

READING WORKS

SECOND ANNUAL SHORT SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES

- The story must be your original work.
- The story cannot be longer than 100 words.
- The title does not count in the word limit.
- The story must relate in some way to one of the following topics: water, 1940s, ants, bowling.
- The contest is open to prose, any genre.
- The contest is open to all ages.
- There is no limit on the number of stories an author can submit.
- Stories must be unpublished at the time of submission.
- Reading Works' staff, board members and their families are prohibited from participating in the contest.

Prizes: We will award 7 prizes

- Best of Contest (\$100)
- Best of Category (\$50)
- Best Youth Story (14 years or younger) (\$50)
- People's Choice (\$50)

Entry Fees: \$10 per submission paid at www.reading-works.org.

Submission Information

- Authors will submit their stories in PDF to shortstory@reading-works.org.
- We ask that authors include with their submission: their name, email address, and receipt number for their submission payment.
- **If you are entering the Youth Category (authors age 14 or younger), please indicate that on your submission.**

Contest Opens: October 1, 2020

Submission Deadline: January 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm MST

Judging

- Stories will be judged on creativity, original voice, narrative cohesion, impact.
- Judging will be blind (author's name is hidden from the judges).
- Stories will be judged in two rounds. In the first round, Community Volunteers will score all stories using a rubric. The top five scoring stories in each topic category and youth author category will be submitted to Reading Works' Board of Directors who will choose the winning entries.
- Scoring sheets will not be made available for review by authors.
- The judges' decisions are final.

People's Choice Prize

- The runner-up story in each category will be published on Reading Works' website.
- Visitors to the website will vote for the People's Choice Prize.
- If public health restrictions are lifted and Reading Works hosts a public reading in the spring of 2021, guests at the public reading can vote for People's Choice Prize.

Copyright, Publication & Public Reading

- The author retains copyright to the work.
- The author agrees that Reading Works may publish stories on its Website and social media.
- The author agrees Reading Works may read the stories at an on-line and/or in-person public reading.

Acceptance of Rules

Submission indicates acceptance of all Contest Rules.