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# Wasafiri

New Writing Prize 2017

## CATEGORIES:

Fiction  
Poetry  
Life Writing

"Singing the stories  
of everywhere"

- Aminatta Forna

## JUDGES

Sabrina Mahfouz  
Andrea Stuart  
Boyd Tonkin



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## HOW TO ENTER

**The competition is open to anyone who has not published a complete book in the category entered.** We welcome submissions in one of three categories: Poetry, Fiction and Life Writing.

Simply fill in this entry form and send it to us with your entry and fee of UK Sterling £6.00 if entering one category, £10.00 for two and £15.00 for three categories (please see the terms and conditions).

**The closing date is 5.00pm GMT on 14 July 2017.** Entrants who are visually impaired or who are prevented from typing through disability can enter their work on audio CD.

## PRIZES

£300 will be awarded to the winner of each category and the work will be published in *Wasafiri*.

## JUDGES

**Susheila Nasta MBE** (Chair) Founding Editor of *Wasafiri* and Emeritus Professor of Modern Literature at the Open University.

**Sabrina Mahfouz** Award-winning poet, playwright and screenwriter and former Sky Arts Scholar for Poetry, Mahfouz's work has been performed in the UK and the US.

**Andrea Stuart** Writer and historian, author of *Showgirls*, adapted for stage and screen, and the award-winning *The Rose of Martinique: A Biography of Napoleon's Josephine*.

**Boyd Tonkin** World renowned writer and journalist, currently Writer and Art Critic at *The Independent* and Chair of the Man Booker Prize

## ENTRY FORM

PLEASE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BELOW BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Name:

Address and Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

Category/categories entered (Fiction/Poetry/Life Writing):

Title of work(s):

Please highlight as appropriate:

- I enclose a stamped addressed postcard for proof of receipt.
- I have emailed my entry.

**Return this form to:** [wasafiriprize@open.ac.uk](mailto:wasafiriprize@open.ac.uk) along with your Paypal receipt or reference for UK Sterling £6.00, £10.00 or £15.00 depending on the number of categories you wish you enter.

**Please DO NOT write your name on your entry.** Fiction and Life Writing entries should not exceed 3000 words and a maximum of 5 poems can be submitted (DO NOT enter more than one poem on a single page).

**FOR MONITORING PURPOSES ONLY:**

**How did you hear about the completion?** (Please include name of website or magazine if applicable):

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**Had you heard of *Wasafiri* before you came across the prize?** YES/NO

**Are you a subscriber to *Wasafiri*?** YES/NO

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<b>Age:</b> 0 – 19 years	20 – 34 years	35 – 49 years
50 – 65 years	65+ years	Prefer not to say

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**Ethnicity:**

(or prefer not to state ethnicity)

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We would like to keep you updated with news and events from *Wasafiri* (highlight as appropriate):

- I would like to receive your updates.
  - I would NOT like to receive your updates.
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**WASAFIRI Back Issue Special Offer:**

Purchase back issues of *Wasafiri* for only £5.00 (RRP £9.00). Subject to availability.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, write the requested issue number(s) in the form below and add your payment to the competition entry fee. A full list of back issues can be viewed at <http://www.wasafiri.org/the-magazine/>

Issue No:	Issue No:	Issue No:
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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The competition is open to any nationality and any age group.
2. The word limit is 3000 maximum (or a maximum of 5 poems).
3. Work submitted must not have been previously published (this includes self-publishing and publishing on websites, personal or otherwise) or have won a prize in another competition.
4. Work must be typed, double-spaced, on A4 paper, single sided only.
5. Do not write your name or provide any other form of identification on your manuscript. All submissions will be considered without the judges knowing the identity of the entrant.
6. Do not enter more than one poem on a single page.
7. Work will only be accepted if accompanied by an official entry form and fee. If you require acknowledgement of receipt, entries must also be accompanied by a stamped addressed postcard.
8. We regret that manuscripts cannot be altered after submission.
9. If emailing your manuscript, please send it as a Word attachment. Do not paste it into the body of an email. Please also provide a list of accompanying documentation (e.g. Paypal confirmation; entry form; delivery of cheque).

10. All electronic submissions will receive an acknowledgement.
11. Fee is per category: the entrant can submit a maximum of one entry per category – in the Poetry category, one submission can include five poems.
12. Entries must be received at Wasafiri no later than 5pm GMT on 14 July 2017. We regret that we cannot accept entries received after this date.
13. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence or discussion concerning the judges' decision will be entered into.
14. The copyright will remain with the winning authors. Acceptance of the prize will indicate the author's agreement to their work being published in *Wasafiri* and inclusion in a possible anthology of the best work received.
15. Shortlisted entries will be published on the *Wasafiri* website.
16. *Wasafiri* reserves the right to edit the winning entries.
17. Failure to meet the conditions of entry will mean that a submission is automatically disqualified from the competition.
18. No person may win more than one prize.
19. The competition is not open to members of the *Wasafiri* Board.
20. Shortlisted authors will be notified by email and will be invited to the prize-giving event (date and venue tbc).
21. A list of shortlisted authors will be published on the *Wasafiri* website in Autumn 2017 and can be posted out if requested.
22. Manuscripts will not be returned.
23. The entry fee is non-refundable.