

THE  
PORTSMOUTH  
**SHORT STORY**  
COMPETITION  
2020

**WIN  
£500**

**THE  
THEME OF  
REUNION**

**PORTSMOUTH  
BOOK  
FEST  
2020**

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# REUNION

The short story can be the perfect medium for new writers. Enter this competition and you could win £500 and the chance to see your story posted online.

This year the theme is **Reunion**. You can interpret the theme in any way you wish for your story—let your imagination run wild!

Your work **MUST** fit this theme and be your own unpublished work. Your interpretation of the theme will be part of the judging assessment.

**Word count:** maximum of 4,000 words

**Fee:** £5 payable when you enter

**How to enter:** Email your entry to [libraries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk), or post a printed copy to Portsmouth Short Story Competition, Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX



**BEST OF LUCK!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
READING YOUR ENTRIES.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Entrants must be aged 16+ (born on or before 30 October 2004).
2. Entrants must:
  - live in Portsmouth with a PO1–PO6 postcode OR
  - work or study in Portsmouth and be able to give the name and postcode of their college or employer OR
  - be able to demonstrate a close personal connection to the city (please specify).
3. Entries should be a **maximum of 4,000 words**
4. Entries must be **typewritten/word processed in 12 point, double spaced and on one side of the page only** (if submitting by email please attach your story as a plain text Word document or PDF). Pages should be numbered. Please state the total number of words in the space provided on the form or in the body of your email.
5. The competition opens on **Monday 27th July 2020**.
6. Closing date is 5pm **Friday 30th October 2020**. Any entries received after this date will be disqualified.
7. The story must adhere to the theme of **Reunion**.
8. Entries will be read and judged anonymously. The story itself must be free of all personal information about the author. This includes name, age and address.
9. Submit your entry:
  - By email [libraries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). Please attach your story to the email as a word document or PDF.
10. Please give the email a title of 'Portsmouth Short Story Competition'. In the body of the email please give your full name, address, telephone number, email address, title of your story and word count. If you do not live in Portsmouth please also give details of your close personal connection to the city. We will then send you an acknowledgement email on receipt of your story and call you to take your £5 entry fee over the telephone.
  - By post to Portsmouth Short Story Competition, Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2DX, along with a cheque for £5 made payable to 'Portsmouth City Council' and the completed entry form overleaf. We will email you to acknowledge safe receipt of your story. If you do not hear from us 10 days after posting your story please give us a call on **023 92688064** to ensure safe receipt. Entries will not be returned. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. By entering the competition, entrants are deemed to have agreed that their names and their entries may be used by Portsmouth City Council in publicity material associated with the competition.
12. You may submit one story only.
13. Remember, the short story you submit must be unpublished in print or online, and be your own work.

## Entry form

Name of entrant.....

Date of birth.....

Home address.....

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Postcode.....

Email address.....

Telephone.....

Title of entry.....

Word count.....

If you do not live in Portsmouth please give the name of your  
workplace or college or give details of your personal connection  
to the city.....

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print, Braille, audio or in another  
language by calling 023 9284 1193