

## Tasmanian Writers' Prize 2026

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- The winning entry will receive a cash prize of **\$500**.
  - A selection of the best entries will be published in the *Forty South Short Story Anthology 2026*.
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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The prize is for short stories up to 3,000 words, having an island, or island-resonant, theme.
- Writers will be citizens of Australia or New Zealand or Australian permanent residents.
- Maximum of two entries per person.
- Entry fee of \$20 per story entered.
- Each entry may be uploaded in electronic form to the Forty South website, at [www.fortysouth.com.au/tasmanian-writers-prize](http://www.fortysouth.com.au/tasmanian-writers-prize).
- Stories should be uploaded as Word documents (.doc/.docx format).
- Ensure your name does NOT appear anywhere in your manuscript Word document.
- The file name of the manuscript Word document must be the title of the story.
- Please indicate the word count in your manuscript Word document.
- Provide a biography/statement (maximum 150 words) to be used if the entry is included in the anthology. It is a condition of entry that successful writers' names may be used by Forty South Publishing for publicity purposes.
- Entrants must assert that entries are their own original work, not assisted in any way by using AI technology, and that the stories have not been previously published.
- The judging panel reserves the right not to award a prize and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Employees of Forty South Publishing, their immediate family members and the judging panel are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Should you require any assistance, please feel free to contact us on (03) 6243 1003.

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Entries must be lodged by February 16, 2026

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### POSTING your USB drive

If you wish to submit your story/stories by post, please print and complete this form

Full name .....

Email .....

Daytime phone number .....

Postal address .....

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Title of short story 1 .....

Title of short story 2 .....

(If applicable)

### DECLARATION

- I declare that my entry is my own original unpublished work.
- I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the competition.
- I accept the judges' decision as final.

Signature

### ENTRY CHECKLIST

- ☐ The above form has been printed, completed and included in the envelope.
- ☐ The following files have been uploaded to the USB included in the envelope:
  - Your story/stories without your name or contact details.
  - Your short biography.
- ☐ The envelope containing your completed form and USB drive has been addressed to:  
Forty South Publishing, PO Box 168, Lindisfarne TAS 7015.
- ☐ The entry fee has been paid online before the closing date via the 40S Bookshop at [fortysouth.com.au](http://fortysouth.com.au)