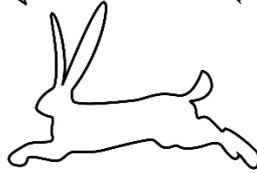


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## ***The 2021 Rhys Davies Short Story Competition Entry Rules, Terms and Conditions***

The Rhys Davies Short Story Competition is a distinguished national writing competition for writers in / from Wales.\*\* Originally established in 1991, Swansea University's Cultural Institute is delighted to relaunch this prestigious award on behalf of The Rhys Davies Trust and in association with Parthian Books.

Born in Blaenclydach, near Tonypany in the Rhondda, in 1901, Rhys Davies was among the most dedicated, prolific, and accomplished of Welsh prose-writers in English. He wrote, in all, more than a hundred stories, twenty novels, three novellas, two topographical books about Wales, two plays, and an autobiography.

**Closing Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

**2021 Judge: Julia Bell**

**\*\*To be eligible, you must have been born in Wales, lived in Wales for 2 years or more or currently be living in Wales\*\***

### **Awards**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - £1,000 sterling and publication in a short story anthology to be published by Parthian Books in 2021.
- **10 x Runners-up Prizes** - £100 each and publication in a short story anthology to be published by Parthian Books in 2021.

**Please read the following Entry Rules and Terms and Conditions before submitting your entry. By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that you agree to the rules, terms and conditions outlined below.**

For any queries, please email [rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk) before submitting your entry.

- The Rhys Davies Short Story Competition recognises the very best unpublished short stories in English in any style and on any subject up to a maximum of 5,000 words by writers in / from Wales.
- Entrants must have been born in Wales, lived in Wales for 2 years or more or currently be living in Wales.
- Entries open on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and close on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 5pm (British Standard Time). Entries received after this time will not be considered.
- The 2021 finalists will be announced in June 2021.
- The winner of the 2021 Competition will be announced in September 2021.
- All entries will be judged anonymously.
- The entry fee is £8 per story except for those awarded free entry places. When you pay your entry fee, a unique reference number will be generated. The reference number should be included in the relevant section of the online entry form.
- There are 40 free entry places available for low-income writers where earnings are £16,000 or less per year. These places will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis (one free entry place per person). Should you wish to apply for one of these places, please email: [rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk). There is no need to declare your income threshold.
- There is no limit to the number of stories you may submit.
- Entries must be submitted via the online form at <https://forms.gle/tUUNHFMANKXBTpND8> .
- Entry must be aged 18 or over on the closing date (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021).
- Employees of Swansea University, sponsors of the Competition, or other company or person involved directly with the administration of this Competition, or any members of their households are ineligible.
- A translation of a work originally written in a language or languages other than English is not eligible.
- Entries should be uploaded in PDF, .doc or .docx format in 12pt Arial font with page numbers and the title of your story in the header. The word count should appear on page 1. Your name should not appear anywhere in your story.

- The title of your entry should follow this format: 'RDStory 2021 Title of your Story'. For example, 'RDStory 2021 Blue Hearts'.

### **Conditions of the Award**

- The overall winner and shortlisted writers will make free of charge such personal appearances as may be mutually agreed between the writer and the Event Organiser.
- The overall winner and runners-up agree to provide a short bio and high resolution photo within 7 days of having been notified that they are finalists.
- Winning stories may not be published elsewhere until September 2022.

### **General**

- For the purposes of these Entry Rules, the 'Event Organiser' means Swansea University (Registered charity. No. 1138342).
- All entry fees due under these Entry Rules are inclusive of VAT.
- Please submit any correspondence in relation to this Competition to:  
[rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:rdshortstory@swansea.ac.uk)
- The Competition recognises the importance of protecting the personal information collected in its operation, and has practices in place to ensure that steps are taken to maintain the security, integrity, and privacy of the personal data collected and processed. Further information is available on the Competition web pages <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/cultural-institute/rhys-davies-short-story-competition/data-protection> .
- Entries not submitted in accordance with the Entry Rules and Terms and Conditions will not be eligible for consideration.

### **Variation of Rules**

- The Rules contained in this document set out the Rules of Entry in respect of the Rhys Davies Short Story Competition 2021 and supersede all prior rules, agreements, understandings or arrangements in relation to this Competition.
- The Event Organiser reserves the right to vary these rules in making reasonable adjustments to force majeure including pandemics.