



ODYSSEY HOUSE  
VICTORIA

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2023

### BURNING BRIDGES

Odyssey House Victoria invites all writers to enter in our annual Short Story Competition, this year's theme is **"Burning Bridges"**. This competition is open to writers of all ages and experience and submissions are due by the **31st of October 2023**.

## Entry conditions

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### Terms and Conditions

1. All entries must be the original work of the author, previously unpublished in any online or printed publication and have not achieved a place in any other competition.
2. Entries that have been submitted to this competition previously should not be resubmitted.
3. All entries must be fiction, include a reference to alcohol and/or drugs and address the years theme. This theme is open to interpretation. The author does not necessarily have to write about alcohol and/or other drugs.
4. Entry cost is \$10 per short story submission with a maximum of 3 entries per person.
5. Payment must accompany all entries and is non-refundable. Entries submitted without payment will not be accepted. Payment and submission can be made either online or through a physical entry form. If entering with a physical entry form, cheques or money orders can be made payable to Odyssey House Victoria. All cheques or money orders must be in Australian dollars.
6. The judges reserve the right to not award prize money if none of the entries fulfil all set criteria, and/or do not meet the quality sought by the judging panel.
7. Entries must be submitted before the closing date. Winners will be contacted by Odyssey House Victoria and published on the Odyssey House website.
8. Prizes will be awarded for the top three stories. First place prize: \$1,000 plus 12 month membership to Writers Victoria. Second place prize: \$100. Third place prize: \$50. Membership to Writers Victoria can be redeemed interstate or overseas with access to online workshops, e-news and digital versions of magazines.
9. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
10. Winners only will be notified.
11. Copyright will remain with the author but Odyssey House Victoria reserves the right to publish the prize-winning and runner-up stories.

### Formatting Conditions

1. Maximum length for each entry is 1,500 words. The judges reserve the right to reject work exceeding the word length.
2. All entries must be typed using double spacing, 12 point, in Arial or Times New Roman. Please leave at least 3cm margins. The judges reserve the right to reject work incorrectly formatted.
3. The story's name and page number must be included in the header of each page. DO NOT include the author's name.
4. Entries must be submitted along with a completed entry form.



## Entry form

### Personal details

Name: ..... Phone number: .....  
Address: ..... Email address: .....  
Postcode: .....

### Entry details

1. Title of story: ..... Word count: .....  
2. Title of story: ..... Word count: .....  
3. Title of story: ..... Word count: .....

### Declaration

I declare the story/stories I have submitted are original and unpublished. I have not copied or plagiarised any part of my work from another author's work. I have read the terms and conditions and formatting conditions of entry, and accept that the decision of the judges is final.

Signed: .....  
Date: .....

### Payment details

- 1 story- \$10
- 2 stories- \$20
- 3 stories- \$30
  
- Cheque/Money order (in AUD) is enclosed

**OR**, please debit my:

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry date: \_\_ / \_\_  
CVC: \_\_\_

Cardholder signature: .....

### Please send your completed entry to:

Odyssey House Victoria  
660 Bridge Road  
Richmond VIC 3121

- I would like to be added to Odyssey House Victoria's mailing list.