

## 2024 SHORT STORY COMPETITION – INFORMATION AND RULES

### 'BEACHES'

**COMPETITION TITLE:** '*Beaches*'. Entries are welcome from anyone around the world age 16 and up.

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** 12 noon on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, for both postal and electronic entries. Entry forms can be downloaded from the festival website at: [www.foweyfestival.com](http://www.foweyfestival.com)

**SUBMISSION:** There is no minimum wordcount, however a maximum of 1,500 is applied. NB: If that is exceeded, the entry will be disallowed. All entries can be in any prose style but must be written in English. Postal entries must be submitted as typed manuscripts. Required formatting is double line spacing. Emailed entries are preferred.

Please email entries to [katie@foweyfestival.com](mailto:katie@foweyfestival.com) and send postal entries to: Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature Short Story Competition, 27 Hill Hay Close, Fowey, Cornwall PL23 1EL. NB: Each entry sent by post must be accompanied by an entry form.

Authors may enter the competition once only.

**ENTRY FEE:** £10. Any profits from the competition will go to the Festival fundraising fund. Payment for entries can be made via bank transfer or by sending a cheque in pounds sterling, to the above address. Full details can be found on the entry form, which can be downloaded from the Festival website.

Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt of your submission.

Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must not have been previously published in print or online (all methods and platforms), or broadcast, or have been commended, longlisted, or shortlisted in another writing competition. Any entry found to have been plagiarised will be disqualified. Simultaneous submissions are welcome, but please let us know as soon as possible if your story is to be published elsewhere, has won a prize or has been longlisted or shortlisted in another writing competition.

Entries will be read and judged anonymously. The entrant's name and any personal information about the entrant should only appear on the entry form and not anywhere on the story submission.

If you require acknowledgement of your postal entry, ideally please supply an email address for the Festival to send the acknowledgement to. If that is not possible, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Online entries will be automatically acknowledged via email.

**PRIZES:** First prize: £200 Second prize: £100

Winners will be notified in the middle of April 2024. A formal presentation will be made at the 2024 Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature (May 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> with the presentation date to be finalized). The winning entries will be published on the Festival website.

The du Maurier Festival Society reserves the right to use the author's material in any related publicity during the period of the festival.

The Judge's decision is final and no individual correspondence will be entered into. Judges are not permitted to make external comment on any individual entry.