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Tall Tales, Short Stories
Competition
For 14- to 18-year-olds
Celebrating 20 years of the V.S. Pritchett Short Story Prize.

Win National Book Tokens for yourself and for your school library.
Have your story published on the RSL website.

Where will your imagination take you?
About Tall Tales, Short Stories

*Tall Tales, Short Stories* celebrates 20 years of the V.S. Pritchett Prize, the great range of the short story form, and what is possible when we use other writers as inspiration. The anthology contains the first 500 words of winning entries to the Prize and of stories from judges over the past 20 years. We want you to finish a story with your own ending — where will your imagination take you?

**The competition is open to all 14-to 18-year-olds resident in the UK.**

We’ve given you the beginnings of these stories, can you give us the ending for one of them in 500 words?

When finishing a story, you can explore:

- experiences from your own life;
- issues or ideas that interest or concern you;
- events from our world or others you’ve created.

Full terms and conditions can be found on the RSL website.

**Celebrating the V.S. Pritchett Prize**

Victor Sawdon Pritchett (1900 - 1997) is regarded as one of the finest English short-story writer of the 20th century, and a master of narrative. The RSL established the V.S. Pritchett Prize in 1999 in his honour and to celebrate the best unpublished short story of the year.
Finish a story!

**Competition rules**
- Story endings must be your own work;
- Entries must be written in English and no longer than 500 words; and
- Entrants must be resident in the UK.

*All entries will be read by the RSL’s Director, Molly Rosenberg.*

**Prizes**
Win National Book Tokens for you and your school library!
1st prize   — £50 National Book Tokens
2nd prize  — £25 National Book Tokens
3rd prize   — £10 National Book Tokens

Winner and runner-up stories will be published on the RSL website.

**How to enter**
Please fill out the form below and send it with your story.

Email your story to: **info@rsliterature.org**

or post to: Tall Tales, Short Stories Competition, Royal Society of Literature, Somerset House, London, WC2R 1LA

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**Full Name** ____________________________

**Age** ______

**School/College** ____________________________

**Name, email and phone number of teacher/guardian (if under 16)**

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**Title and author of the story you’re completing**

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