Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

There’s a Stranger in Paradise, A Cat, and Precipitation

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The 2015 NT Literary Awards’ finalists have been revealed.

Ranging across seven categories including poetry, essays, short stories and travel writing as well as theatre scripts and a youth award, the Awards provide a valuable platform for emerging Territory writers to gain public recognition.

This year a new category has been added – flash fiction for short, sharp pieces of 500 words.

“The Awards have been a feature of the Northern Territory since 1984 and have produced some wonderful works throughout the years,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“This year I’m sure won’t be any different and I look forward to having a read of some of the finalist entries.

“The Awards encourage the telling of stories that reflect who we are, where we’ve been and where we’re going, and recognise the importance of literature to our identity and to celebrating the diversity of the Territory.

“Congratulations to all entrants and to the finalists we’re announcing today.”

Director of Northern Territory Library, Patrick Gregory, says 322 entries were received this year.

“We’re excited to be running the Awards again this year and we are also delighted to have the support of our sponsors, including our Principal Partner for the Awards, Charles Darwin University,” Mr Gregory said.

“The Northern Territory Library supports the development of new Territory Stories, both true and fictional, whether based on research or products of the imagination. These Awards are a great way to promote greater literacy in all age groups through the telling of stories that entertain and inspire.”

The winners in the 2015 NT Literary Awards will be announced at a special event at the NT Library, Parliament House on Thursday 30 July.

Please find a list of all finalists attached.
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2015 NT Literary Awards shortlist