

23RD ANNUAL **SCARLET STILETTO** AWARDS

2016 WOMEN'S CRIME AND MYSTERY SHORT STORY COMPETITION



TEXT PUBLISHING AWARD

1st Prize \$1500

plus the coveted Scarlet Stiletto trophy

SIMON & SCHUSTER AWARD

2nd Prize \$1000

THE SUN BOOKSHOP AWARD

3rd Prize \$500

SILVER STILETTO AWARD*

in celebration of Sisters in Crime's 25th anniversary

donated by Kerry Greenwood \$1000

plus the coveted Silver Stiletto trophy

- ALLEN & UNWIN AWARD
for Best Young Writer \$500
- ATHENAEUM LIBRARY AWARD
for Best 'Body in the Library' Story \$1000
Runner-up \$500
- EVERY CLOUD PRODUCTIONS AWARD
for Best Mystery with History Story \$750
- KERRY GREENWOOD AWARD
for Best Malice Domestic Story \$750
- HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS AWARD
for Best Romantic Suspense Story \$500
- SCARLET STILETTO AWARD
for Best Environmental Crime Story \$500
- SCARLET STILETTO AWARD
for Best Financial Crime Story \$500
- CLAN DESTINE PRESS AWARD
for Best Cross-genre Story \$400
- LIZ NAVRATIL AWARD
for Best Story with a Disabled Protagonist \$400
- SCRIPTWORKS AWARD
for a Great Film Idea \$200

Story length:

maximum 5000 words, no minimum

Entry fee:

\$20 / \$15 Sisters in Crime members

Closing date:

31 July 2016

Judges:

Sisters in Crime National Co-convenors
and previous 2-time Stiletto winners

* Silver Stiletto Award:

for stories by previous Stiletto trophy
winners only and with a reference
to 'silver'

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1 All entries are to be original and unpublished works of the author.
- 2 The competition is open to women residents of Australia.
- 3 The competition closes on 31 July 2016 (envelopes must be post-marked this date).
- 4 Stories must contain an active woman protagonist and a crime/mystery theme.
- 5 There is a maximum of two entries per author.
- 6 Stories can have a maximum of 5000 words. No minimum applies.
- 7 The Silver Stiletto Award is open only to previous winners of the Scarlet Stiletto trophy. Stories must include a reference to 'silver'.
- 8 The Allen & Unwin Award for Best Young Writer is open only to women under 18 years. Proof of age should accompany the entry.
- 9 Stories entered for the 'Body in the Library' Award must include the words 'body in the library'.
- 10 Stories entered for the 'Mystery with History' Award must have a historical theme.
- 11 Environmental crime stories must be centred around an environmental issue, not simply be located outdoors.
- 12 Financial crimes are defined as crimes against property for personal gain such as theft, fraud, embezzlement, money laundering, tax evasion, insider trading, identity theft or forgery.
- 13 Malice domestic stories feature an amateur detective, characters who know each other, and no excessive gore, gratuitous violence or explicit sex.
- 14 Authors must present two copies of each story. Entries will not be returned.
- 15 Text should have 1.5 spacing, be printed on one side of A4 paper and stapled.
- 16 Name, address, telephone number(s) and email address should be supplied on a separate cover page, which will be detached upon receipt (all stories are read 'blind'). Make sure that every page has the story title and page number on it. Put your name on the cover page *only*.
- 17 Tick the award(s) in which your story is to be entered. Stories are automatically included in the General category and can be entered in additional categories at no extra cost (e.g. General and Malice Domestic and Great Film Idea).
- 18 Sisters in Crime Australia reserves the right to retain copies of shortlisted stories for purposes of reproduction. Copyright remains with the author.
- 19 Judges for the Scarlet Stiletto Awards are the National Co-convenors of Sisters in Crime Australia and previous two-time winners of the Scarlet Stiletto trophy.
- 20 Sisters in Crime National Co-convenors and judges are ineligible to enter.
- 21 The judges' decision is final. They reserve the right not to award a prize in any category.
- 22 For Frequently Asked Questions, please go to the Sisters in Crime website.
- 23 Winners will be announced at the Scarlet Stiletto Awards ceremony on Saturday 19 November at 6 pm, St Kilda Town Hall, at the end of SheKilda3: one-day crime spree, Sisters in Crime's 25th anniversary convention.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Before posting your story, please register and pay the appropriate fee at Eventbrite:

<https://scarlet-stiletto-competition-entry-2016.eventbrite.com>

You will be given an order number which must be included below.

For each entry, please send a completed copy of this registration form and two copies of the story to: Scarlet Stiletto Awards, PO Box 121, Bittern 3918. Envelopes must be post-marked 31 July 2016.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Title of story:

Eventbrite order number:

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| General | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mystery with History | <input type="checkbox"/> | Financial Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Silver Stiletto | <input type="checkbox"/> | Malice Domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cross-genre | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Young Writer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Romantic Suspense | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disabled Protagonist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Body in the Library | <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | Great Film Idea | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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