.
- The author does not need to live in Australia, but they must have Australian citizenship.
- The book must have been first published in **2026**. This includes international releases.
- Self-published and hybrid authors are encouraged to submit their books.
- The book must have crime or mystery as its central theme. Davitt judges reserve the right to exclude books from consideration if they believe the books do not fall within the crime and mystery genre.
- Books will not be considered if the entry fee hasn't been paid or if books haven't been distributed to judges within 10 days of the closing date (19 February 2027).
- No book that has been created, either in full or partially by Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be eligible to win a Davitt Award.
- By submitting an entry, you consent to parts of your text being run through AI detection software.
- Books that are entered for the Best Debut Award must meet the following criteria: If the book is a work of fiction, it must be the author's first published novel in any genre or aimed at any age group. If the book is nonfiction, it must be the author's first published nonfiction book about any subject. This rule does not include academic papers, research, or published long-form articles. It applies only to books.