



## Children's Short Story Competition - 2022

### Theme – "Discovery"

#### Entry & Registration

1. The YCAA Children's Short Story Writing Competition is run by the YCAA – a registered charity.
2. The maximum permitted word count is 500 words which can be written in any fictional genre with a reference to the idea of discovery.
3. All entries must be original, previously unpublished works of fiction. Plagiarism is not permitted.
4. The Competition is open to children who live in South Somerset and/or currently attend a South Somerset Primary School (Upper Key Stage 2; Year groups 5/6)
5. Each individual, setting, group or family taking part in the challenge must be registered to take part in the Competition. The Registration Entry Form can be found via the YCAA website and as an attachment with emailed correspondence sent to schools or guardian enquiries.
6. Entries can be made by individuals, groups, classes or whole schools or settings.
7. Entries for all children must be made on a child's/children's behalf by a parent, carer, group organiser or teacher over the age of 18.
8. No entry fee is payable and no purchase is required to enter.
9. Entries can either be posted to: YCAA, The Octagon Theatre, Hendford, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1UX or submitted online to [childrenscomp@yeovilarts.co.uk](mailto:childrenscomp@yeovilarts.co.uk) from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

#### Judging Criteria

10. Entries will be judged on: Originality, Plot, Characterisation, Vocabulary/Use of Language, Enjoyment.

#### Prizes

11. The YCAA is delighted to offer prizes to the stories that its panel of judges consider to be of the highest quality.
12. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or other alternatives.
13. Winners will be notified by email and/or phone on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Promoting Independent, Imaginative Work in Writing



#### Queries

For any queries about the YCAA's Children's Creative Writing Competition, please email:  
[childrenscomp@yeovilarts.co.uk](mailto:childrenscomp@yeovilarts.co.uk)