



## TLC Short Story Competition Rules

### 1. Eligibility:

- Entry is open to any writer (no age restrictions) but entries must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant which is not currently submitted for publication nor for any other competition or award.
- Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form (copies available to download and complete on the competition web page).
- You can submit multiple entries of different stories but a separate entry fee (and form) applies for each.

### 2. Entry fees:

- The fee for each entry is £5.00.
- Cheques or postal orders are payable to "TLC Creative" or you can pay by Paypal online following the links on our competition web page.

### 3. Manuscripts:

- Your entry can be on any subject.
- The stories can range for 3000 to 5000 words.
- Your entry must be in English and typed in double spacing on A4 paper format with a front page stating entrant's name, address, phone number and (where possible) e-mail address. You should also state the state story title and word count.
- Copies can be submitted by email to: [shortstories@tlc-creative.co.uk](mailto:shortstories@tlc-creative.co.uk)
- Or by post: *Short Story Competition, 104 Alumhurst Rd, Bournemouth. BH4 8HT.*
- Receipt of entries will be acknowledged if accompanied by a suitably worded stamped and addressed postcard or by email if an address is supplied. Entrants retain copyright in their manuscripts.
- Posted entries will be returned (please allow up to 28 days after the closing date of the competition) if accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

### 4. Competition judging:

- Competition judges will be appointed by our competitions manager and their decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.

### 5. The Prize:

- A first prize of £350 will be awarded to the winner.
- A runner up prize of £150 will also be awarded.

### 6. Notification:

- Winners will be notified within 28 days of the closing date.
- The winner's names and story titles will be published on the TLC website.
- Due to the volume of entries it will not be possible to notify all entrants directly of the results of the competition.

### 7. Personal Data:

- Aside from the winners' names being published on the TLC Creative Website, we will not disclose any information to any other group, organisation or third party.