

Tell Us a Story

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ENTER OUR 20TH ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

Bookshop Santa Cruz is looking for original fiction of no more than 1,200 words. We are not looking for any particular theme or style—just some great writing. This is our chance to help showcase local talent!

FIRST PRIZE: \$250 gift certificate and publication in *Readers* (with a circulation of 12,000) and on our website: www.bookshopsantacruz.com

SECOND PRIZE: \$100 gift certificate

THIRD PRIZE: \$50 gift certificate

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: February 15, 2023



ENTRY RULES:

1. The contest is open to manuscripts of 1,200 words or fewer. Entries outside the word limitation will be disregarded.
2. There is a \$6 entry fee per story. You may enter as many stories as you wish.
3. All stories must include a completed entry form (below, or available online).
4. All entries must be typewritten and double-spaced. Judges will read the stories blind, without author names, so DO NOT put your name on the pages of your manuscript. Instead, type a seven-digit number of your choice in the top right corner of each page of your story. Make sure to write that same number in the entry form, along with your name, address, phone number, and email address. We are sorry, entries cannot be returned.
5. All entries must be previously unpublished. Bookshop Santa Cruz reserves the right to publish the winning entry in our *Readers* newsletter, at www.bookshopsantacruz.com, and to post the second- and third-place winners on our website.
6. Employees of Bookshop Santa Cruz and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the contest.
7. All entries must be received no later than February 15, 2023. Final judging will take place by March 30, 2023. Entries may be dropped off, mailed in, or submitted online at bookshopsantacruz.com/short-story-contest.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your Seven Digit Number (Make sure this number corresponds exactly to the number you put on your manuscript):

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Staff use only: Date received: _____ Staff initials: _____