

# Short Story Competition 2013



**1st Prize £500**

**2nd Prize £300**

**3rd Prize £200**

**4th Prize £100**

The winning short stories will be published in Freelance Market News and on our website.

# Rules Of Entry

1. The fee is £5.00/\$8.00/€6 per entry. There is no limit on the number of entries competitors may send provided each one is accompanied by the correct entry fee. Sterling cheques and postal orders should be made payable to The Writers Bureau. [Note: we only accept personal cheques drawn on a UK bank.] Only sterling, American dollars or Euros are accepted in currency. Subscribers to FMN have the reduced fee of £4.00/\$7.00/€5 per entry. Entrants living in India can send a demand draft in Rupees made payable to *The Writers Bureau India Pvt Ltd* for the sum of IR350 (IR280 for subscribers to FMN).
2. Stories must not exceed 2000 words and must be typed using double spacing.
3. For postal entries, each short story should start on a separate sheet of paper. All work must be in English.
4. Work may be on any theme but should not have been previously published.
5. No competitor may win more than one prize.
6. The author's name must not appear on any work but should be entered on the Entry Form or attached on a separate sheet of paper.
7. Copyright remains with the author but prize winners must agree to publication in a single issue of Freelance Market News, plus permission to include the work on The Writers Bureau website for a period of up to twelve months.
8. Entries cannot be returned to contestants; so please keep a copy.
9. Receipt of entries will only be acknowledged if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Results will be available on the Writers Bureau website from 31st August 2013. Winners will be notified individually.
10. Entries that do not comply with the rules will be disqualified and entry fees will not be returned.
11. Current employees of The Writers Bureau are not eligible to enter the competition.
12. The Judge will be Iain Pattison. *[NB: The Writers Bureau reserves the right to change the judges without notice.]*

For additional copies of the Entry Form: Telephone: 0161 819 9922

Email: [studentservices@writersbureau.com](mailto:studentservices@writersbureau.com)

Or simply photocopy this form.

To enter online or print an entry form visit:

**[www.wbcompetition.com](http://www.wbcompetition.com)**

Please quote **S13** when filling in your entry

The Closing Date is 30th June 2013

# Entry Form

The Competition Secretary, Dept S13  
The Writers Bureau  
8-10 Dutton Street  
Manchester  
M3 1LE

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Signature: .....

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Please tell us where you heard about the competition:

☐ Local library ☐ FMN ☐ As a WB student ☐ Internet

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☐ Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive further mailings from  
The Writers Bureau or companies approved by them.

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Packed with insider tips from top short story writer, Iain Pattison, this step-by-step guide features a host of successful marketing and tale-telling techniques. He shows you how to create stunning characters, dazzling dialogue and ingenious plotlines that will impress both fiction editors and competition judges alike.

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