

2025 *JUAN R. MENA* SHORT STORY PRIZE

Editorial DALYA is pleased to announce the inaugural ***Juan R. Mena Short Story Prize***, designed to promote the appreciation of short stories from around the globe. The essence of this competition is to foster equal participation among writers, irrespective of nationality, gender, or language.

Contest Rules:

ELIGIBILITY

1. The short stories may be written in any official language of the world.
2. Only one work per writer may be submitted. Translations of another author's work are not eligible.
3. The entry may be on any subject. Manuscripts must be typed and consist of 1,500 to 4,000 words.
4. The entry must be a new and original piece of work. The work must not have been published in any form or awarded previously.
5. There is no fee to enter, and there are no hidden costs for the entrants.

HOW TO ENTER

6. The competition deadline for entry is on Wednesday, ***23 April 2025***.
7. The work may be submitted via the links provided at **shortstory.edalya.com** or on the Editorial DALYA site: **www.edalya.com**
 - a) The document must contain a front page stating:
 - 1) The title of the short story.
 - 2) A slogan or pseudonym.
 - b) The sender will receive an email confirming receipt of the submission.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

8. Finalists. Eight works will be selected by Sunday, ***25 May 2025***.
 - a) The writers of these works will be notified by email after selection.

- b) The awarded writer must re-submit the work, including personal details (name, headshot, address, nationality, etc) and bio-bibliography in the front page.
9. Winner. The Jury will select the winner by Monday, **30 June 2025**.
- a) The writers will be contacted after selection and the Jury's verdict will be announced on the website of Editorial DALYA (www.edalya.com), its social networks and the media.
 - b) The date of the resolution is tentative. It could be delayed if the provision of the final works to the jury requires extensive translation work.
 - c) The Jury's verdict is final.

THE PRIZE

10. The winner will receive 800€. All finalist stories will be translated into at least one other language and published in the '*Juan R. Mena*' *Short Story Anthology* Volume 1, a bilingual Spanish-English edition. The authors of the finalist stories will receive a free copy of the publication.

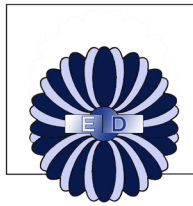
PUBLISHING RIGHTS

11. The authors of the award-winning stories assign the copyright their work worldwide (including audiovisual, broadcasting, and dramatic rights) to the owner of Editorial DALYA. The transfer of rights will remain in effect until December 31, 2028; however, Editorial DALYA's owner may continue to exploit publications made up to that date. Compensation for the assignment is fully covered by the prize and the translations of the short stories. Upon reversion of rights, the use of each translation can be freely exploited by the author of the original work, provided the author respects the translator's copyright.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

12. By entering the competition, entrants warrant that: the entries never have been previously published, in print or online (including self-published, eBook, magazines, journals, websites, blogs, social network sites), or broadcast or won a prize in another writing competition on or before 25 May 2025; their works will not infringe any copyright or intellectual property rights; the short stories will not violate any personal privacy regulations; they do not violate the rights of any person or entity.
13. Entrants are required to inform the organisation about the awards or publication of their works before the announcement of the Jury's verdict.
14. All participants acknowledge that their work will be translated and published by Editorial DALYA, or by another publishing house within the same group, in both print and digital formats, including audiobooks and podcasts, if their short story is a finalist.

- a) Editorial DALYA commits to publishing the awarded works in six months, plus any period of force majeure.
 - b) For the publication of the award-winning short stories, the authors will not be required to pay any fees, such as expenses, translations, co-publishing costs, or similar charges.
15. Participation in the competition signifies full acceptance of these terms conditions and the decisions of the jury. In the event that a work does not receive an award, no further correspondence will be entered into.
16. Entrants accept the terms of privacy policy described in: edalya.com/?Itemid=250



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