



# the big idea ENTRY FORM

Please read the following instructions thoroughly, enter your details below in capital letters and sign on the next page. You will also need a parent or guardian to sign this form if you are under 18. Then print and send with your story idea.

## How to Enter

1. Type your entry onto this form or create your own on separate sheets of A4 paper, answering the same questions in the same order.
2. Entries must be typed in English, using an easy to read font size (e.g. 12pt font size). Illegible entries will be rejected.
3. Your story idea must be limited to 750 words. There is no minimum length, but we would expect you to use at least 500 words.
4. Your story idea does not need to be perfectly formed or worded. No creative writing skills are required, nor any graphics, photos or illustrations.
5. You must read and sign the Terms and Conditions on the next page. Note: you must be aged 13 years or older and resident in the UK (including Northern Ireland) to enter the competition. If you are under 18 years of age, please make sure that your parent or guardian signs the parent/guardian declaration on the next page.
6. Send your printed and signed entry by prepaid post to: **The Big Idea Competition Limited**, c/o Chicken House Publishing, 2 Palmer Street, Frome, Somerset BA11 1DS

## Your Details

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (DAYTIME & EVENING): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

TELL US BRIEFLY ABOUT YOURSELF: (50 words) \_\_\_\_\_

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◦ CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING ENTRIES: **23rd February 2018** ◦





# Terms and Conditions

Big ideas don't always play by the rules, but the small print matters here.

So, before you enter this year's competition, please read these Terms and Conditions carefully before signing at the bottom. Entries without the entrant's signature cannot be accepted nor can entries without a signed parent/guardian declaration, if you are under 18.

These Terms and Conditions apply to The Big Idea Competition ("**Competition**"), which is promoted and run by The Big Idea Competition Limited ("**BIC**", "**we**", "**us**" or "**our**"). References below to the "**Idea**" mean the story idea submitted by you for the Competition, and to the "**Works**" mean the Idea and any related documents and materials that you submit to us. We also refer you to the rules of the Competition ("**Competition Rules**"), which are available online at [www.thebigideacompetition.co.uk](http://www.thebigideacompetition.co.uk).

In return for our giving you the opportunity to enter the Competition and the chance to win a prize (which you acknowledge as a sufficient benefit to you), you irrevocably agree as follows:

- 1 You acknowledge that you have read the Competition Rules (as well as our website's Terms of Use, Privacy Policy and Cookies Policy, as incorporated by reference in such rules), and you hereby agree to be bound by all of them.
- 2 Conditional only on becoming a winner of the Competition, you hereby:
  - a) grant and assign to BIC absolutely and with full title guarantee the entire right, title and interest (whether vested, contingent or future) in and to the Works (which, for the purposes of the laws of the USA and any other jurisdiction not recognising an assignment of future copyright, shall each be deemed to be a "work made for hire"), including, without limitation, the exclusive right to use the Works and your name for all purposes in connection with the Competition and any ultimate development of the Idea and use of it;
  - b) undertake not to use the Idea or any similar idea (or any significant element within the Idea) in any work of any kind except with our prior written consent; and
  - c) waive, and agree not to assert, any moral rights or similar rights or other non-transferable rights in relation to the Works, provided that, if and to the extent reasonably practicable in accordance with relevant industry practice, we shall endeavour to procure an appropriate credit for you as the originator of the Idea (but without liability for any inadvertent failure by us or any third party to accord such a credit),  
in each case: (i) throughout the world; (ii) to the fullest extent possible, in perpetuity; and (iii) via any and all media (now or in the future known).
- 3 In the meantime, until the Competition winners are announced, you hereby grant us a temporary exclusive licence of all rights in the Works, as well as a temporary undertaking and waiver equivalent (in all other respects) to those set out in paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) above.
- 4 You warrant that: (a) you are, and will remain, free and fully able to enter into and perform this agreement and to grant and/or assign, free of any encumbrance, the rights expressed to be granted and/or assigned under this agreement; and (b) nothing in the Works does, will or might infringe any third-party rights or contain otherwise unlawful material.
- 5 You agree to do such acts, and to enter into such other documents, as may reasonably be required to give full effect to the provisions of this agreement.
- 6 You shall treat all information given to you by BIC as confidential, and you shall not, without our prior written consent, make any public statement of any kind relating to the Competition, the Idea and/or any work developed from it.
- 7 These terms and conditions may be freely assigned and licensed (through multiple tiers) by us without notice to you and shall be binding on you and your heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. This agreement contains your entire agreement with us, and is governed by English law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

## Read and agreed:

Full name <i>(please print in capital letters):</i>	
Signed <i>(by you):</i>	Dated: 2018

## If you are under 18, your parent / guardian must also complete and sign the declaration below:

### PARENT / GUARDIAN DECLARATION

Full name <i>(please print):</i>	Relationship to child <i>(please circle as appropriate):</i> Parent / Guardian	Age of child:
Contact details: Tel:	Email:	
<b>Declaration:</b> I am the parent/guardian of the above child, and my child is of the age stated above. I approve these Terms and Conditions and Competition Rules (which I am satisfied are for my child's benefit) and consent to my child's signing above.		
Signed <i>(Parent / Guardian):</i>	Dated:	2018





# My Story Idea

Please complete these boxes or copy the questions on to a separate sheet, answering all the questions.

## THE TITLE OF THE STORY:

My story is called:

## THE BASIC IDEA (50 words approx.)

## WHO'S IN IT? (150 words approx.)

Give a brief description of your most interesting characters.

## WHERE AND WHEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE? (100 words approx.)

Describe what your story setting looks like. Where does it take place?  
When does your story happen? (e.g. past, present or future)





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**WHAT HAPPENS? (250 words approx.)**

Describe the big moments in your story.

**WHO IS YOUR STORY FOR? (50 words approx.)**

What age is your intended audience? How do you want them to feel?

Remember: no creative writing skills are required, nor are any illustrations. The judges are looking for a story idea that shows originality and imagination, with the scope to become the inspiration for a full-length novel with other media possibilities (film, TV, theatre or game).

