

Hylton Castle Children's Short Story Competition

Entry Details

- Entry is free.
- Closing date for receipt of all entries is 24 August, 2018.
- All entries must be in English.
- Entries should be submitted for the age category based on the age of the child on 31st August 2018.
- Entries can be handed in or posted, but they must be submitted by an adult (parent / carer or teacher).
- Postal entries must have a separate contact details cover page. Postal entries must also be submitted by an adult (parent / carer or the child's teacher who has obtained consent from the child's parent or carer). The submitter must make clear on the cover sheet that they consent to Sunderland City Council's Privacy Policy.
- Please send postal entries to: Hylton Castle Stories Competition, Bunny Hill Service Centre, Hylton Lane, Sunderland, SR5 4BW.
- Postal entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt of an entry.
- Entries will be read and judged anonymously; please do not put the author's name on their story. The author's name should only appear on the entry form.
- Judging will be based upon imagination and plot.
- Entries must be entirely the work of the child and must not have been entered or won a prize in another competition.
- All entries will be read by a carefully selected group of experienced readers. These readers will then present a short list to local author Laura Stevens who will judge the winners.
- The judges' decision is final and no individual correspondence will be entered into. Judges or readers will not comment on individual stories or give feedback on individual stories.
- Authors will retain worldwide copyright on their work; however, Sunderland City Council and the Hylton Castle Trust will have the unrestricted right to publish the short-listed stories in a book to be made available at Sunderland Literature Festival and any further relevant promotional material.
- No competitor may win more than one prize.

Prizes donated by University of Sunderland:

- 4-7 years-old category: £30/£20/£10 Waterstones gift vouchers for first, second and third prizes.
- 8-11 years-old category: £30/£20/£10 Waterstones gift vouchers for first, second and third prizes.
- 12-14 years-old category: £30/£20/£10 Waterstones gift vouchers for first, second and third prizes.
- A small number of additional prizes may also be awarded on the judge's discretion.

Prizes will be awarded at the 2018 Sunderland Literature Festival and will be sent to any of the finalists who are unable to attend the awards ceremony. Entrants will not be contacted individually about the competition results unless they are selected for the shortlists.