

Havant Literary Festival 'a fresh page'

2009 OPEN SHORT STORY COMPETITION

**FOR AN ORIGINAL STORY NOT EXCEEDING 1500 WORDS ON THE THEME OF
'A JOURNEY'**

SENIOR JUDGE: Sion O'Donovan, the Education Correspondent at the News. He spearheaded the News' *Spread the Word* literacy campaign last year.

Write a story on the theme of 'A Journey' of no more than 1500 words for a chance to win a cash prize.

PRIZES:

1st Prize **£100**

Runner-up **£50**

ENTRY FEE: **£5.00**

Please make cheques or POs payable to Havant Literary Festival

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: **JULY 31st 2009**

PLEASE SEND ENTRIES BY POST TO:

HLF Short Story Competition (A Journey)

Nineveh

11 The Pallant

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PO9 1BE

GRAND OPENING AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY at Havant Arts Centre on **September 25th 2009.**

Please read the competition rules before completing your entry form and posting your story.

HAVANT LITERARY FESTIVAL 'A FRESH PAGE' SHORT STORY COMPETITION RULES

1. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been previously published, broadcast on radio or TV, or awarded a prize in a competition.
2. Manuscripts must be in English and typed on one side only of A4 paper, double-spaced.
3. Manuscripts must not bear the name of the author or have any other form of identification, with the exception of the story title, page numbers and word count. The author's name must only appear on the Entry Form. Submissions bearing identification of any kind will be disqualified and entry fees will not be returned. Entries will be coded for the judging.
4. Any number of entries may be submitted providing the relevant fees are enclosed, but no competitor may win more than one prize. The Entry Form may be photocopied.
5. Manuscripts will not be returned and competitors are advised to keep a copy of their work. All reasonable care will be taken, but the Havant Literary Festival accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to manuscripts.
6. Submissions will not be acknowledged unless a suitably worded, stamped addressed postcard is included with the entry.
7. The Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.
8. Copyright of material remains with the author but the Havant Literary Festival reserve the right to use entries at festival events.
9. Trustees of the Havant Literary Festival and anyone helping to organise the competition are not eligible to enter.
10. The winner and runner-up will be announced by September 25th 2009. The awards will take place at the Grand Opening and Prize Giving Ceremony at Havant Arts Centre on 25th September 2009. Results will be made available to the local press and will be available on the Havant & District Writers' Circle, and Havant Literary Festival websites.
11. In the event of the festival being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, all monies will be refunded in full.

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NB: Please ensure that you have paid the correct postage under the new post office pricing structure.

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'A JOURNEY' SHORT STORY COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

ENTRY FEE: £5:00

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TITLE OF ENTRY:

I have read and accept the competition rules.

Signed _____

Date _____