

2023 Spooky Season Stories Contest



Entries Accepted:
September 13th - 29th, 2023

Judging Begins:
October 2nd

Judging Deadline:
October 20th

Entry Fee:
\$10

What better way to celebrate the fall season than to share your spooky stories. And if that's not up your alley, your pumpkin spice latte meet-cute.

Prizes:

The top three stories submitted to each category will receive editor and publisher feedback from Timber Ghost Press and Monster Ivy Publishing.

All categories are judged on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the best score. Judges will also be required to leave feedback on your work. Please note: specific rubric judges follow depend on the category of the submission and will vary. Judge feedback will be shared at the end of the contest.

Note: contacting a judge, editor, or agent regarding the contest (before, during, and after) will result in the contestant being disqualified from current and future participation in any hosted contests by The League.

Guidelines

5,000 word limit for all entries.

Previously unpublished works only.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BLIND JUDGING, your name or any other identifying information should NOT appear anywhere on your entry; not in the header, not in the body of the entry, not in the file name, no URL references, etc. Names are tracked through the Reviewr account info, which judges have no access to.

If you are submitting, you are expected to judge at least 3 other entries. If you do not meet the judging deadlines, your submission will be rejected and you will not be offered a refund.

You may also elect to be a judge without submitting an entry (same entry link.)

Submitted works may qualify for Olive Woolley Burt Awards 2024.

Anyone can enter - League membership is not required to participate.

Categories:

Fall Theme (no gore, no supernatural)

Horror/Supernatural (gore is okay)

Poetry (gore is okay)

Spooky (no gore)

*add content warnings, if applicable

Please follow these guidelines when formatting: <https://www.shunn.net/format/classic/> with the exception that your name and contact info should NOT be included (you'll be judged blind and this form will collect your contact info). Please only include your title on the cover page and in the header.

AI Generated or Assisted texts are NOT eligible.

We welcome entries showcasing diverse characters and creators. We are not looking for stories with subjects such as graphic rape and/or sexual assault, ableism, racism, sexism, homophobia, or transphobia.

The Spooky Season Stories contest is presented by the League of Utah Writers

