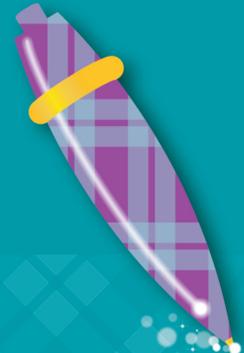


# TARTAN DAY Scotland

*Festival 2013*  
*29 March - 7 April*



## Tartan Treasures Short Story Competition

### Calling keen writers of all ages!

#### Enter the Tartan Day Short Story competition.

Open to all (excluding professional writers) in three categories – Adults, Secondary School Pupils and Primary School Pupils.

#### All stories to feature the title 'Tartan Treasures'.

Entries from Secondary and Primary School Pupils should use the following paragraph to start their story;

*The tartan travelling rug had been thrown over my granny's settee for as long as I could remember; its presence as reassuring as the hills I could see through the window of her small cottage. It was rough to the touch but comforting like granny's wee hands, calloused by years of work. The bright bonny colours were now faded yet it remained steadfastly twisted and woven together. Old. Somehow forgotten and yet still intact. Like the threads of my story.*

*This is how it began ...*

#### Word Limit:

- Adults – 1,500 to 2,000 words
- Secondary School Pupils – 750 to 1,000 words
- Primary School Pupils – 500 to 750 words

The starter paragraph will not form part of the word limit.

**The winner from each category will receive an Amazon Kindle e-reader and will have their story filmed being read by a professional storyteller.**

#### All three winning stories will also be featured in local Angus Country Press newspapers.

Enter by post (Tartan Treasures Competition, Angus Council, County Buildings, Market St, Forfar, DD8 3WD) or online at [www.tartandayscotland.com/treasures](http://www.tartandayscotland.com/treasures). Postal entries to be accompanied by name, address, category, tel and email. Stories will not be returned.

**Closing date for entries is World Book Day - 7 March 2013.**

For full terms and conditions, please see overleaf.

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# Tartan Treasures

## Short Story Competition – Terms & Conditions

The competition is open to all, regardless of nationality or country of residence. Entries must be in English and typed in a normal font size (12 point is fine).

Entries must be entirely your own work and never previously published or broadcast, online or offline. The competition is not open to professional writers (i.e. those regularly earning a living from published writing).

To enter, complete the online entry form at [www.tartandayscotland.com/treasures](http://www.tartandayscotland.com/treasures) and upload your manuscript in Microsoft Word (".doc" or ".docx") or post your entry to: Tartan Treasures Competition, Angus Council, County Buildings, Market Street, Forfar, DD8 3WD. All entries must be received by Thursday 7th March. Any late entries will not be accepted.

One entry per person only is allowed. Subsequent entries, including revisions, will be omitted from the competition and will not be read. All paper entries should be accompanied by a separate sheet with contact details (name, address, category entered, telephone number and email address). There is no fee for entering the competition.

The theme of the competition is 'Tartan Treasures'. Your story should reflect this theme. Any entry deemed not to reflect this theme will be eliminated. A starter paragraph

has been provided for Primary and Secondary school pupils. This does not form part of the word limit.

Entries will be reduced to a short list from which the winning entries will be chosen anonymously by a panel of three judges. Finalists must be available to attend the prize giving which will take place on Friday 29th March 2013 at Angus Archives, by Forfar.

Stories submitted by each finalist (three from each category) will be read by a representative and filmed to be shown at the prize giving. These films will also be featured on the Tartan Day website and Facebook page. Worldwide copyright on each entry remains with its author. By entering you grant permission, only if your story is short-listed, for said reading to be recorded and shared through online video and sound sharing media.

Employees of Angus Council's Economic Development Division and this year's judges are excluded from entering.

We will not enter into any correspondence about entries or results and we cannot provide any feedback on individual entries.

By submitting an entry you agree to accept these rules in full.



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