



# Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls get your pens at the ready.

**The Strasbourg Write a Story competition is back, and once again it's time to 'Free the writer within!'**

The organising committee is delighted to announce that this popular English-language short story competition will be running for a fourth consecutive year this winter, with story submissions accepted between 4 December 2016 and 4 February 2017.

Once again a group of local associations, representing the English-speaking international communities in Strasbourg\*, along with the United States Embassy in Paris and the Amicale of the Council of Europe, have generously sponsored the English short story competition.

The aim of the competition remains to encourage emerging literary talent and to promote understanding, co-operation and achievement through the English language in Strasbourg, throughout Alsace and the surrounding regions.

Everyone is invited to compete, regardless of age, nationality or native language. There are junior and adult categories (17 and under/18 years and over), for both native and non-native speakers. You can write about any subject that inspires you in a story of up to 1200 words.

The entry fee is 7€, with one entry allowed per person. Thanks to the generosity of the United States Embassy in Paris and the U.S. Consul General in Strasbourg, **we are delighted to offer free entry to the first 100 entries by junior writers (under 18 years).**

Entries will be judged by a panel of published writers and academics, with the winning and short-listed entries published in a special book.

The annual award ceremony will be held in April to announce the winners and to present them with a copy of the published book containing their stories.

This year a series of 11 creative writing workshops will be offered free of charge to adults and children (the latter will be delivered directly within schools around Strasbourg)

All adult workshops will take place on a Saturday morning from 10.00 till 12.00, and will be delivered by a published author and experienced trainers.

Places are limited so sign-up in advance on our website: [Strasbourg write a story](http://Strasbourg.write.a.story).

If you love the English language, if you love short stories, if you have ever had the desire to write one, if there is a story inside you just bursting to be set free, if you have you been searching for an outlet for your creative energy, then you're in luck!

Tell your family, tell your friends and spread the word!

Further details including how to enter and all the competition rules are available at: [www.sxb-write-a-story.org](http://www.sxb-write-a-story.org)

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