

Mercier Press Fiction Competition 2016 - Terms and Conditions.

1. The Promoter is Mercier Press Ltd (company no. 16036), whose registered office is at 3B Oak House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork.T12 D6CH
2. Employees of Mercier Press, their family members or anyone else connected in any way with the competition or with helping to set up or run the competition shall not be permitted to enter the competition.
3. The prize will only be awarded if the quality of the entries received are of what Mercier Press deem to be of requisite quality for publication.
4. The winning book will be published according to Mercier Press standard contract which will be offered to the winning writer.
5. There is no entry fee and no purchase is necessary to enter the competition.
6. The competition is open to writers of any age or nationality living on the island of Ireland who have not had a book-length work of fiction published.
7. Entries must be original works of fiction of up to but no longer than 100,000 words in length. No illustrated works or picture books will be considered.
8. Only one entry will be accepted per entrant.
9. On the covering page (and ONLY on the covering page), entrants must detail their name, address, telephone number and e-mail address together with the genre of the book and the word count. Please ensure that personal details do not appear on the manuscript itself as entries will be judged anonymously.
10. All entries must be in English.
11. Entrants must submit their manuscript via the dedicated page at www.mercierpress.com before the closing date of 1 February 2017. Entries must be submitted in MS Word format. Printed manuscripts will not be accepted, nor will manuscripts contained on CDs or other storage devices sent by post.
12. Unsuccessful entries will be securely deleted from all electronic storage devices belonging to the Promoter.
13. The closing date for entries is 1 February 2017. After this date no further entries to the competition will be accepted.
14. All entrants will receive confirmation of receipt of their entry. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for entries not received successfully for any reason whatsoever.

15. The prize for the winner of the competition is as follows:
 - €1000 cash prize (paid upon sign off of final manuscript)
 - Professional cover design, including provision of cover image
 - Professional typesetting and interior layout design
 - Consultation with editor
 - Edit
 - Proofreading
 - Upload to eBook retailers, including Amazon
 - Marketing & Publicity Campaign
16. The Promoter is a service provider only and does not take any legal responsibility for the content of the winning entry.
17. Under the terms of the Mercier Press standard contract the Promoter will retain the copyright of the work
18. The author accepts all legal responsibility for the work, including responsibility for any libellous, defamatory, blasphemous or other material contained within the work that may be legally challenged.
19. The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify any entry if the entry criteria are not met, or if the entry contains illegal or offensive material.
20. The Promoter reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions without notice in the event of a catastrophe, war, civil or military disturbance, act of God or any actual or anticipated breach of any applicable law or regulation or any other event outside of the Promoter's control.
21. No cash alternative to the prize will be offered. The prize is not transferable.
22. One winner will be chosen. Judges will be appointed by Mercier Press and their decision is final and binding
23. The winner agrees to make themselves available for publicity.
24. The winner agrees that samples of the book can be included in all media and social media as deemed appropriate by the Promoter.
25. The Promoter's decision in respect of all matters to do with the competition is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
26. The competition and these terms and conditions will be governed by Irish law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of Ireland.
27. The winner agrees to the use of his/her name and image in any publicity material created by the Promoter. Any personal data relating to the winner or any other entrants will be used solely in



accordance with current Irish data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to a third party without the entrant's prior consent.

28. By entering this competition, entrants will be deemed to have indicated their acceptance of and agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Privacy Statement

The Promoter is committed to protecting the security of your personal information. The information you provide to the Promoter will be safeguarded under the terms and conditions of the Data Protection Act 1988 and the Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003 to ensure that the information you provide is safe and is used only for the purposes of the competition. The Promoter will not share your information with any third party not involved with the set up or running of the competition.