

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Now in its 9th year, the Wicked Young Writer Awards is a chance for young people aged between 5 and 25, to write about absolutely anything!

What do I write about?

Get creative and write about any theme that interests you. Be unique!

What kind of writing?

Any fictional writing will be accepted; you can write a story, poem, letter, speech or biography.

Can I write non-fiction?

Yes, if you're 15-25 you can enter the For Good category for non-fiction.

What's the word limit?

750 words.

When is the deadline?

Monday 18 March 2019.

How do I enter?

You can enter online at

WickedYoungWriterAwards.com

or post your handwritten entry to us.

Details on the website.

ACTIVITY

GET STARTED

Wicked began as a novel by writer Gregory Maguire, when the author imagined what had happened before the story of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

He wanted to put his own spin on the story and an existing character, the Wicked Witch of the West.

Could you spin a story too?

Think of a story you like – this might be from a novel, a film, a play, a song or a poem.

What do you think the characters were doing before the story began?

Perhaps there are moments in their lives which are not told in the story, which would explain why they are behaving a certain way, or have a certain reputation?

You could write up your idea as a short story, or an earlier chapter to the novel.



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Mon 1 Apr: Wicked Young Writer Awards 2019 Judging begins!

Fri 15 Feb: Just over one month to go until the deadline! Read your entry for your friend or your mum or even a pet! Or ask them to read it to you before you enter it.

Mon 17 Dec: Working on your ideas for your Wicked Young Writer Awards? For some inspiration from Cressida Cowell, go to the video tips page on our website.

Tue 23 Oct: Wicked Young Writer Awards 2019 open!

Wed 24 Oct: Take a look at the 'Supporting Young Writers' section of the website that got started on some ideas!

Mon 18 Mar: Entries close for the Wicked Young Writer Awards 2019!

