

Twisted Stringybark Short Story Award 2012

Nothing entertains a reader more than a good short story with a nifty twist at the end. Stringybark Stories is delighted to invite all writers to enter their best work in the *Twisted Stringybark Short Story Award 2012*. The maximum word length of your story is 1500 words; it must have some link to Australia (no matter how tenuous); and it must have a twist in the tail! There is over A\$500 in prizes available, cash, plus publication for place-getters and highly commended stories. There is an entry fee of \$9.75 (discounts for multiple entries) Closing date **4 March 2012**. Details: www.stringybarkstories.net

Results of the Stringybark Australian History Short Story Award 2011

On 28 December 2011, the judges announced the winning stories in the *Stringybark Australian History Short Story Award 2011*. From bunyips to war and from Ben Hall to boot-eating, the winning entries are now available in a new anthology *Marngrook*. The book is named after the winning entry, *Marngrook*, by Victorian writer, Sean Quentin Lee. The story is beautifully and poetically written (even if it is about football!) and it was the standout winner for three of the four Stringybark judges.

Second place went to *Footsteps in the Dark* by Elsie Johnstone. This story set at the time of the 'Brown Out Murders' that occurred in Melbourne during World War Two. It is a masterful story that has the reader sitting on the edge of their chair...

The Woman at the Back of the Room, the third-place getting story, by J.B. Rowley examines the passion of the suffragette movement and the reader is deftly drawn into the drama of one small moment in time.

A full list of winner and place-getters can be found on our website: www.stringybarkstories.net

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