**THE ABA NATIONAL BOOK COLLECTING PRIZE**

Open to young book collectors aged between 18-30

**ENTRY FORM**

Year of contest:

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address for correspondence:

Telephone (or mobile): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theme of the collection entered for this prize:

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This entry form must be accompanied by an essay of no more than 750 words, setting out when and why you starting collecting, its’ theme and inspiration, any selection criteria, particular highlights, and ideas for future purchases and expansion.

Optional Material:

1. A Bibliographical list of the collection
2. Photographs

The submission (including optional material) should not exceed four (4) pages. Please submit this form and all entry materials, by the deadline, to: (admin) deborahcoltham@dcrb.uk with subject line ‘ABA BOOK COLLECTING PRIZE ENTRY’.

From this application process, a shortlist of candidates will be invited to talk about their collection to the judges via zoom. After all the presentations, the judges will make their decision and the prize will be awarded at their discretion.

**Terms:**

1. You must be developing a collection of **at least 10 books and printed material** around a central theme.

2. The collection must be assembled and solely owned by the entrant.

3. The competition is open to anyone resident in the UK, aged between 18-30 on 31st December 2025.

4. The closing date for entries is 1st October 2025.

5. The prize of £500 will be awarded at the Chelsea Book Fair on Friday October 31st 2025. Further cash prizes will be awarded to the second and third placed runners-up.

7. The prize will be awarded at the judges’ discretion and the decision will be final

8. The judges reserve the right not to consider any application submitted after the closing date and any application which is incomplete

9. By submitting entry materials, the entrant agrees that the ABA may reproduce any party of the entry materials in connection with the prize or future prizes in any form it considers appropriate.

I certify that the collection is owned and was collected by me; the accompanying essay is all my own work; and I agree to the rules of the competition.

I give consent for my name and information about my collection to be used by the ABA for publicity in connection with the prize, including for subsequent years’ competitions, and that my name and contact details may be passed on to the Friends of the ABA, to enable me to claim membership, in the event of my winning the competition.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*How did you find out about the ABA National Book Collecting Prize?*

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