

CHRISTIAN WRITING COMPETITION

QUIET GARDEN PUBLISHING AND UGANDA FAITH WRITERS ASSOCIATION

UFWA, established in 2008, created Quiet Garden Publishing to produce well-written, high quality books with inspirational themes so as to encourage readers and writers in Uganda, Africa and beyond.

To this end we are launching our first ever writing competition to find the most talented Christian writers in Uganda and empower them in their writing with cash prizes and publication of the winner's work.

Rules & Regulations

1. Organisers

Quiet Garden Publishing, the publishing arm of Uganda Faith Writers Association (UFWA), is the organiser of this competition.

2. Eligibility

a) The Author

The Quiet Garden Writing Competition accepts original manuscripts with Christian themes written by Ugandan writers who are 18 years of age and above.

b) Categories

Books may be in the following categories

- Novels
- Biography
- Autobiography
- Inspirational or Motivational

NOTE: Absolutely no plays or poetry allowed.

c) The Manuscript

- Length – between 35,000 and 55,000 words
- Manuscripts should be original unpublished works or a self-published book released on the market in the last two years.
- All submissions must be in English.

3. The Prize

- a) The overall winner who will be awarded a cash prize of **USD 550**. Quiet Garden will also publish the winning book free of charge.
- b) The first runner up will receive a cash prize of **USD 130**. Quiet Garden will help identify possible publishers for the work.
- c) The second runner up will receive a cash prize of **USD100**. Quiet Garden will help identify possible publishers for the work.
- d) The judges reserve the right to not award a prize should the entries fail, in the judges' opinion, to meet the required standard. Judges could also decide not to award the prize to consecutive winners.
- e) Quiet Garden reserves the first right of refusal for publication for the award-winning manuscript and the first and second runners-up.

4. Number of Entries

Limited to ONE (1) submission per writer.

5. Selection

Quiet Garden Publishing will check details concerning the eligibility of the authors and the manuscripts submitted. Only manuscripts of authors who meet the criteria will be accepted and sent to the judges. An independent panel of three judges who are experts in the field of writing will select the winners from amongst the manuscripts. The judges' decision is final and no appeals or correspondence will be entertained at any point.

6. Shortlist

Will be announced in December 2019

7. Prize

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in February 2020.

8. Conditions of Entry

- i. Each entry must include (in submission email or as a cover page – page 1 – of submitted work) the following:
 - a. Title of the work
 - b. Name of the Author
 - c. A short biography of the author – a little personal information about you and your writing journey. Should not be more than 150 words
 - d. A summary of the manuscript (the submitted work), not more than 150 words

e. The Format:

- The title of the entry should be in the middle of the cover page. The beginning of the manuscript should start on a new page.
- The name of the author should be directly below the title of the work.
- On the top right-hand corner of the cover page, please specify the word count of the entire manuscript.
- Use Times New Roman font, size 12, double spaced.
- Margins should be one-inch all around.
- Manuscript should be in PDF or .doc or .docx or Rich Text Format.

9. Entries should be submitted by the author.

10. Submission

- a. All entries must be submitted in soft copy and emailed to:
quietgardencompetitions@gmail.com
- b. Entries will only be accepted from 5th August 2019 to 31st October 2019**
- c. Entries that fail to comply with any of the above rules and conditions of entry will be disqualified.