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SOUTHERN CROSS SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2019

Ballarat Writers Inc. (BWI) invites writers to enter the 2019 Southern Cross Short Story Competition.

Opening date: 14 June 2019
Closing date: 14 October 2019

Short stories to 3000 words, open theme

First prize - \$1000 AUD

Second Prize - \$400 AUD

Third Prize - \$100 AUD

Two Highly Commended certificates to be awarded from a shortlist of five
Results announced November 2019

Entry Fee to be paid online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDKBP>

Ballarat Writers Inc is a non-profit organisation, Incorporation No. (A001874SK)

2019 Judge

Lee Kofman is the author of five books, including memoirs *Imperfect: How bodies shape the people we become* (2019, Affirm Press) and *The Dangerous Bride* (2014, Melbourne University Press); and editor of *Split* (2019) and co-editor of *Rebellious Daughters* (2016), anthologies of personal essays by prominent Australian authors via Ventura Press. Her short works have been widely published in Australia and overseas. Her blog was a finalist for Best Australian Blogs 2014. More at

www.leekofman.com.au

WINNING WRITERS AND STORIES

The winning stories will be announced and read at an award presentation in Ballarat in November 2019. The full results and judge's report will be published on the Ballarat Writers Inc website www.ballaratwriters.com in December 2019.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18 years as of Friday 17 July 2019
2. Entries must be **NOT MORE THAN** 3000 words including the title
3. All entries must have a title
4. Entries must be the original work of the applicant
5. Entries must not have been published anywhere, broadcast, or won a prize in any competition
6. Entry fee for non-BWI members is AUD\$20 per story/entry
7. Entry fee for BWI members is AUD\$15 per story/entry
8. Entrants may submit up to three entries, each at the specified entry fee
9. The entry fee is payable online by credit card before midnight on the closing date 14/10/19 – refer to submission instructions below
10. Entries must be emailed to the email address below, before midnight on the closing date 14/10/19 – refer to submission instructions below

11. All entries to be in English, double-spaced and using the standard 12 point font 'Times New Roman'
12. Entrant's name must not appear on/in the story
13. Fees will not be refunded
14. No corrections will be accepted, or correspondence entered into
15. Results will be announced on the website: www.ballaratwriters.com in December 2019
16. Copyright remains with the author
17. The judge's decision is final

N.B. By submitting an entry, or entries, to this competition, you give permission for your work to be published in part or in full on the Ballarat Writers Inc website, and/or in any Ballarat Writers Inc publications, and you further agree and declare that the work submitted is your own original work and has not been copied in part or in full from any other source.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The 2019 submission process has **two parts**:

1. **PAY** the entry fee **online** by credit card through Trybooking. A booking fee of 50 cents applies to each entry. See below for the payment website.
2. **EMAIL** your story to the email address below (competitions@ballaratwriters.com).
Save your story as a PDF file, and attach it to your email. In the subject title of your email, put 'Southern Cross Competition 2019'. In the body of the email, include **your full name and address, the **title** of the story and the **word count**. The email address by which you submit your entry will be the email address we use to contact you if necessary.**

Both parts above must have been completed before midnight on the closing date Monday 14 October 2019.

Failure to follow/abide by any of the stated rules may make your entry, or entries, ineligible.

Submissions:

PAY fee online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDKBP>

EMAIL story to: competitions@ballaratwriters.com

Queries:

Email: competitions@ballaratwriters.com

Competition website: www.ballaratwriters.com

P.M. (Phil) Green

BWI Competitions Co-ordinator