



2020 FLASH FICTION PRIZE



WEAVER WORDS
FRODSHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Wed 29th April - Sun 3rd May 2020



- Judges:** Prof Sue Zlosnik and Nicholas Royle
- Word limit:** 300 words (not including the title)
- Prizes:** 1st £300, 2nd £150, 3rd £50
- Entry fee:** £3 per entry. No limit on the number of entries.
- Deadline:** Friday 3rd April 2020

What is flash fiction?

Flash fiction is a bite-sized story for the sound bite age. It often contains the classic story elements: protagonist, conflict, obstacles, complications and resolution. However unlike a traditional short story, this brief form often leaves some of these elements unmentioned. There is often a twist in the tale and stories that involve humour or surprise work particularly well.

Eligibility

The Frodsham Flash Fiction Prize is open to anyone living in the UK. Entries must be in English and must be entirely the work of the entrant. Submission of an entry is taken as confirmation that the work is your own. Any evidence to the contrary will result in immediate disqualification.

Submissions must not have previously been published, self-published, published on any website, blog or online forum, broadcast or placed (1st, 2nd or 3rd) in any other competition.



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How to enter

All entries will be judged anonymously. Do not include your name, address or any identifying mark on the story document, other than the title at the top of the first page. Please include a word count for the story next to the title.

Stories cannot be returned so please keep a copy. Amendments cannot be made to entries after they have been submitted. Each entry must be accompanied by a payment of £3 and you can enter as many times as you like.

Entering by post

Please send your flash fiction story to Flash Fiction Prize, Weaver Words Festival, Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7QN. Entries must arrive by noon on Friday 3rd April 2020.

- Stories should be typed, single sided. Only the title of the story should appear on the story page.
- Each entry should be accompanied by a separate sheet of paper giving the entrant's name, address, date of birth, contact telephone number and email address (if available). You should also include on this sheet, the title(s) of your story(s).
- You can enter as many stories as you like but each flash fiction piece must be accompanied by an entry fee of £3. Please enclose a cheque for the total made out to Frodsham Community Association.

Entering online

Please go to the website www.weaverwords.org.uk and follow links to the adult flash fiction story competition. Entries can be uploaded until the deadline on Friday 3rd April 2020.

- You will be asked to make an electronic payment and then provided with an email link to send your stories.
- Each story should be saved as a Word document (or similar) and the file name should be the title of the story. Please do not include your name or address on the story.

Judging

The judges will be Prof Sue Zlosnik, Emeritus Professor of English at Manchester Metropolitan University, and Nicholas Royle, award-winning short story writer and author of seven novels and 12 short story anthologies. He is a Reader in Creative Writing at Manchester Writing School.

The judges' decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into. Judges are unable to comment on individual entries. Submission of entry implies acceptance of all the rules. Failure to comply with the rules may result in disqualification.

Prize winners

Writers of the best ten short-listed entries will be invited to attend the final Word Weavers Event of the Weaver Words festival on the evening of Sunday 3rd May. The results will be announced at the event and a list of winners and the three best flash fiction pieces published afterwards on the Weaver Words website. Finalists will be notified before Friday 24th April.