



COMP GUIDELINES - MYWS's Fresh Fiction Competition

Entries open on Monday 24 October 2022 and close at 11.59pm on Monday 21 November 2022.

2022 theme:

Something lost (interpret however you like).

Who can enter:

The MYWS Fresh Fiction Writing Competition is open to current Melbourne Young Writers' Studio (MYWS) writers and young writers who have enrolled in an Inklings Group, Private Mentorship, school holiday program or schools program in 2022.

Entry to the competition is free.

There are two categories and prizes:

7-12 year olds winner to receive \$250

13-18 year olds winner to receive \$500

Winners will be announced at the Melbourne Young Writers' Studio 2022 Anthology Book Launch on Sunday 11 December.

Rules:

Entries that fail to meet the following criteria will not be accepted:

- Stories must be between 500 words (minimum) and 1000 words (maximum)
- Your entry must be a new and original story
- Your story must relate to the theme in some way
- You are only permitted to submit one story
- Your story cannot be something you have worked on in school or in a MYWS weekly group or mentorship
- All stories must be works of fiction (poetry will be accepted as long as there is an element of story)
- Entries must not contain any strong language, strong violence or gore. Submissions must not be offensive or rude (a little bit cheeky is fine). We

recommend ambiguity and subtlety for any stories dealing with darker themes and references!

- The story needs to be an original work (no assistance from parents, teachers etc.) and should not infringe on a third party's intellectual property rights (no copycats)
- The entry must be unpublished (either in print or online).

How to enter:

- Send your submission to freshfiction@mywritersstudio.com.au
- All stories must be submitted in font Arial size 12 with 1.15 spacing
- All stories must be submitted as a PDF document
- Entries should have the following details on the top of the submission:
 - - author's name (first and last)
 - - date of birth
 - - the title of the story
 - - name of program attended in 2022 e.g. *Semester Two, Inkling Group Wednesday 4pm, St Kilda Primary Grade 4 School Program, or Detective's Journal School Holiday Program, etc.*
- Title the subject of your email '*Fresh Fiction Entry - Writer Name*'

Terms and conditions

1. The winners consent to have their stories and photograph published on MYWS social media, promotional material and website
2. Entrants may only submit one story for their category
3. Stories are judged by Melbourne Young Writers' Studio based on the originality of the idea and how strongly the story is crafted
4. The judges' decision is final
5. No feedback will be provided on any submissions nor correspondence entered into
6. The prizes are in Australian dollars
7. The prizes will be transferred to the winners via bank transfer
8. Melbourne Young Writers' Studio reserves the right to request proof of identity, proof of enrolment or booking, and proof of entry validity. In the event that a winner(s) cannot provide suitable proof the winner(s) will forfeit the prize in whole and no substitute prize will be offered
9. Melbourne Young Writers' Studio reserves the right not to award prizes in the event that they feel entries do not have the merit to warrant a prize.