

Judges' tips

These tips may help authors when they are creating their books.

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• read and follow the <i>entry requirements</i> listed on the MYOSB entry flyer• ensure completed entry form is attached firmly to the inside front cover• must be of sturdy construction and solid binding (hand made) that allows the book to be handled and read without falling apart
Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• has an original and clear storyline, not modeled on film, tv or another book• is imaginative and captures the reader's interest• includes a beginning, middle and conclusion
Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spelling, grammar and punctuation have been proofed and edited
Illustrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• story book – text and illustrations (where used) support each other to tell the story• picture book – story may be told through the illustrations alone• are original and created by the author/illustrator• any art medium may be used• computer publishing programs including Word, Publisher etc may be used• computer drawing programs including Paint, Word etc may be used• no clipart
Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• has a strong connection with the storyline and/or characters