



NEW *Writers'* **PRIZE** **2020**



#Merky Books New Writers' Prize is a competition for young writers from across the UK and ROI. We want to find a new work of fiction, non-fiction or poetry to publish.



#Merky Books is an award-winning book publishing imprint launched by Stormzy and Penguin Random House UK in 2018.



#Merky Books is the home for a new generation of readers, and a new generation of writers.



#Merky Books provide a platform for the best new voices of today, and want to seek out and publish talented young writers from all backgrounds.



'I know too many talented writers that don't always have an outlet or a means to get their work seen and hopefully #Merky Books can now be a reference point for them to say "I can be an author" and for that to be a realistic and achievable goal. Reading and writing as a kid were integral to where I am today and I from the bottom of my heart cannot wait to hear your stories and get them out into the big wide world.'

✦ - Stormzy



New Writers' Prize Brief



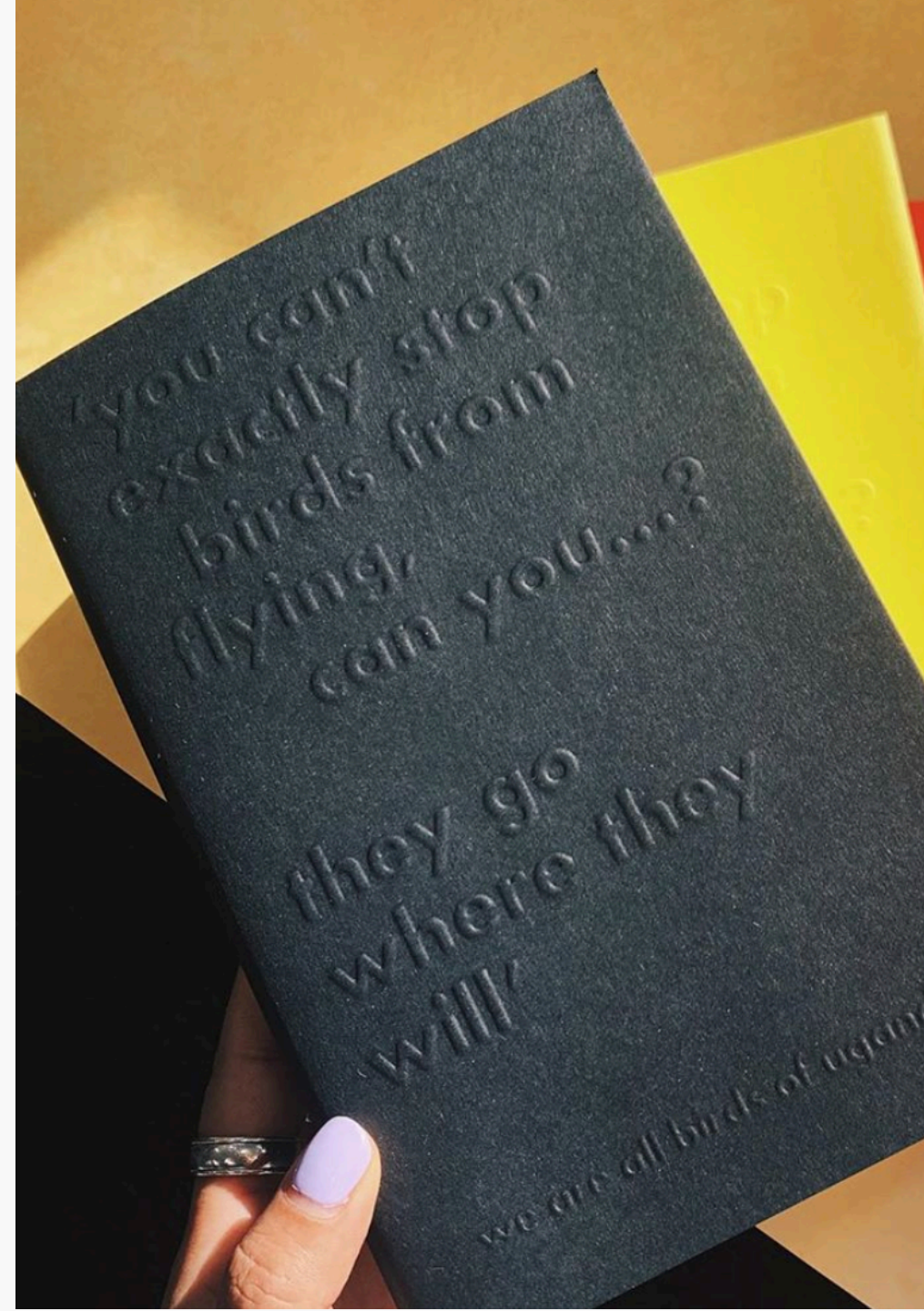
We're looking for unpublished writers aged between 16 and 30 who are currently resident in the UK or Eire.

If you have a manuscript you are working on, or an idea ready to be put onto paper, we want to hear from you. We are looking for writers telling the stories that are not being heard, and the stories that deserve to be read, whether in fiction, non-fiction or poetry.



