

'Key' Words

The Quay Words 2023 Young Writers Flash Fiction Competition



Free to enter for young writers in two age categories: 10-14 years and 14-18 years

Closing date midday 12th May 2024

Cash prizes in each age category: first prize £200, second prize £100, third prize £50

Maximum word count: 500 words in the 10-14 year age-category and 250 words in the 14-18 year age-category

Enter online [here](#)

General terms and conditions

If you are under 16: Ask an adult (e.g. your parent, guardian or teacher) to check your entry and agree to the competition Terms and Conditions, by ticking the check-box in the online form. The adult must provide their email address, telephone number and postal address (not the writer's), as well as the town/city and country in which you live.

For the shortlisted entries, if permission to enter was given by your teacher rather than a parent or guardian, Literature Works will contact your teacher and ask for confirmation of permission from your parent or guardian.

If you are 16 or over: You must agree to the competition Terms and Conditions by ticking the check-box and providing your email address, telephone number and postal address. The personal data provided will be used for the purposes of administering the prize and in accordance with Literature Works' privacy policy. Literature Works will use the contact details provided to send general updates about the competition by email. Your personal data, including your contact details, will not be used for any other purpose(s).

1. Both online and postal entries are accepted. Online entries can be submitted via our entry form [here](#), postal entries should be sent to: Quay Words Young Writers' Competition, c/o Exeter Custom House, 46 The Quay, Exeter, EX2 4AN.

If you are aged under 16, your postal entry must be accompanied by the email address, telephone number and postal address of your parent, guardian or teacher, or by your own contact details if you are over 16.

2. Entry for the Quay Words Young Writers' competition is **free**
3. Only one entry is allowed per writer
4. Entries must be the original work of the writer in whose name it is entered



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5. Work should not have been previously published online or in print
6. Entries must be written in English
7. Your entry will be automatically acknowledged by our website and Literature Works will only contact the winners and highly commended entrants. The decision of the judges is final and no further correspondence shall be entered into by Literature Works.
8. All winners will be contacted by 3rd June 2024.
9. If your entry is selected, you give permission for Literature Works to publish it online at www.quaywords.org.uk , www.literatureworks.org.uk and in print in the *Quay Voices Pamphlet*. Your entry may also be used in promotion of the Quay Words project from time to time , but only first names and school name (if applicable) will be published if that is your preference.
10. General queries about the competition can be sent to quaywords@literatureworks.org.uk
11. The closing date is 12th May 2024, midday.

Guidelines for writing your entry

1. The maximum word count is 500 words in the 10-14 year age-category and 250 words in the 14-18 year age-category. There is no minimum
2. Entries should be typed on a computer
3. You may use any font, size 12, black
4. Entries should be double spaced

Guidelines for submitting your entry

1. Include a front page which includes the title and the word count
2. Save the short story as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) preferably, or as an Adobe PDF, with your first and last name in the file name.
3. For school groups or classes, please send the entries in a block, either as a .zip file using the entry form or by email to quaywords@literatureworks.org.uk – each individual entry should include the entrant's name and the name of the school (for administrative purposes). Please indicate clearly which category the entries are for.

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