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**Following are competition rules and how to enter. Please read carefully.**

**Agreement:** The following rules govern the awarding of The Cuffer Prize — The Telegram's Short Fiction Award, via a contest ("the contest"). By entering the contest you accept these rules and the decisions of the contest judges.

**Sponsors:** The contest is sponsored by The Telegram and Creative Book Publishing, and their parent company, Transcontinental Media.

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to full-time residents of Newfoundland and Labrador, age 16 and over, by the contest deadline, with the exception of employees of the sponsor companies and their immediate families or anyone living with them, advertising or promotional agencies and judges and their immediate families or anyone living with them. No purchase is necessary.

**Contest:** The contest begins Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. There is a limit of two entries per person. Any entries that aren't in compliance with the rules will be disqualified.

Each entry must be submitted separately. Stories must be 1,200 words or less. Only stories submitted by mail or as a Word document by e-mail to [literarycontest@thetelegram.com](mailto:literarycontest@thetelegram.com), and clearly marked as entries to The Cuffer Prize: The Telegram's Short Fiction Award, will be accepted. Stories will not be accepted by fax machine, and illegible or handwritten entries will not be accepted. Stories must be written on computer or typewriter, and be double spaced. **Do not submit WordPerfect documents.**

Stories must be written in English and be set in Newfoundland and Labrador. They must be original works of fiction that are unpublished up to the time the winners are declared in fall 2011.

The title page of the entry should contain the title of the story and the word count. The author's name **must not** appear on the title page. Instead, submit a separate page with the author's name, the title of the story, the author's address, phone number, e-mail address (where applicable), and a 25-50 word biographical sketch.

No changes can be made to entries once they have been received, and manuscripts will not be returned. For this reason, please send copies, not original manuscripts. Pseudonyms are not permitted.

Contestants agree to allow The Telegram to publish — in print and online — their stories, names and biographical information and to be photographed for promotional purposes, upon request. Such photographs may be published in The Telegram or online. They also agree to allow their work to be published by Creative Book Publishing, if selected for inclusion in an anthology of short fiction arising from the contest.

**How to enter:** Send your story to The Cuffer Prize — The Telegram's Short Fiction Award, c/o The Telegram newsroom, Second Level, Village Shopping Centre, 430 Topsail Rd., St. John's, NL, A1E 4N1 or send them via e-mail to [literarycontest@thetelegram.com](mailto:literarycontest@thetelegram.com). To be eligible, entries must be received at The Telegram by 5 p.m. on Aug. 12, 2011.

**Prizes:** Three prizes will be awarded. First prize is \$2,000. Second prize is \$1,000. Third prize is \$500. In addition, the top entries will be considered for possible publication in a Creative Book Publishing anthology of short fiction. Participants waive the right to any royalties accruing from this project, since they will be donated to the Raise-a-Reader program through Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador and the CNIB Access to Literacy program. All prizes must be accepted as awarded.

**Judging:** Telegram editors will review all submissions and choose the top 50 or so submissions. A panel of professional writers will then select a shortlist of the top 10 submissions, as well as the top three winners. The three winners will be announced at a public reception in autumn 2011. The judges will provide written citations for the three winners. The decision of the judges is final.

**Conditions:** Prior to receiving the prize, winners may be required to show valid photo ID and proof of residency in Newfoundland and Labrador. The winners may also be asked to sign a release form releasing the sponsors and judges of all liability, confirming compliance with the rules and agreeing to allow his or her name and photograph to be used for publicity or promotional purposes, without further compensation.

Royalties stemming from the publication of any resulting anthology of short fiction, as published by Creative Book Publishing, will be donated to Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Privacy:** We will use your personal information to administer the contest and to notify, announce or promote the winners. Our contest will be run in compliance with the privacy policy of The Telegram and its parent company, Transcontinental Media. That policy can be viewed online at <http://www.transcontinental.com/privacy.html>

**Right of refusal:** The sponsors reserve the right to refuse entries which they believe are in contravention of the contest rules. The sponsors can also disqualify submissions based on defamatory, profane or otherwise inappropriate content.

The sponsors also reserve the right to cancel the contest at any time without notice. All prizes must be accepted as awarded. The sponsors reserve the right to substitute any prize with a prize of equal or greater value. The odds of winning depend on how many entries are received. Sponsors are not responsible for lost or stolen entries, or any errors, damage or negligence that may arise in connection with this contest, including technical failures, website viruses or downtime, human error or property damage.