

UNDER THE SILVER TREE SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Opening date: 1st December 2022

Closing date: 12th April 2023



Under the Silver Tree community bookshop in Broken Hill is offering prizes for short story writing in its annual competition.

The topic for this year's theme is *Underground*. You can interpret the theme in any way you choose, or use the quotes below to inspire you:

*Right beneath the surface are the seeds of possibility,
waiting for the right conditions.*

Sir Ken Robinson

*The underground of the city is like what's underground
in people. Beneath the surface, it's boiling with monsters.*

Guillermo del Toro

Word limit

2000 words.

Entry fee

\$10 for each entry. You can submit multiple entries.

Prizes

Short story winner - \$1000

Best local* entry - \$500 donated by West Darling Arts.

Highly commended - \$100

Authors under 26 - \$100 donated by Totally Addicted to Hair.

Judging

Entries will be judged by novelist, essayist, and short story writer **Claire Corbett**.

Claire's novel *When We Have Wings* (2011, Allen & Unwin) was shortlisted for the Barbara Jefferis Prize and shortlisted for best first fiction, Ned Kelly Prize. *Watch Over Me* was published by A&U in 2017. Claire teaches creative writing at the University of Technology Sydney, serves on the board of Varuna, the National Writers' House, and is the fiction editor of the Australian literary magazine, *Overland*.

Prize giving

Winners will be announced at a prize giving ceremony in May 2023, to be held at the Broken Hill Art Exchange, 313 Argent Street, Broken Hill, NSW 2880.

*Broken Hill, Wentworth and Central Darling Shires and the Far West NSW Unincorporated Area.

Under The Silver Tree Writing Competition: RULES



1. **Entries close on 12th April 2023.**
2. **Entrants must be over 16 years old on the closing date, 12th April 2023. Please include your date of birth if you wish to be considered for the under 26 category.**
3. **Maximum length of submissions is 2,000 words (does not include title).**
4. All entries must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant, and not currently submitted for publication or for any other competition or award.
5. The competition is open to any writer, who may submit as many entries as they choose.
6. Entries must be written in English.
7. Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. No corrections or alterations allowed after receipt of entry.
8. Entries may be submitted in any of the following ways:
 - (a) *in person* - Under The Silver Tree Bookshop, 29 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill NSW 2880
 - (b) *by email* – utstwritingcompetition@gmail.com (attached as a PDF file)
 - (c) *by post* – Under The Silver Tree Bookshop, 29 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill NSW 2880Entries must arrive no later than 12/04/2023.
If you require acknowledgement of receipt for a postal entry you must enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
9. Entry fee is \$10 for each work entered, to be submitted with the entry. Entry fees may be paid in any of the following ways:
 - (a) *cash* - at Under the Silver Tree Bookshop
 - (b) *cheque* - made out to “Under the Silver Tree Co-operative Bookshop”
 - (c) *direct deposit* - **BSB 802377 Account 37741613**IMPORTANT: If paying by direct deposit include your name or distinctive identifier. Notify us by email.
10. Entrants must agree to have their work published by Under The Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop (UTST), read on radio and read at the prize giving. Ownership reverts to the entrant after 30th June 2023.
11. **Entrant’s name and contact details should only appear on the cover page**
Entries must be typed in double spacing or handwritten. Include a **cover page** stating the entrant’s name, address, phone number and email address, story title and word count.
12. Entry is not open to board members of UTST.
13. No entrant may win more than one prize.

JUDGING

Competition judges will be appointed by UTST and the judges’ decision will be final with no correspondence entered into. The judging panel will select stories to be published by UTST. If the quality of the entries is not deemed high enough, prizes do not have to be awarded.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

Postal address: Under The Silver Tree Bookshop
29 Sulphide Street, Broken Hill, NSW 2880
Email address: UTSTwritingcompetition@gmail.com

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ENTRY FORM



Date:

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (for entrants under 26)

Address:

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Phone:

Email:

The title of my submission is:

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I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature

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RECEIPT *(for UTST office use only)*

Manuscript received (Date)

Entry fee paid (Date) *An entry fee must be paid for each entry*

Signed