

NON-FICTION WRITING COMPETITION Version 8



Opening date: 21st February 2022

Closing date: 1st August 2022

Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop is conducting a Non-Fiction Writing Competition, with prize money of over \$1500.

Entrants in this competition will write a biography of a person (*can include a family member or friend*) who spent a significant part of their life in the Western Region*.

There are two sections: one for individual authors and another for collaborations. Do you have a great story to tell but need a collaborator to work with you to write the story? If so, you are welcome to contact Under the Silver Tree Bookshop who can assist you to find a collaborator.

FIRST PRIZE in each section:	\$500
HIGHLY COMMENDED (<i>up to 5, from either section</i>):	\$100 each
WEST DARLING ARTS AWARD for a writer aged 18 or under: <i>(as at 1 August 2022)</i>	\$100

Word limit: 2,500 words

This competition is open to all ages.

There is a fee of \$10 for each entry. Entrants may submit more than one entry.

Judges: Liz Vines, Heritage Advisor to Broken Hill City Council
Tracy Fraser, Broken Hill City Library Coordinator

Winners will be announced on 5 Sep 2022 at a prize giving ceremony at the Sulphide St. Railway Museum (COVID-19 permitting). Winning entries will be broadcast on 2DRY FM.

Under the Silver Tree is holding this writing competition to further our mission of encouraging reading, writing and the love of literature. In addition, we want to emphasise that heritage is not just buildings and the lives of the famous, but the lives of families and workers who have built this city and district and given it its character.

We acknowledge the support of John Wren at the Silver City Cinema and of West Darling Arts.



***Western Region** is defined as Far West NSW, the areas encompassed by Broken Hill City Council, Wentworth Shire Council, Central Darling Shire and the Western Unincorporated Area.

2022 Non-Fiction Writing Competition: RULES



1. The closing date for entries is **1st August 2022**. Late entries cannot be accepted.
2. The maximum length of submissions is 2,500 words (*does not include title*).
3. Entrants must also write a paragraph, not exceeding 200 words, explaining why they have chosen to write about the subject of their biography (*not included in word count*).
4. A maximum of 2 illustrations may be included. Captions under illustrations are not included in the word count.
5. All entries must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant, and not currently submitted for publication nor for any other competition or award.
6. The competition is open to any writer, who can submit as many entries as they choose.
7. Entries must be typed in double spacing and written in English.
8. The collaboration section is restricted to TWO writers working together.
9. Entrants must provide a separate typed **cover page** stating their name, address, phone number and email address. Both writers' names must appear in collaborations. **The entrants' contact details must ONLY appear on the cover page and not on the pages of the actual entry.**
10. Entries may be submitted in any of the following ways:
 - (a) *in person* at Under The Silver Tree Bookshop
 - (b) *emailed*, attached as a PDF file. Entry form may be attached as a scanned JPG image.
 - (c) *posted* - **must be RECEIVED by 1st August 2022**. Please allow time for delivery. If entrants require acknowledgement of receipt of a postal entry they must enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
11. 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) by cash or EFTPOS at Under the Silver Tree Bookshop (*see below for address*)
 - (b) by cheque made out to "Under the Silver Tree Co-operative Bookshop"
 - (c) by direct deposit to our account **BSB 802377 Account 37739325**If paying by direct deposit include your name or distinctive identifier. Notify us by email.
12. All entrants must agree that Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop reserves the right to publish, broadcast or publicly perform all submitted work for promotional purposes only. Ownership reverts to the entrant after 31st October 2022.
13. Entries will not be returned. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt of entry.
14. Entry is not open to members of the board of Under the Silver Tree Bookshop.
15. No entrant may win more than one prize.

JUDGING

Competition judges have been appointed by Under the Silver Tree Cooperative Bookshop Ltd and the judges' decision will be final with no correspondence being entered into. In the unlikely event that the quality of the entries is not deemed high enough, prizes do not have to be awarded.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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ENTRY FORM 2022



Date:

First Name

Last Name

Address:

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Phone:

Email:

TITLE of Entry

SECTION: Individual Entry Collaboration (*two people working together*)

Date of Birth (*if 18 years or under as at 1 Aug 2022*) (Day)(Month) (Year)

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

Signature

RECEIPT (*for UTST office use only*)

Manuscript received (Date)

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

Signed (UTST staff member)