

THE ARA CATALAN LANGUAGE COMIC BOOK AWARD

ARA, the Catalan-language newspaper, in partnership with the Catalan Government's Language Policy Authority and publisher Norma Editorial, is inviting submissions to the first edition of ARA's Catalan Language Comic Book Award, a prize that aims to boost the presence of the Catalan language in the new non-fiction comic book genres for an adult audience that are presently emerging.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Artists of any nationality who are over the age of 18 may apply, provided their work meets the following requirements:

- It must be an unpublished, original work never printed before in book form, online or as a magazine series.
- It must be submitted as a Catalan language piece.
- It must be between 8 and 16 pages in length.
- It must be a non-fiction piece. This category includes essays and biographies, as well as historiographic or journalistic works.

2. Submissions. Entries must be submitted by email to premicomic@ara.cat in PDF format and the page size must be 19 x 26 cm. Any doubts or inquiries about these guidelines may also be addressed to premicomic@ara.cat. The submission deadline is **31 August 2020**.

3. The jury panel will convene during the first fortnight of September 2020 and will consist of a representative of ACD Còmic (Spain's Association of Comic Book Critics and Promoters), an ARA representative, another appointed by Norma Editorial, a Language Policy government official, a representative of Ficomic (the Federation of Comic Book Professional Institutions), plus an independent representative of the world of culture, who will chair the panel. The promoters of the award reserve the right to ask a committee to shortlist the works submitted.

4. The winner will receive a single, indivisible **cash prize** of 10,000€. In addition, there will be two runner-up cash prizes of 750€ each. The prize may not go unawarded and the jury's decision will be final.

5. Publication. By entering into the competition authors relinquish their rights over their work in a non-exclusive manner, so they may be published as a collection and distributed by Norma Editorial, which ARA will promote specially among the newspaper's readers. Besides the prize winners, the collection will feature a selection of up to 15 entries that will receive 100€ each in exchange for the non-exclusive publication rights for the purpose of said collection. ARA and Norma Editorial will jointly select the works for publication. ARA reserves the right to publish the winner and the runner-ups in the newspaper.

6. Promotion. The winner of the prize to the best work and the two runner-ups agree to take part in any events held to promote the award and the anthology to be published by Norma Editorial. The main event will be an awards ceremony hosted by ARA.
