

Writers are invited to submit a piece of fiction or non-fiction, in English, of approximately 15,000 words, about a place in Wales or the south east of England.

Who can submit:

Submissions will not be accepted from writers who have had a full length novel or work of non-fiction published before, unless that work was self-published.

Submissions will be accepted from those aged 18 years or over only. Submissions from Employees of the Publisher or of other publishers within the Publisher's group and their immediate families will not be considered.

Co-authored submissions will not be accepted.

**Closing date:** Submissions must be received by the Publisher by 5pm on 14 January 2018.

**How to submit your story:**

Your submission must be sent by email attached as a Microsoft Word document or other text-based document to [hometown@orionbooks.co.uk](mailto:hometown@orionbooks.co.uk). Please include page numbers along with your name and the title of your piece of writing within a header on every page.

Please note that the Publisher may, at its sole discretion, only consider the first 15,000 words of your submission or exclude submissions over 15,000 words. Please mark your submission with your name, address, contact details including a daytime telephone number, tell us a bit about yourself (maximum 150 words) and give details of any work you have published previously.

By submitting your work, you agree (i) to comply with these terms and conditions and (ii) that you may be contacted by the Publisher.

**Submission criteria:**

By submitting your story you warrant and represent that you own the rights to the work submitted and that the work (a) is original, meaning that it is the entrant's own work not having been copied from any pre-existing work and has been legally obtained and created; and (b) has not been published anywhere in the world;

You agree that your submission will not contain any material which in any way infringes the copyright or other rights of a third party, or which infringes any applicable laws and that the information that you provide is accurate and up to date. The submission must not contain any material which is in any way defamatory, unlawful, harmful, or may have the effect of being harassing, threatening, abusive or hateful or that otherwise degrades or intimidates an individual or group of individuals on the basis of religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age or disability. Any such submissions will be deemed inappropriate and will not be considered.

**Selection:**

All valid submissions received by the closing date and time will be reviewed by a reviewing panel of the Publisher.

Should your submission be of interest, the Publisher will contact you by 31 January 2018.

**Publishing:**

If the Publisher wishes to publish your submission, or work with you on your submission to make it suitable for publication and subject to agreement between you and the Publisher, the Publisher will

offer to enter into a publishing agreement with you. The terms of the publishing agreement will include:

- The grant by you of world publishing rights including in all languages, eBooks and audio publishing;
- An advance and royalties.

You are under no obligation to enter into a contract with the Publisher on the terms offered. The Publisher is under no obligation to publish any submissions received.

The Publisher reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions if this is necessary.

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