

**SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY SOUTH AFRICA**  
**SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2009 RULES**

There are two sections which may be entered : a General and a South African section.  
The prize money for each of the sections is as follows :

1<sup>st</sup> - R750.00

2<sup>nd</sup> - R500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> - R250.00

SFSA reserves the right not to award prizes if, in the opinion of the final judge(s), the standard does not warrant it. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The SA section prize is sponsored by World Wide Worx.

1. All entries must be the original, unpublished and not previously prize-winning work of the author (by the submission date for the competition), and **MUST** be either **SCIENCE FICTION** or **FANTASY**.
2. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. However, the author's name **MUST NOT** appear anywhere on the manuscript.
3. All entries must be in English prose and must be between 2000 (two thousand) and 5000 (five thousand) words in length.
4. All entries must be typed or printed, double-spaced, printed on one side of the paper only and bound (with staples, paperclips, folder, etc.). No hand-written entries will be accepted. No manuscripts will be returned so please do not send originals.
5. Entrants will be judged on:  
Presentation, Characterisation, Dialogue, Plot, Grammar & Spelling, Writing Quality & Style, Appeal.
6. Fees:
  - There is an entry fee of R15.00 (paid only once, no matter how many stories are entered).
  - For members, there is an additional fee of R5.00 per story submitted.
  - For non-members, there is an additional fee of R10.00 per story submitted.
  - **Payable only by cash, S.A. cheque** (to be made payable to "Science Fiction South Africa"), or **internet transfer** (see our web site under "Join Us" for details, please provide proof of transfer).  
E.g. 1 story, non-member = R15 entry fee + R10 x 1 story = R25  
3 stories, member = R15 entry fee + R5 x 3 stories = R30
7. For a further R10 per story, a short, written critique will be supplied.
8. The closing date is midnight of 30 September 2009 (envelopes postmarked before this date and time will be accepted).  
Post entries to :  
SFSA Short Story Competition  
c/o Andrew Jamieson  
P.O. Box 2360  
Northwold  
2155
9. Provided a stamped self-addressed envelope is included, (or an e-mail address) receipt of your entries will be acknowledged. SFSA does not accept liability for entries lost in the post. **No registered letters will be accepted.**
10. Entrants will be notified of the results of the competition approximately 5 months after the closing date, provided that an e-mail address or a second self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for this purpose. (An envelope is not required if the entry form contains an email address.)
11. SFSA reserves the right to publish any story free of charge in the club's magazine "Probe", or in the club's "Best of " short story collection, but the copyright will remain with the author. (If possible, please keep the electronic version of the entry, as entrants may be asked to send this to SFSA for publishing.)
12. Additionally, should there be enough entrants **under 18** with a suitable quality of work, an award will be made to the best author in this category.

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