

Submissions for Wine Dark Sea will be accepted up until April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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<https://johnboyne.com/short-story-competition/>

To help foster creativity among Irish children and teenagers during this current crisis, John Boyne is running a **SHORT STORY COMPETITION**, aimed at 6-18 year olds, with lots of book tokens to give out as prizes.

There are **3 categories**:

- 6-10 year olds
- 11-14 year olds
- 15-18 year olds

So this is the way it will work:

- 3 categories, 6-10 year olds; 11-14 year olds; 15-18 year olds.
- Each category will have an overall winner who receives **€ 200 national book token**. Each category will also have **5 winners of a € 100 national book token** and **10 winners of a € 50 national book token**.
- Therefore, each category has a prize fund of € 1,200, making a total prize fund of **€ 3,600**
- All stories to be submitted in word document or pdf to: [johnboynestory@gmail.com](mailto:johnboynestory@gmail.com) by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 5 pm**.
- Stories must be no longer than **300 words**.
- Entrants need to include their name, email address, phone number, postal address and age, so I know which category they're entering.
- Judges will be 6 Irish writers: **John Boyne, Anne Griffin, Claire Kilroy, Cecelia Ahern, Paul Murray, Donal Ryan**
- The Gutter Bookshop is supplying the book token cards and envelopes but the book tokens are national book tokens so can be used anywhere in Ireland.
- All stories can potentially be shared over the radio on RTE's **Liveline** by **Joe Duffy**.

Good luck!