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Mr. R.G. Houghton,
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C/o P.O. Box 72532,
Nairobi.

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Dear Mr. Houghton,

I apologise for not replying earlier to your letter of 14 January addressed to Reg Gowers about your desire to set three annual book prizes.

I have much pleasure in enclosing the rules and entry forms for the one prize that the Publishers Association sponsors, the £5,000 Brooker Prize for fiction. In principle these rules should be a fair guidance for you, but one thing I must point out is that the timing system is slightly complicated as we have tried to fix it so that the winning book is published very close to the announcement of the fact that it has won, hence our rather curious system of dates between September and November, with the added proviso that judges may call in titles at any other time during the year. If you were to ignore Clause 2a and 3a I think you will find them a fair guide. For guidance on other Book Awards such as the Kate Greaway award I am afraid that I do not have enough working knowledge of the organisation behind these prizes I think that the best reference book to answer your queries would be "The Writers' and Artists' Year Book" published by A. & C. Black, 6 Soho Square, London W.1.

I hope that this has been of some help.

Yours sincerely,

MARILYN EDWARDS.