

Williamstown Literary Festival 2020

Ada Cambridge

Biographical Prose Prize

2020

For Victorian writers

\$500 first prize and publication in the Ada Cambridge anthology

Competition closes at midnight on Monday 9 March 2020

Conditions of entry:

1. This prize is open to writers 18 years and over who live in the state of Victoria. The winner of the previous year's Ada Cambridge Biographical Prose prize (in this case 2019) is not eligible to enter the current year's competition (2020).
2. Entry fee is \$15.
3. Stories must be biographical (that is, based on a true-life experience of the writer or another person).
4. Stories must be between 1000 and 3000 words in length. The work must be original, written in English and not have been previously published. It should not have won a prize in any other competition.
5. Entries must be typed in Arial 11 font and be double-spaced. Page numbers should appear on every page.
6. Only **one** entry per person.
7. To maintain anonymity for judging purposes, the author's name should not appear on any part of the story.
8. The story should be uploaded as a Word document to the Williamstown Literary Festival's website at www.willylitfest.org.au. Please use your surname and the title of your entry as the name of your Word document. The website includes an online form for submitting your details, including your name, postal and email addresses, and the title of your entry, and instructions for paying the \$15 entry fee. If you have difficulties with this, please send your story as an attachment and email to a.brasier@willylitfest.org.au.
9. Closing date for entries is midnight, **Monday 9 March 2020**. No late entries will be accepted.
10. The winning story will be selected based on its originality, the vividness of its narrative and its effectiveness as a biographical piece. Entries should be carefully proof-read, as presentation will be taken into consideration when judging. Last year's winning and shortlisted entries, and the comments of the judges, can be read in the 2019 Ada Cambridge anthology, available at Hobsons Bay Libraries.
11. The prize winners will be announced at the Williamstown Literary Festival in **June 2020**.
12. The winner will receive a prize of **\$500**. In the event of there being joint winners, the prize money will be equally divided. All writers whose stories are shortlisted will receive a certificate and a copy of the book.
13. The shortlisted stories, including the winning entry, will be published in the Ada Cambridge anthology.
14. Copyright remains with the authors; however, the Williamstown Literary Festival Committee reserves the right to reproduce the whole or any part of the story in any format (whether or not it is a winning entry) for purposes of promoting the Williamstown Literary Festival.
15. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Stories will not be returned, so authors should retain a copy of the original.