The Prize

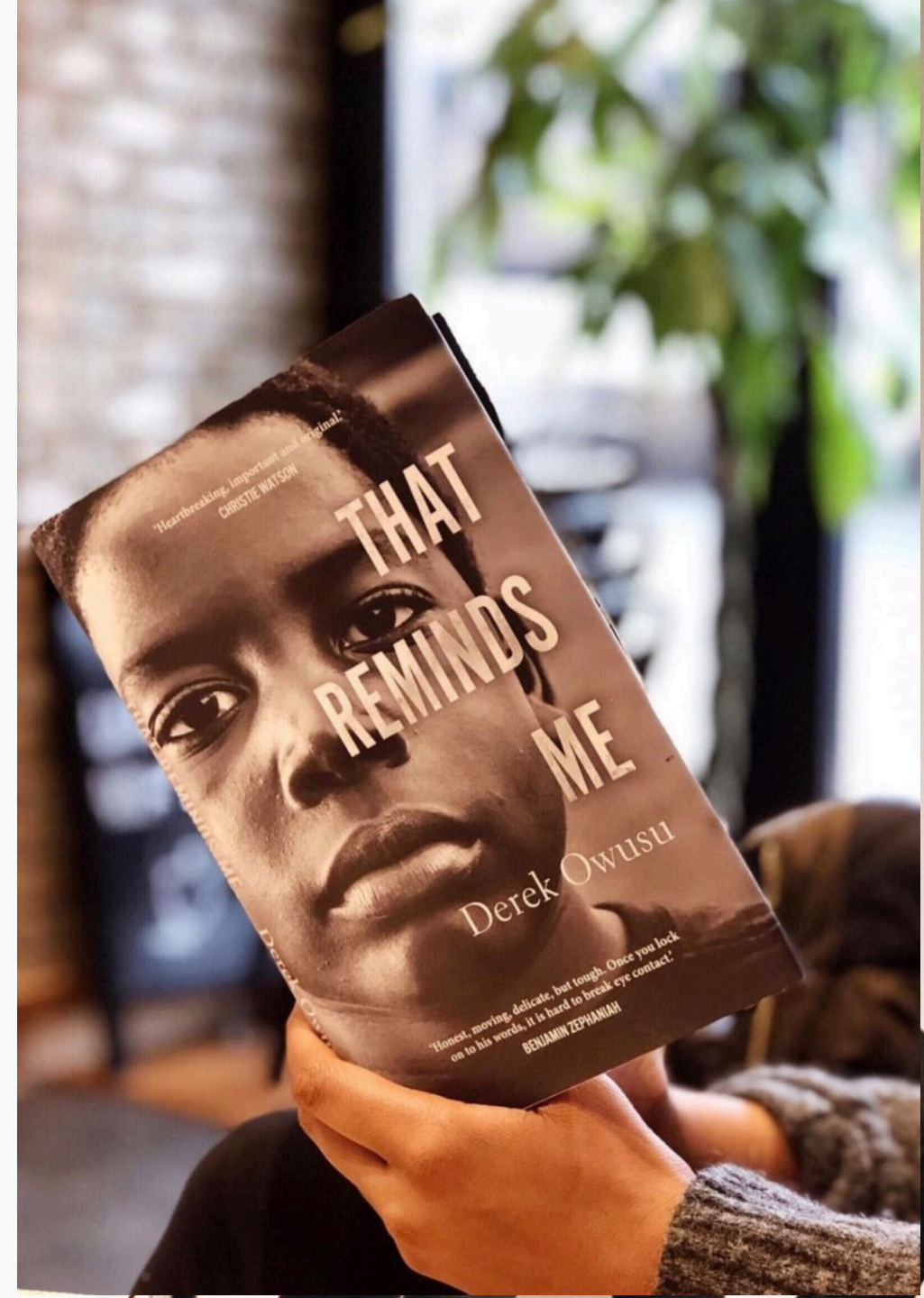
The winner of the New Writers' Prize will receive a **publishing contract with #Merky Books**. All longlisted writers will also be invited to our Writers' Camp, where they will be able to participate in writing workshops, panel talks, editorial one-to-ones, and meet the #Merky Books team.



#Merky Books values



- ✦ **Purpose:** Disrupt society through nurturing talent
- ✦ **Empowerment:** Put the power back in your hands
- ✦ **Honesty:** Keep it real
- ✦ **Originality:** There are no rules
- ✦ **Family:** Create, exchange and trust



Meet the judges

- ✦ **Candice Braithwaite**, author of *I Am Not Your Baby Mother*
- ✦ **Katarina Johnson-Thompson**, British Olympic Heptathlete
- ✦ **Emma Dabiri**, author of *Don't Touch My Hair*
- ✦ **Guz Khan**, writer, actor, and comedian
- ✦ **Stormzy**, founder of #Merky Books



What have you got to say?

Find your voice!

- ✦ Are you ready to create a piece of fiction, non-fiction or poetry for publication?
- ✦ The topic/ content of your submission can be about anything
- ✦ If you're ready and have an idea, then go for it – start writing!



How to submit your work

Fiction and/or non-fiction:

submit a 200-word synopsis and 1,500-word extract for works of fiction and non-fiction

Poetry:

submit a 200-word synopsis and 500-word extract for works of poetry.

The topic/ content of your submission can be about anything!

When you are ready to apply, fill out the application form before **Friday 30th October 2020.**

Good luck future
#Merky Books
New Writer's Prize
Winners



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