

Literary contest rules and guidelines

1. The literary contest is open to anyone of Arabic origin, who is a national of one of the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates or Yemen.
2. The submissions are to be sent through the [website form of the Arabian Stories project](#).
3. The work to be submitted has to comprise four elements, which are:
 1. a short story of no less than 300 and no more than 500 words, written in Modern Standard Arabic, and related to a location in the Arab World.
 2. one or more images, whose quality is not inferior to 1200X800 pixels and which depict the place the submitted short story refers to.
 3. a link to Google Maps including the coordinates of the place alluded in the short story.
 4. the escrow, on a separate document. The file has to be named: *Escrow-"the title of the story"*; and has to contain the full name of the author (surname and family name), a phone number, an email address, the date of birth and a signed statement from the author declaring that he or she owns the rights to his or her submitted work, which is original and has not been published previously. Optionally, it can also include a short description of the author, which should not be longer than 100 words.
4. Only one manuscript per author will be admitted, although each author might choose to send more than one picture of the place his or her story mentions.
5. The authors yield the commercial rights of their work (manuscript and pictures) to the Arabian Stories projet.
6. All the work submitted abiding by the rules and guidelines of the contest will be published on the website of this project: "arabianstories.com".
7. The sum of the first prize will depend on the number of works submitted to the contest. Thus, every submitted work will increase the prize pool of the winner's award by US \$10, up to a maximum of US \$1500.
8. Additionally, the English version of the winners short story will be published by the renowned online literary magazine [Sukoon Magazine](#).
9. The award will feature a second prize, which will also depend on the amount of works submitted to the contest. Hence, every 25 short stories, the sum of the second prize will increase by US \$50, up to a maximum of US \$500.
10. The stories of the five finalists will be published anonymously in a section of the website "arabianstories.com" two weeks before the final resolution of the contest. During this period of time, all participants will be granted the chance to vote for their favorite story, voting which will subsequently result in the appointment of the winners of the first and second prizes.
11. The website will display a counter showcasing the exact number of works received as they are being submitted, also arraying their titles, alongside the progressively increasing sum of the prizes.
12. The deadline for the submissions is June 30th 2015.
13. The winners will be announced through the website "arabianstories.com" and broadcasted on other social media.
14. The jury's ruling on the selection of the five finalists and the verdict resulting from the final voting of the participants in the contest for the winner of the first and second prizes will not be disturbed on appeal and the awards can not be declared void.
15. The jury will consist of Dr. Hussein Al Duweiri, Professor of Translation Studies and Spanish Language at the University of Jordan; Dr. Jihad Al-Shuaibi, Full Professor of Linguistics, also at the University of Jordan; Dr. Luis Miguel Pérez Cañada, Dean of the Toledo School of Translators, UCLM; and the team of Arabian Stories.