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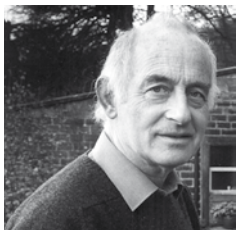
Short story and flash fiction judge, Zoë Heller will be looking for: 'Attention to sentences. Distinctive voices. Surprise..'

Zoë Heller was born in London and now lives in New York. Her second novel, *Notes on a Scandal,* published in 2003, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and has been translated into 28 languages. It was adapted into an Oscar-nominated film, starring Judi Dench in 2006. Heller's latest novel, *The Believers,* was published in 2008.



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Poetry judge, Michael Laskey will be looking for 'Technical assurance, live language and emotional truth of course. But I'll want to be surprised too by the journey, the twists and turns en route, the panoramic and close-up views, and where I end up.'

Michael Laskey founded the international Aldeburgh Poetry Festival in 1989 and has co-edited the poetry magazine *Smiths Knoll* since 1991. Shortlisted for the T S Eliot Prize and twice PBS recommended, he has published four collections, most recently *The Man Alone: New & Selected Poems* in 2008.

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poems | short stories | **open to all**

the entry form

Poems | 42 lines | 1st prize **£5000**
judge | **Michael Laskey**

Short Stories | 5000 words | 1st prize **£5000**
judge | **Zoë Heller**

Flash Fiction | 250 words | 1st prize **£1000**
judge | **Zoë Heller**

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PRIZES & OPPORTUNITIES

Prizes for **short story** and **poetry** categories:

1st £5000
2nd £1000
3rd £500
10 runners up prizes of £50 each

Prize for **flash fiction**

1st £1000

The Dorset Award of £100 and a perpetual trophy is awarded to the highest placed local (Dorset, UK) winner or runner up across all categories. Sponsored by The Book Shop of Bridport.

All prize-winning entries will be published in the Bridport Prize Anthology 2010, along with the judges reports. The 2009 anthology is currently available and pre-orders can be made for the 2010 anthology.

The top four poems are submitted to the Forward Prize for best single poem. The top thirteen eligible stories are submitted to the National Short Story Prize (£15,000); and The Sunday Times short story award (£25,000).

The winning stories and shortlist will be read by leading London literary agents with a view to representing writers.

I know the Bridport Prize selection will always be worth reading Euan Thorneycroft, A M Heath & Co Ltd, Literary Agents

ENTRY FEES

£7 per story, £6 per poem, £5 per flash fiction
Send as many entries as you wish.

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Features talks, readings, discussions and performances at venues around the town in October/November 2010, for details see www.bridport-arts.com

ANTHOLOGY

Available to buy online or on the postal order form opposite, the yearly Bridport Prize anthologies provide a wonderful collection of the best unseen writing in the English language.

RULES

Closing date for receipt of entries: midnight, 30th June 2010.

Maximum of 5000 words for short stories, maximum of 42 lines for poems, maximum of 250 words for flash fiction. No minimums.

The Prize is open to anyone, including non-UK entrants, over 16 years. Posthumous entries are not eligible. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been published, self-published, published on any public website or broadcast, nor winning or placed in any other competition (as at 31st October 2010).

You can send as many entries as you like. Payments must be in sterling by credit/debit card, cheque or postal order. Cheques must be from a UK bank and should be payable to The Bridport Prize with the sender's name and address on the back.

Postal entries from overseas can only be paid by credit/debit card or in cash (notes only, NO coins) – either US dollars or Euros at the current exchange rate. Overseas cheques, money orders or drafts will not be accepted.

☐ Please ensure you use the correct postage.

☐ Entries must be in English, typed, on A4, single sided and securely fastened; each entry starting on a new sheet.

☐ Stories to be double spaced, every page numbered and the total word count noted at the top of the first page.

☐ Poems to be single spaced.

☐ Entries will be disqualified if they show name, address or identifying marks other than the title, (all details should be on the entry form).

☐ Entries are not returned, keep a copy. No corrections can be made after receipt, nor fees refunded.

Judging is fair and unbiased. Experienced readers assist the named judges in selecting the shortlists. The judges' decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into. Judges are unable to comment on individual entries.

Worldwide copyright of each entry remains with the author, but the Bridport Prize will have the unrestricted right to publish the winning poems and stories, (including runners up), in the annual anthology and for promotional purposes.

No competitor may win more than one prize in each category.

If you require acknowledgement of receipt of your postal entry please enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. To receive the judges' reports (on the winning entries only) and full results – enclose an A5 stamped addressed envelope marked RESULTS – they will be sent out in November 2010. Results will also be posted on our website.

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Prizewinners will be notified in writing by the beginning of October 2010. The list of prizewinners will be displayed on the website after the prizegiving ceremony. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday 31st October 2010, during the Bridport Literary Festival.

Entry implies acceptance of all the rules. Failure to comply with the rules may result in disqualification.

If you prefer, you can enter online at:

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Bridport is the HOME of the short story. There is nothing else like the Bridport Prize - what is lovely about the Bridport is that they really do take short stories seriously Jane Gardam

The Bridport is a prize all serious poets want to win. They know - and know everyone else knows - that the competition is fiercer there than just about anywhere else. Don Paterson

Winning a prize in a big, prestigeous competition like the Bridport, gives a real boost to my sense of myself as a writer. Lydia Fulleylove, 3rd prize, Poetry 2009

Winning a Bridport prize for a story told in an unusual way - and a story I loved writing - has reminded me to have the confidence to write the way I want to. Teresa Stenson, runner up, Short Story 2009

THE BRIDPORT PRIZE 2010

ENTRY FORM

Closing date: 30th June 2010

I have read and agree to the rules of the competition.

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titles	story £7 / poem £6 / flash £5	s / p / f	£

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