

# STREET CAKE

experimental writing prize

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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

We hope you'll find all the information you need below, but if you have a query that's not covered here, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at: [streetcakeprize@gmail.com](mailto:streetcakeprize@gmail.com)

We'll be pleased to help!

**Q: How has Covid-19 impacted the prize?**

A: We will be able to run the prize largely as normal. Though any workshops we provide may need to remain online. However, we think this is great in terms of accessibility. The mentoring can take place as normal as this can be undertaken online; and this is often more convenient for those involved.

**Q: Can I make changes to my entries after they have been submitted?**

A: No, changes cannot be made to entries after they have been submitted (see our rules).

**Q: Do you accept entries as email attachments?**

A: Yes. You must send us the attachments in an email with the entry info in the body of the email (see rules).

**Q: An earlier version of my poem / story was shortlisted in another competition but I've changed it since. Can I submit it to the streetcake prize?**

A: If the work was not published, you did not receive a cash prize and it has been substantially altered, including a title change, then it would be eligible.

**Q: My poem / story was longlisted in another competition. I didn't win a cash prize but it was published in an online anthology. Can I still submit it?**

A: No. Previously published work is not eligible.

**Q: How will you know which entries are mine if I don't write my name on them?**

A: Entries will be given an identifying number by the administrators when received and will be linked to your personal details.

**Q: Can I enter more than one poem or short story?**

A: You can make two separate entries if you wish - one entry of up to 3 poems and one entry of up to 2 stories.

**Q: Can I enter if I have won the prize previously?**

A: The first place winners are not eligible to enter again in order to allow more people to benefit from the prize. However, if you were placed in second to fourth place, or were shortlisted previously, you are eligible to enter the 2021 prize.

**Q: Can I use a pen name?**

A: We do allow pseudonyms although we ask that entries be made using your real name. However, you can tell us your pen name in the entry email. When the winners are selected we will check how you wish to be known when published in the streetcake anthology, online and on our social networks.

**Q: Must entries be unpublished?**

A: Yes. Entries that have already been published are not eligible. However, if you have uploaded it online to a personal blog or social media account and can easily remove it, it is possible to enter it into the prize.

**Q: Does having a poem or story on my own blog count as previous publication?**

Q: Yes. It would not be eligible.

**Q: I accidentally left my name or contact details on my entry. Will it be disqualified?**

A: Yes. You would need to re-submit.

**Q: How can I check if you have received my entries?**

A: The streetcake prize team will confirm receipt of your entry/entries, via email. Due to the volume of entries, we are unable to check arrival in any other way.

**Q: When are winners notified?**

A: We will contact the winners and shortlisted writers in October 2021. The full results will be posted on the streetcake website and social media platforms in November/December 2021 after the winners' event.

**Q: How do I send an entry via the website?**

A: You need to send an email to [streetcakeprize@gmail.com](mailto:streetcakeprize@gmail.com) with entry info (see rules) and your entries (as separate attachments). Entry is free but we are accepting voluntary donations via Paypal for those who wish to support the prize and our work, though this will not impact on your potential to be longlisted, shortlisted or placed. If you are entering in both poetry and short fiction, you will need to send two different entry emails. Only one entry per genre (up to 3 poems and up to 2 short stories) will be accepted from each writer.

**Q: Why is entry free?**

A: We want our prize to be accessible to as many people as possible. We hope to raise funds via a raffle with £3 entry and brilliant prizes offered by our partners and ourselves. We will also include a voluntary Paypal donation button on the prize page for anyone who is happy to donate a small amount to support the prize and our work.

**Q: I am not an EU/UK national but I live in the EU/UK. Can I enter?**

A: Yes! We are open to anyone who has residence in the EU/UK at the time of entry. We want to open the prize up to those living in different territories and/or nations. However, at this time, we cannot make the prize international due to funding limitations.

**Q: What kind of file or format should I use for uploading my entry?**

A: Allowed file types are .doc, .docx, .rtf, .pdf. Maximum allowed file size is 2MB. Please send multiple entries as separate files. Therefore, if you are entering two poems, please send two separate PDFs/Word documents. If you want to send a visual piece, please insert .jpegs into a PDF or Word document. If we require a higher resolution image later, we will ask you to provide one.

**Q: Can I cut and paste my entry?**

A: No, your entry will need to be a file type (as above) and emailed to the prize email address.

**Q: What if the word count for my short fiction is over the limit of 2,500 words?**

A: Your entry would be disqualified. Please ensure you keep within the word limit.

**Q: What if individual poems are over the page limit of 2 A4 pages?**

A: Your entry would be disqualified. Please ensure you keep within the page limit.

**Q: If one of my submissions is disqualified, will the rest of my submission still be considered?**

A: Yes, we will consider any submissions that comply with our entry requirements.

**Q: Can I check the progress of my submission/s?**

A: Unfortunately, we cannot give you any more information about your entry after we have sent an acknowledgement email. We will only contact you if you are one of our winners in the timeframe detailed in our prize rules.

**Q: When will the competition winners be announced?**

A: Competition winners will be informed during October 2021. The first official announcement will be made at the prize-giving in November/December 2021. Check the website after this time to see the results.

**Q: Will the streetcake prize team sift the entries before they send them to the judges?**

A: Yes, we anticipate that we will receive too many entries for our named judges to be able to read them all. Our judging is fair and unbiased. The initial judging will be undertaken by the streetcake editors, Trini Decombe and Nikki Dudley, who have been running the streetcake online magazine for over twelve years.

**Q: Will the judges comment on my work?**

A: No, judges are unable to comment on individual entries. If you are shortlisted however, you may receive some brief feedback.

**Q: Do you pass on my personal details to anyone else?**

A: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, your details will be held securely and will not be released to any third party without your explicit and written consent. We may contact you regarding your entry and let you know about developments with the prize, unless you expressly asked to be removed from our mailing list.

**Q: Does copyright remain with me?**

A: Worldwide copyright of each entry remains with the author, but the streetcake prize will have the unrestricted right to publish the winning works. The work will appear in the winners' anthology, as well as being shared online and in any other relevant promotional material, including press releases. We also expect exclusivity of the published piece for a year after publication (see rules for further details) or a credit to 'the streetcake prize' if the work is to be re-published.