

Hemingway once wrote
a story in just six words

*"For sale:
baby shoes,
never worn."*

and is said to have
called it his best work.



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How to Contribute to

A twist in the
tail
SHORT STORY COMPETITION

**Twist in the Tail is open to any
youth (13-18) or adult (19+) member
of the Palmerston North City Library**

Stories must have:

- 50 words or less (51 words or more entries will be void)
- A setting
- One or more characters
- Some conflict, and
- A resolution



1. Get into the spirit of short, short stories

Look online at these resources:

<http://www.55fiction.com/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/55_Fiction

<http://55-fiction.org/>

2. Choose

Decide which are your best short stories. You can send up to three entries. Do not send anything that has been published elsewhere including the internet.

3. Polish

Type your work, double-spaced; on white A4 paper (one side only), without names or identifiers on the page.

Spell-check it, proofread it, and pay attention to punctuation and layout.

Save your work or keep a copy in a safe place.

Entries will not be returned.

4. Mail or bring your entries to us

Complete the entry form and staple it to your entries.

Mail or bring your entries to:

Twist in the Tail Competition,
Palmerston North City Library,
PO Box 1948, Palmerston North,
Attn: Kiri Thompson

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 5PM

Other information you need

- The top three entries from each age category will be published in The Tribune on 22 September and a selection of other entries at a later date.
- The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

*A twist in the
tail*

(Please write clearly)

Writer's Name:

Library Card Number:

Youth (13 - 18)

Adult (19+)

(please tick)

Postal Address:

(Give street address or box number plus name of city or town)

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Titles of Entries: *(title is not included in word count)*

(1)

(2)

(3)

(No more than three entries are permitted)

I confirm that these entries are my own original work and have not been published elsewhere.

I give permission to the Palmerston North City Library to publish my work and to use a part or the whole of it for promotional purposes.

Signature:

Date:

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