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Mayborn Book Manuscript Contest Entry Form

Book manuscript title: _____

Author name: _____

Address: _____

City, state and ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

My signature below affirms that my manuscript entry is my own UNPUBLISHED, ORIGINAL work. INELIGIBLE works include previously published works, including but not limited to self-published works and ebooks.

SIGNATURE: _____

Submit as your entry:

- one chapter of no more than 25 pages. If chapters are short, author may submit more than one chapter up to a maximum of 25 pages. In no event should more than 25 pages be submitted.
- a one-page query letter to the judges describing your book and why you are the person to write it.
- a narrative synopsis of up to 250 words for each of the other chapters in your book.

Formatting details to be followed:

- Please put your name on each page and each page must be numbered.
- The document MUST BE double-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Use 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font.
- The entry should be a Word document.

You MUST be registered and have PAID BOTH the conference registration and contest entry fee no later than 11:59 p.m. CST August 30, 2020. NO LATE contest entries are accepted.

TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY:

- **EMAIL** an electronic copy of this completed and signed application form (**BOTH pages**) along with your entry submission to mayborncontest@unt.edu no later than 11:59 p.m. CST August 30, 2020.
- In the email subject line, type your last name–book contest–title. Example of subject line: Smith–book contest–The Long Road.
- Include your full name and contact information in the body of the email.
- Questions? Email mayborncontest@unt.edu or contact the writing contest coordinator, Jo Ann Livingston, at 214-403-5853.

The winner of the book manuscript competition is awarded \$1,500 and the option to enter into a provisional contract with UNT Press. Runners-up are recognized.

MAYBORN WRITING COMPETITION BOOK MANUSCRIPT ENTRY AGREEMENT

Select **ONE** of the two options below, sign, date and return both pages of this entry form with your complete entry. All registration and contest fees **MUST** be paid at time of submission.

Be advised that any prize money you are entitled to will not be affected by signing either option.

OPTION 1 – Select UNT Press

By entering this competition, I hereby agree that should my manuscript be judged as one of the winners of the Mayborn Writing Competition Book Manuscript (the “Competition”), then upon announcement of the prize, I shall grant to UNT Press the exclusive option to acquire the publishing rights to my manuscript on terms to be negotiated in good faith. During the exclusive option period I shall not submit my manuscript to any other publishers. If UNT Press and I have not reached a publishing agreement within sixty (60) days of the announcement of the prize, then neither party shall have any further obligation to each other.

I warrant that the manuscript is an original work of mine; that the entire manuscript has not been published elsewhere; that no rights to the manuscript have been previously assigned to any publisher or other third party; that the manuscript is not written as a work-for-hire and owned by a third party; and that I possess the sole and exclusive authority to grant the publishing rights to my manuscript.

Print author name _____

Author signature _____ Date _____

– OR –

OPTION 2 – Decline UNT Press

I am entering my book manuscript in the Mayborn Writing Competition but **DO NOT** wish my manuscript to be subject to an exclusive option period with UNT Press in the event my manuscript is judged one of the winners. I understand that my election to decline to grant the exclusive option period to UNT Press will not be disclosed either to the judges of the Competition or to UNT Press prior to the selection of the Competition winner.

I warrant that the manuscript is an original work of mine; that the entire manuscript has not been published elsewhere; that no rights to the manuscript have been previously assigned to any publisher or other third party; that the manuscript is not written as a work-for-hire and owned by a third party; and that I possess the sole and exclusive authority to grant the publishing rights to my manuscript.

Print author name _____

Author signature _____ Date _____