

The Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Young Judge Competition

Terms and Conditions

1. The Young Judge competition will run from Monday September 21st 2015 to Friday 30th October 2015
2. Closing date: entries must be received by no later than 5.30pm on Friday 30th October 2015
3. Unless otherwise stated, the competition is open to all UK entrants aged 14-18 except employees of Times Newspapers Limited ('TNL'), Chicken House Publishing Limited ('Chicken House') and their associated, affiliated or subsidiary companies, and their families, agents, or anyone connected in any way whatsoever with this competition.
4. Entry is limited to one per person. Entries must be by email. Email entries must be emailed to chickenhouseyoungjudge@riotcommunications.com only
5. By entering, all eligible entrants agree to abide by each and all of these terms and conditions. The Promoters (as referred to in term 21 below) reserve the right, with or without cause, to exclude entrants and withhold prizes for violating any of these terms and conditions. The Promoters reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions. Any amendments will be published on the Chicken House Website (www.chickenhousebooks.com)
6. Submission Criteria - Entries must be the original work of the entrant and not previously commercially published and distributed
7. There will be one prize winner. Subject to submission of a suitable creditworthy entry, the prize is the offer of a joining the judging panel for the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction competition which includes: the Times arts editor and children's books reviewer Alex O'Connell; Waterstones' children's book buyer Melissa Cox; Justine Roberts, CEO and co-founder of Mumsnet; and Barry Cunningham, the founder of Chicken House and the publisher who discovered J.K. Rowling. The winner of the young judge competition will have six weeks to read approximately five shortlisted titles before joining the other judges at an exclusive members club in London for a day of judging in spring 2016. The prize also includes: (i) travel and accommodation for the winner and their parent/guardian to the London judging day, (ii) four VIP passes to the Times and Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival 2016 and (iii) a library of fifty Chicken House books. Four runners-up will also receive a library of fifty Chicken House books each.
8. Entrants retain all rights to their entries, the winner will retain the copyright to the work but Chicken House may use it for publicity purposes
9. All valid entries received before the closing date will be watched by a team comprising members of Chicken House and Riot Communications who will decide on a shortlist. The winner will be selected by Barry Cunningham (Publisher & MD of Chicken House) and Alex O'Connell from The Times. The winner and runners up names will be published on the Chicken House Website and announced to the media in November 2015.
10. The shortlisted entrants shall be notified by Riot Communications for prize giving and publicity purposes. If any such entrant decides to withdraw from the competition at this stage he/she shall notify Riot Communications in writing

11. The winner agrees to an interview which may be published by TNL in any of their publications including, but not limited to, The Times or The Sunday Times, and/or their digital publications and either of their Websites
12. Chicken House reserves the right to publish segments/extracts of shortlisted entries in The Times, The Sunday Times, on its Websites, and on Chicken House's own site
13. The winner and runners up will be notified in November 2015
14. There is no cash or other alternative to the prize stated. The prize is not transferable and no part or parts of the prize may be substituted for other benefits, items or additions
15. The judges' decision is final and binding on the entrants. No correspondence will be entered into
16. The Promoters will not be liable for any failure of receipt of entries. Each entry should get an automatic reply from the email address acknowledging receipt of their entry
17. By entering, the entrants, including the winner, agree to allow the free use of their names, photographs and general locations for publicity and news purposes subject to parental approval for minors.
18. The winner must be available to come to London for the date of judging
19. Uses of personal data received by TNL and/or Chicken House in the course of the competition are subject to current UK data protection legislation and the privacy policies found on the Times Online Website and the Chicken House Website. The winner's name may be published on such websites
20. Submission of an entry will be deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions
21. The Promoters reserve the right at any time to cancel, modify or supersede the competition (including altering the prize or these terms and conditions) if, in their sole discretion, the competition is not capable of being conducted as specified. The Promoters reserve, in their absolute discretion, the right to substitute a prize of equal value in the event that circumstances beyond their control make this unavoidable
22. The Promoters of this competition Chicken House Publishing Limited of 2 Palmer Street, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1DS
23. The competition is governed by English law and any dispute is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts