

The IAN Short Story Competition

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I self-published my short story at Amazon and Smashwords. Can I enter it?

A. Yes. As long as you own all rights to the story.

Q. Why do I need to pay an entry fee?

A. The entry fee covers the prize money, costs to publish the anthology, and a donation to Firstbook.org.

Q. What genres do you accept?

A. There is no genre or theme restriction.

Q. I don't live in the USA. Can I enter?

A. Yes. This is an international competition. All entries must be in English.

Q. My story is a little over 5,000 words can I enter it?

A. Yes. We allow the word count to go over by 5%.

Q. What formats do you accept for electronic entries?

A. Word files, PDF, or ePub.

Q. Can I enter a printed manuscript?

A. Yes. We will send you a shipping address when you enter. You must have the page number on every printed page.

Q. How many stories will be published in the winning stories anthology?

A. All fifteen shortlisted (Finalist) stories will be included.

Q. When will the winning stories anthology be published?

A. The anthology will be professionally proofread and formatted. We expect it to be released for Kindle in June 2018. With releases at B&N, iBooks, Kobo, and several others to follow.

Q. Will winning authors receive royalties or any payment for sales of the anthology?

A. No. All profits from the anthology will be donated to charity.

Q. Does the entry need to be professionally edited?

A. We highly recommend you have a second or third set of eyes proofread your manuscript. It does not need to be a professional.

Q. I have several finished stories. Can I enter them all?

A. Yes. Each story needs a separate entry form submission and entry fee.