



The Press 53 Award for Short Fiction is awarded annually to an outstanding, unpublished short story collection. This contest is open to any writer, regardless of his or her publication history, provided the manuscript is written in English and the author lives in the United States or one of its territories.

Award: The winner of this contest will receive publication by Press 53, a \$1,000 cash advance and fifty copies of the book; all prizes will be awarded upon publication.

Reading fee: A reading fee of \$30 must be paid for each entry. Reading fees are nonrefundable.

Dates for submission: Enter September 1 through December 31, 2020

Announcement of winner: The winner of the Press 53 Award for Short Fiction will be announced no later than May 1, 2021 to all entrants by way of Submittable email and on the Press 53 website, Facebook, Twitter, and via email to our subscribers. A list of finalists will also be announced at that time.

Confirmation of entry: Confirmation of receipt of your entry will be sent via e-mail by Submittable immediately after submission.

Multiple submissions: Writers may submit multiple story collections. A separate reading fee is required for each entry.

Judging: Kevin Morgan Watson, Publisher and Editor in Chief of Press 53, will be the only judge for the competition; the story collections will be judged in a blind read solely on the strength of the stories as a collection, and the winning collection will be published by Press 53. The judge's decision is final. Please note: due to the volume of entries, feedback or critique on individual stories or the collection is not possible.

Eligibility: The competition is open to manuscripts written in the English language from writers 18 and older, regardless of publishing history, who live in the United States or one of its territories. Previously published stories may be (and probably should be) included in the collection.

Ineligibility: Previously published story collections, including self-published collections available in print or as an ebook, are not eligible. Individuals who work for Press 53 or have published a book with Press 53 are not eligible to enter.

Story Collection Guidelines (please read carefully):

1. Manuscripts should contain a collection of short stories, which can include flash fiction, and may include one, and only one, novella. Total page count should be double-spaced with numbered pages, set in a standard 12-point font (such as Times New Roman, Garamond, etc.), and around 100 to no more than 250 pages in length. We do not favor one length over the other. We are only concerned with the quality of every story in the collection.
2. The author's name should not appear on the collection. We will find your contact information after the winner has been selected via Submittable.
3. Pages should be numbered.
4. Include a table of contents with page numbers.
5. An acknowledgments page for previous publications of stories in the collection may be included but is not necessary.

How to enter:

ONLINE: Press 53 accepts electronic submissions via Submittable, your online submissions manager.

By MAIL: Send one printed copy of your manuscript. Include one cover sheet with the title of your entry and your contact information, along with a check or money order for \$30, and mail to:

Press 53
560 N. Trade Street, Suite 103
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Any questions or concerns, other than technical issues with the submissions manager, please contact Editor@Press53.com

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