

Tell us a story...

Teenage Judges Competition 2010
Entry Form

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2010

A person is holding a large green sign with white text. The sign is shaped like a speech bubble with a pointed top-left corner and a pointed bottom-left corner. The person's hands are visible at the top edges of the sign, and their legs and feet are visible at the bottom. They are wearing blue jeans and grey sneakers with white laces.

**What
would
you do
if you
were
invisible?**

Bod, the main character in Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*, the winner of the 2009 Booktrust Teenage Prize, can become invisible to living people, when the situation calls for it – he can 'fade'.

What would you do if you could 'fade'? How would it work? Where would you go? Think about the different interpretations of invisibility, not just the literal meaning. Would you feel powerful or lonely?

In no more than 500 words, write a short story that is original and creative. You might like to read *The Graveyard Book* for background and inspiration.

What you can win

A panel of judges will select the best four short stories and the prize for each winner will be:

- a place on the Booktrust Teenage Prize judging panel to help choose the 2010 teenage book of the year
- a ticket to the award ceremony in London in November
- the chance to meet and interview all the shortlisted authors, using a flipcam – yours to keep
- a complete set of the shortlisted titles
- your winning story published on the Booktrust website.

Important dates

9th June 2010

Entry forms sent to you and available to download from the Booktrust website

5th July 2010

Deadline for short story entries

w/c 16th August 2010

Four winners notified and sent shortlisted titles

9th September 2010

Shortlist announced

w/c 4th October 2010

Final judging meeting (winners to attend) and winner of 2010 Teenage Prize decided

1st November 2010

Booktrust Teenage Prize award ceremony, London (winners to attend)



Now turn over to find out what to do next...

Entry and eligibility criteria

- Entry deadline is 5th July 2010
- All entries must be signed and dated
- The organisers will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any entries
- Entries will not be returned
- All entrants should be UK residents, in full-time education and between 12 and 16 years of age
- All winners will be notified by phone or email during the week commencing 16th August 2010
- No cash alternative to the prize will be offered
- Proof of postage will not be taken as proof of entry
- Entries must be written in English
- Joint entries will not be eligible
- Entries that exceed the maximum word count will not be judged
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- Organisers reserve the right to inform the media of all results. Winners agree to take part in publicity
- All agreed travel expenses will be paid for by the organisers
- You must be accompanied to the final judging meeting and the award ceremony by a parent or guardian
- Winning short stories will be published on www.booktrust.org.uk

Entry Form

Please complete this form and return to:

Teenage Judges Competition

Booktrust

Book House

45 East Hill

London

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Closing date is 5th July 2010

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Telephone

Age

Male

Female

Where did you find out about this competition?

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by the rules

Signature

Date