

FLASH FICTION Competition

Thame Arts and Literature Festival Flash Fiction Competition 2021

The competition is now open, **maximum 500 words**.

Closing Date: Midnight Saturday 25th September 2021

The winners' names will be announced at TAL Festival on **Sunday, 17 October**, via an online presentation, to which all entrants will be invited, time to be confirmed.

COMPETITION RULES:

1. The competition is open to anyone **EXCEPT** 1st prize winners of previous TAL Flash Fiction and /or Short Story competitions.
2. Entrants may submit as many entries as they wish **at £5 per entry by BACS transfer**, details on the entry form attached, or by giving your card details by phone to the **box office, 0788 548 4406. (We do not accept cheques or cash)**
3. Entries must be the original and previously unpublished work of the entrant and must not currently be submitted to any other competition or for publication.
4. Entrants should create their own flash fiction title.
5. The flash fiction must not exceed the maximum 500 words (excluding title).
6. Entrants will retain full copyright in their entry though by submitting they agree for it to be published on the competition website.
7. Entries must be typed in double line spacing.
8. Each entry should be accompanied by a completed copy of the official Entry Form
9. The flash fiction's title and wordcount should appear on both the entry form and the entry itself. **The author's name (and other identifying details) must ONLY appear on the entry form, and NOT on the entry itself.**
10. Entries should be emailed to info@talefestival.org **to be received before midnight, Saturday 25 September 2021**. Entries received after the closing date will not be considered.
11. TAL Festival reserves the right not to accept any entry for any reason it deems fit.
12. To ensure fairness to other contestants, failure to comply with any of the rules will result in disqualification.
13. The judge's decision is final.
14. **A critique service is also available at £5 per entry** (please indicate on the Entry Form). Critiques will be forwarded to the entrant the week beginning 18 October 2021.