

## Minehead Literary Festival Short Story Competition 2020 Rules and Entry Form 5 -15 year olds

### Your details:

*Why do we need this? So that we can contact you if you are shortlisted. We will not share your details with anyone except with the organisers of the Minehead Literary Festival.*

Name:		Age:	
School:		Class:	
Contact number:		Contact name:	
Address:			
Email address:			
<b>Category:</b> <i>I am entering into the competition for...</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7 yr olds	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-10 yr olds	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-15 yr olds	
Would you like your work returned to you?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please! <input type="checkbox"/> No, thank you	

### Submission Checklist:

*I have...*

- Read the guidance below.
- Made sure it is under 250 words.
- Typed up my work.
- Checked my spelling.
- Completed the section above.
- Submitted my application on or before the deadline (6<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

- Please ensure that all entries are **typed**, you may submit original written work and drawings alongside this.

## Submission guidance:

***Why do I need to do this?*** It is wonderful to see how children express themselves through the written word, but sometimes it can be a little tricky for adults to read.

- Entries must not exceed 250 words.

***Why can't I write a longer story?*** We have a high number of entries to read, we want to be able to read them all.

- Do not copy or **plagiarise** other people's work.

***The prompt is the same for everyone! So, our stories will be all the same, won't they?*** Even with a specific prompt, it is possible for all stories to be different, we want to hear **your voice** and **your ideas** come through.

## FAQs:

**Q. Can I have my work back at the end?** Yes, however you must request this in your submission (see above).

**Q. Can I write a poem, haiku or play or does it have to be a story?** We welcome all mediums of writing including fiction and non-fiction.

**Q. Do I have to write to the prompt/theme?** We set a theme in the hope you are inspired to write; you may take an element or elements from the prompt to create your own story; but try to keep it on subject.

**Q How many entries get shortlisted?** We aim to put through four entries from each category, however if there are several that impress us, we might squeeze in one or two more.

**Q. When will I find out if I have been shortlisted?** We will submit our shortlisted entries to the Minehead Literary Festival by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and we will notify entries then too.

**Q. Who can come to the Literary Festival if I am shortlisted?** Anyone! We would be delighted to see all your friends and family there.

**Q. Who are the judges?** The final winners will be chosen by Sam Angus, children's author; you can find out more at the Minehead Literary Festival website [www.mineheadliteraryfestival.org.uk](http://www.mineheadliteraryfestival.org.uk)