



What's Your Story? Writing Competition

1 July to
31 August 2021



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Competition summary

What's Your Story? is a writing competition presented by Stonnington Library and Information Service as part of the annual literary festival, **[untitled]: our writers, readers and stories**.

The competition is open to Victorian residents over the age of 18 years, and young people aged 5 to 18 years who live, go to school or work in Stonnington.

Prizes are awarded for Short Story, Poetry and Creative Writing. For more information, please refer to the Categories and Prizes section.

If you have any questions about the writing competition, please email libraryevents@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Important dates

Starting date: Thursday 15 July 2021

Closing date: Tuesday 31 August 2021

Winners will be notified via phone or email by Friday 5 November 2021 and announced at the launch of **[untitled] Literary Festival**.

Instructions for entering the writing competition

Entries must be submitted online.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/untitledliteraryfestival to enter online.

All entries must be received by 11.59PM on 31 August. Late entries will not be accepted.

Categories and Prizes

Poetry – Adult

For: Victorian residents over the age of 18 years.

Guidelines: Maximum 40 lines.

Prize: \$500

Short story - Adult

For: Victorian residents over the age of 18 years.

Guidelines: 1000 word limit.

Prize: \$500

Creative story writing, 5 to 12 years

For: Young people aged 5 to 12 years who live or go to school in Stonnington.

Guidelines: 500 word limit. The entry can be fiction or inspired by real events experienced by the author.

Prize: \$150 book voucher.

Creative story writing, 13 to 18 years

For: Young people aged 13 to 18 years who live, work or go to school in Stonnington.

Guidelines: 750 word limit. The entry can be fiction or inspired by real events experienced by the author.

Prize: \$250 book voucher.

Entry Form: Short Story - Adult

This entry form is for the Short Story – Adult category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

1. Closing date is 31 August 2021 at 11.59pm.
2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be aged 18 years or over, as at 31 August 2021.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. Entrants must currently reside in Victoria (Australia).
6. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
7. Late entries will not be accepted.
8. Entries longer than 1000 words will not be accepted.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Winners will be notified by phone or email by 5 November 2021.
13. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.
14. Winners may be given the opportunity to speak about or read their work during the literary festival.

To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the story at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

Entry Form: Short Story - Adult

Please print clearly:

Name

Date of birth (optional) _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Are you a Victorian resident? YES / NO

Are you a Stonnington resident? YES / NO

Title of story

Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO

Entrant's declaration: This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 1000 words.

Signature

Entry Form: Poetry - Adult

This entry form is for the Poetry - Adult category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your poem:

1. Closing date is 31 August 2021 at 11.59pm.
2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be aged 18 years or over, as at 31 August 2021.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. Entrants must currently reside in Victoria (Australia).
6. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
7. Late entries will not be accepted.
8. Entries that exceed the 40 line limit will not be accepted.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Winners will be notified by phone or email by 5 November 2021.
13. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.
14. Winners may be given the opportunity to speak about or read their work during the literary festival.

To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the poem at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

Entry Form: Poetry - Adult

Please print clearly:

Name

Date of birth (optional) _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Are you a Victorian resident? YES / NO

Are you a Stonnington resident? YES / NO

Title of poem

Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO

Entrant's declaration: This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my poem does not exceed the 40 line limit.

Signature

Entry Form: Creative Writing - 5 to 12 years

This entry form is for the Creative Story Writing - 5 to 12 years category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

1. Closing date is 31 August 2021 at 11.59pm.
2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be between 5 and 12 years old, as at 31 August 2021.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. The person entering the competition must either live or go to school in the City of Stonnington.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. Entries longer than 500 words will not be accepted.
8. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with the author's name or initials.
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Stonnington Library and Information Service reserves the right to reproduce the entry in publications and/or promotional materials and products (including online), on its website and/or social media.
13. Winners will be notified by phone or email by 5 November 2021.
14. Category winners may be given the opportunity to speak about or read their work during the literary festival.

To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

- First and subsequent pages must show the title of the story at the head of each page.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

Entry Form: Creative Writing - 5 to 12 years

Please print clearly:

Name

Date of birth _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Do you live or go to school in the City of Stonnington? YES / NO

Title of story

Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO

Entrant's declaration: This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 500 words.

Signature

Parent/guardian's signature

Entry Form: Creative Writing - 13 to 18 years

This entry form is for the Creative Story Writing – 13 to 18 years category of the 'What's Your Story?' Writing competition.

Please read the following entry conditions before submitting your story:

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2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. The person entering the competition must be between 13 and 18 years old, as at 31 August 2021.
4. The person entering the competition must be the author of the story submitted.
5. The person entering the competition must either live, work or go to school in the City of Stonnington.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. Entries longer than 750 words will not be accepted.
8. Entries submitted must be original and unpublished at the time of entry.
9. Entries are confidential and cannot be marked with author's name or initials
10. The author's personal name and details must be confined to the entry form.
11. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
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To assist with judging, please submit your entry with the following formatting:

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- All pages must be numbered.
- Entries must be typed in black.

Entry Form: Creative Writing - 13 to 18 years

Please print clearly:

Name

Date of birth _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Do you live, work or go to school in the City of Stonnington? YES / NO

Title of story

Do you agree with the conditions of entry? YES / NO

Entrant's declaration: This story is my own original work, I have read the conditions of entry, and my story is not longer than 750 words.

Signature

Parent/guardian's signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)