

the poetry business

The International Book & Pamphlet Competitions Conditions of Entry

Entering the competition

- * We accept simultaneous competition submissions. Furthermore, if an entrant to the International Book & Pamphlet Competition wins another pamphlet prize before the results are announced, The Poetry Business will issue a full refund of the entrant's entry fee.
- * There is a standard fee of £28 for each entry submitted by post. This is reduced to £25 for entrants who are North subscribers or Friends of the Poetry Business or current members of the Poetry Society.
- * You may submit as many collections as you wish.
- * Your real name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript. Choose a pen name and a title for your collection, and write both on every page.
- * Postal entries must be postmarked on or before 1st March. Online entries can be submitted up to midnight on the 1st March.
- * Previous winners of The Poetry Business Book & Pamphlet Competition are not eligible to re-enter within 5 years of winning.
- * Entries sent by post must be accompanied by a completed entry form. (Online entrants complete the 'uploads form' on this site.)
- * We may use the email address you provide to contact you about the International Book & Pamphlet Competition. You can request to stop receiving updates from us at any time by contacting office@poetrybusiness.co.uk.

Your work

- * We ask for small collections of 20 pages of poems. Poems may be of any length. A long poem may take several pages. More than one poem may be printed on a single page.
- * The poems should be for adults, in English, and typed on one side only of A4.
- * As a guide, we recommend you use 12pt Times New Roman font.
- * Poems may have been published elsewhere, but must not have previously appeared as a published collection.
- * Copyright remains with the authors but The Poetry Business reserves the right to first UK publication of the collection for 12 months from publication. (This doesn't prevent publication elsewhere of individual poems.)
- * We are unable to return manuscripts or offer feedback.

The prizes

- * First stage winners will have a pamphlet published and receive an equal share of the £2,000

cash prize, whether or not they choose to enter the second stage. First stage winners may choose to enter the second stage by submitting an extended manuscript (another 30-plus pages) at no extra charge, within one month of being asked. The final winner will have a book published, but not a pamphlet. The Poetry Business reserves the right to refuse publication to any competition winner on reasonable grounds.

* All winners will have the opportunity to read their work at a poetry reading organised by The Poetry Business shortly before (or after) publication of their title.

* Each winning poet will have at least one of their poems published in the issue of The North magazine that immediately follows the announcement of the results.

The judges

* The judges' decision is final. If in the judges' opinion no collection achieves a high enough standard, no prizewinner will be chosen.

* We reserve the right to change the panel of judges without notice.

* Entry in the competition will be deemed to be acceptance of these conditions.