



ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

Your entry

Entries must be submitted by 13 September 2018 at 23:59.

Stories must be a maximum of 3,000 words (no minimum).

The theme is “Women”. Stories are welcome in any style or genre.

There are no set layout or presentation requirements, but all entries must be typed, in electronic format.

Entries will be judged anonymously. Please do not put your name on the document.

Entries must be in English (or English dialect).

No amendments may be made after receipt.

Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant.

Eligibility

Competition entrants must be 16 years old or over on the closing date; Teen competition entrants must be 13 – 19 years.

Entrants must live, work or study in Tower Hamlets.

Idea Store Learners’ Prize entries: Entrants must be enrolled on an Idea Store Learning class during the academic year 2017-2018 or 2018-2019.

Entrants must be residents of the UK.

Writers who have previously had fiction writing published (print, online, broadcast), or won a fiction writing competition are not eligible to enter.

Writers may not enter more than one story.

Current Idea Store employees are not eligible to enter.

The Writeidea Prize

Short Story Competition



Prizes:

Prizes are: 1st £300; and four finalists will receive £50 each.

Teen prizes are: 1st £50; and four finalists will receive £20 each

Idea Store Learners' Prize: £50

Prizes will be awarded at the Writeidea 2018 Festival and will be sent to any finalists who are unable to attend the awards ceremony.

Entries will be judged by a panel.

The finalists and their stories will be published on the Idea Store website in early November 2018. The winner will be announced on the Idea Store website after the award ceremony.

Other terms:

Entry to the competition implies agreement to have your story published in print form or as a webcast by Writeidea. You also agree to have an excerpt from your story performed at Writeidea Festival on either 17 or 18 November 2018 (date and time to be confirmed).

Entry implies an acceptance of these rules. Entries that do not comply with the entry rules and requirements may be disqualified.

Entry instructions (please read carefully):

Entries must be made via the online entry form:

<https://www.ideastore.co.uk/short-story-competition-form>

- Entries can be submitted in the following formats only:
.doc .docx or PDF
- The file name of the entry must be the title of the story.
- Please **DO NOT** put your name on your entry.
- Please keep a copy of your entry.

Administration:

Entries will be read by the Writeidea 2018 panel, made up of officers and professionals from the library and reading fields. The panel will shortlist the finalists and choose the winner. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.