



Young Crime Writers' Competition
 sponsored by
The Crime Writers' Association



Please use block capitals and ensure that all sections of the form are completed in full.

NAME OF ENTRANT(S):

AGE(S) AT 1/1/2010:

HOME ADDRESS:

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LIBRARY WHERE ENTRY SUBMITTED:

TITLE OF ENTRY:

Rules:

1. Stories should have a crime theme. The maximum number of words per entry is 1000 – there is no minimum number of words. Entries which exceed the maximum number of words will be disqualified.
2. The competition is open to anyone born on or after 1 September 1991.
3. Joint entries will be accepted, but in the event of a joint entry winning the competition, the prize will be divided equally between the joint authors of the winning entry. The names and ages of all joint entrants must be stated. Only the home address of the first named entrant should be given above and is the address to which any correspondence will be sent. It is absolutely the responsibility of the first named entrant to inform any joint entrant(s) in the event that they receive notification of their entry being shortlisted/winning.
4. Entries must be the original, unaided work of the stated entrant/s.
5. Entries must be typewritten/word processed in 12 point, double spaced and on one side of the page only. Pages should be numbered. Hand written entries will not be considered.
6. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
7. Entries must be submitted to the entrant's library, by hand or by post, arriving no later than Friday, 19 February 2010. Any entries received after that date will not be considered.
8. Entries will not be returned. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. By entering the competition, entrants are deemed to have agreed that their names and their entries may be used by the Crime Writers' Association in publicity material associated with the competition.

SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT(S)

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Can you write a first rate crime story?



That's the challenge issued to you by the Crime Writers' Association (CWA*).

You have up to **1000 words** to get the readers hooked, although you don't have to write as much as that – perhaps you can create such a brilliant story that even 100 words will be enough to knock the judges dead...

Crime novels include a very wide variety of material – detective stories, creepy psychological thrillers, historical whodunits, spies, terrorist plots... from cops and robbers to vigilantes and robots, the choice is yours.

So write alone or write with a partner, but get writing **now**, because the closing date is **19 February** and if your entry isn't with your local library by that date, it won't be included in the judging. Read the rules carefully and make sure you stick to them. If you're short of inspiration, why not borrow some crime novels from the library and see how the professionals do it?

In **April**, all short listed entrants from your area will be invited to a **regional award ceremony**, where the name of the winning entry from your area will be announced. That entry will go forward to the national shortlist, and the overall winner will be announced during **National Crime Fiction Week in June**.

If your entry is selected for the area shortlist, you will be notified no later than **5 April 2010**. Good writing and good luck!

*CWA members are all professionally published writers of crime fiction and non-fiction and the world famous crossed dagger logo is our emblem.