

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, the United Arab Emirates, or Yemen.
2. Submissions are to be sent through the [website form of the Arabian Stories project](#).
3. The work to be submitted must comprise the following four elements:
 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 of a quality not inferior to 1200 x 800 pixels and that depict the place the submitted short story refers to.
 3. a link to Google Maps including the coordinates of the place alluded to in the short story.
 4. the escrow saved as a separate document. The file has to be named *Escrow - "Title of the story"* and has to contain the full name of the author (given name and surname), a phone number, an email address, the author's 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 400 characters.
4. Only one manuscript per author will be accepted, although each author may choose to send more than one picture of the place his or her story mentions.
5. The authors yield commercial rights to their work (manuscript and pictures) to the Arabian Stories project.
6. Only one third of all the works submitted and abiding by the rules and guidelines of the contest will be published on the [arabianstories.com](#) website, but this consideration will yield at least 30 stories.
7. The first prize will amount to €1,500 and the second prize will amount to €500, regardless of the number of stories submitted.
8. The stories of the five finalists will be published anonymously in a section of the [arabianstories.com](#) website in their original Arabic and translated English and Spanish versions two weeks before the final resolution of the contest. During this period, all authors of the "Two Thousand Nights and Awakening" literary contest and donor-jurors will be granted the chance to vote for their favorite story. The voting will subsequently result in the appointment of the winners of the first and second prizes.
9. The website will display a counter showcasing the exact number of stories that will wind up being translated and published on the [arabianstories.com](#) website. The table below will feature the titles of the works received as they are submitted.
10. The submission phase will last from September 15 to November 15, 2016.
11. The winners will be announced through the [arabianstories.com](#) website and via social media.
12. The jury's ruling on the five finalists and the verdict resulting from the final voting done by the participants in the contest and the donor-jurors to determine the winners of the first and second prizes will not be disturbed on appeal, and the awards cannot be declared void.
13. The jury will consist of the following members:
 1. Mrs. Ikram Boukayoua (Sworn translator and conference interpreter)
 2. Mr. Alexander Weber (freelancer in editing, proofreading, translating and assistant lecturer)

3. Mrs. Rita Tapia Oregui (Founder of Arabian Stories)