



River Holme Connections and Read Bookshop

Short Story Competition 2020 – Terms and Conditions

- The short story competition is open to anyone who is living in the River Holme catchment area.
- To enter the competition, you should write a short story with a maximum of 500 words on the theme of **My River in the Valley**.
NB this can include any of the streams that run into the River Holme, such as New Mill Dike or Mag Brook.

How to enter

- There are two ways you can submit your entry:
 - by email to: info@riverholmeconnections.org
 - by post to: River Holme Connections c/o 46 Underbank End Road, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD9 1ES.
- Deadline for entries is **12 noon on Monday 6th July 2020**.
- Please complete the entry form and return with your story. If you are under 18 please ask a parent / guardian / carer to complete the form on your behalf. The details you provide will be used for this competition only and will not be used for any other purpose.

Conditions of entry

- There are three age categories
 - Up to 10 years old
 - Between 11 and 18 years old
 - People over 18
- The story must be original, and author must not have any previous professional publications.
- You may only send one entry. If you send more than one, the first story received will be entered into the competition
- Employees or Trustees of River Holme Connections or READ, Holmfirth or family members may not enter the competition.

Judging and notification of the winners

- Shortlisting will be carried out by READ's Louise and James. Joanne Harris, prize-winning author of *Chocolat*, will judge the final 8 winners for each category. The judge's decision will be final.
- Winners of each category will be notified by email or telephone before August 1st 2020. The winners will be invited to attend an event on 2nd August in Thongsbridge



where their prizes will be presented. There will be eight cash prizes for each of the three age categories: 1st prize - £50, two 2nd prizes - £25 and five 3rd prizes - £10.

- The writers of winning entries keep the copyright of their stories but grant permission to River Holme Connections and READ, Holmfirth to publish them on their websites and social media platforms and associated press releases.