



THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB MOTORING BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2021

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

CATEGORIES

1. The awards are open to any book published in the English language and first physically (i.e. not digitally) in the UK **between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021** (12 months). These must be first editions, not reprints or reissues.

2. For 2021, the Awards categories have been expanded, to reflect the Club's desire to recognise the different achievements of books about general motoring subjects, and books majoring on motorsport. Publishers will have the option of entering a book in one of four categories:

(1) Books about motor cars and motoring, costing no more than £50

(2) Books about motor cars and motoring, with no price limit

(3) Books on a motor sporting subject, costing no more than £50

(4) Books on a motor sporting subject with no price limit

3. It is realised that the subject matter of some books will cross both motoring and motorsport categories. The publisher should enter a book in the category which it believes is most relevant. No book may be entered in more than one category. If the judges feel that a book has been entered in the wrong category, they will have the right to transfer it into the appropriate category.

4. In each category the judges will nominate three finalists. From these they will choose the **category winner**.

5. They will then choose their overall **Book of the Year**. This will be the entry which, whatever its price and subject matter, is of such merit that no motoring or motorsporting library or book collection should be without it. The Book of the Year cannot also win its category: having selected it, the judges will then promote the runner-up in its category to be the category winner.

6. An additional award may be given, if the judges believe it is justified, to **Best Debut Author**. This will be given when an author whose work is appearing in book form for the first

time is of exceptional merit. If an author is a prolific journalist whose writing has already appeared in magazines, newspapers and online, the judges will use their discretion as to whether he/she can truly be seen to be making his/her debut.

7. **The Lifetime Achievement Award** may be awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to motoring literature during his/her career. This award will be chosen by the Motoring Committee of the Royal Automobile Club and is not open to entries, but suggestions are encouraged for consideration.

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

8. Entries must be in book form. Seven copies of each book, accompanied by a completed entry form, must be submitted to the chairman and each judge by **Friday 27 August 2021**. All books supplied are not returnable. However, if a judge has already received a copy for review, the publisher will not be expected to supply a further copy.

9. In very exceptional circumstances, if the cover price of a book is so high as to render it totally unviable for the publisher to supply copies to the judges, the publisher may inform the chairman of the judges via Rebecca Leppard that it would like to submit the book in pdf form.

If permission is granted, it will be on condition that the publisher ensures that a copy is made available on the day of the final judging meeting for consideration. This may take the form of the publisher supplying a copy to the Royal Automobile Club library.

However, it is noted that if a book is supplied in pdf form this will prevent the judges from properly assessing the book's production quality, presentation and substance, and this may place it at a disadvantage during the judging process.

10. The judges may consider a book not submitted but published during the judging period, provided it conforms with the qualifications cited in these rules, and subject to the publisher's agreement (which will be taken to include that of the author/s) to submit copies on request.

11. Books will not be eligible where the author is a member of the judging panel.

NOMINATIONS AND WINNERS

12. The 12 nominations for a Royal Automobile Club Motoring Book of the Year category award will be announced in September, with the winners announced on Wednesday 3 November 2021.

13. The publishers of all nominated entries will be provided with an award logo which they are encouraged to use to promote a title's success. They may be asked to cooperate with the Royal Automobile Club before the ceremony by providing a JPEG book jacket cover and picture of the author. Winners may be required to assist with the media after the announcement.

AWARDS CEREMONY

14. The Royal Automobile Club Motoring Book of the Year Awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at the Club's Pall Mall clubhouse in either a live or online format (Covid regulations dependent). Authors and publishers of all nominated books will be invited to attend. If they are unable to attend, a representative can attend in his/her place provided the organisers are informed beforehand.

15. All books nominated as finalists will be featured in the awards presentation.

16. If the event has to take place virtually a link to the awards ceremony will be provided, which can actively promoted.

For all queries, including those relating to eligibility, please contact Event Manager Rebecca Leppard on Tel: 01452 260063 or rebecca.leppard@royalautomobileclub.co.uk