



Global Butterfly Effects Fictional Writing Contest — Official Rules

1. Contest Overview

Global Butterfly Effects (“GBE”) invites writers worldwide to participate in the 2026 Fictional Writing Contest. This contest offers aspiring authors the opportunity to showcase their storytelling talent for a chance to win a publishing deal worth up to \$2,500 (for services only; no cash value).

2. Eligibility

Open to individuals aged 18 or older at the time of entry. Entries must be original works of fiction written by the entrant. Employees, contractors, and immediate family members of Global Butterfly Effects or its affiliates are not eligible to participate. The contest is void where prohibited by law.

3. Entry Period

Opening Date: November 1, 2025

Closing Date: November 30, 2025 (11:59 PM local time)

All entries must be submitted within this time frame. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

4. How to Enter

Submit your completed manuscript via the official contest page:

<https://www.gbcommunity.com/2026-fictional-witting-contest>.

Only one entry per person is allowed. Multiple submissions will result in disqualification.

5. Submission Requirements

To qualify for judging, all submissions must:

1. Be in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.
2. Be written in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced.
3. Contain a minimum of 17,500 words and no more than 40,000 words.
4. Include a title page listing the author's name, contact information, and manuscript title.
5. Be written in English.
6. Be an original work of fiction not previously published or under contract elsewhere.

Failure to follow these requirements will result in automatic disqualification.

6. Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel selected by Global Butterfly Effects. The judging criteria include:

- Creativity and originality (30%)
- Plot and structure (25%)
- Character development (20%)
- Writing style and voice (15%)
- Overall impact and emotional engagement (10%)

The judges' decisions are final and binding.

7. Prize

One (1) Grand Prize Winner will receive a publishing services package valued at up to \$2,500 USD. The award is not redeemable for cash and must be used toward publishing or editorial services provided by Global Butterfly Effects. The package may include editing, cover design, formatting, or promotional services, at the discretion of GBE. No substitutions or transfers of prizes will be permitted.

8. Winner Notification

The winner will be announced on February 2, 2026, on the official Global Butterfly Effects website and notified by email. The winner must respond within seven (7) days to confirm acceptance. Failure to respond within the stated period may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner.

9. Rights and Permissions

By entering, participants grant Global Butterfly Effects a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to publish excerpts or use materials from the submission for promotional purposes, including on websites, newsletters, or social media, with proper author attribution. All other rights remain with the author.

10. Disqualification

Entries may be disqualified if they do not meet submission requirements; contain plagiarized or infringing material; include offensive, defamatory, or inappropriate content; or are submitted after the deadline.

11. General Conditions

Global Butterfly Effects reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the contest if fraud, technical issues, or other causes beyond its control compromise the integrity of the contest; substitute any prize with one of equal or greater value if necessary; and make all final determinations regarding eligibility and compliance with these rules.

12. Privacy

Participant information will be used solely for contest administration and in accordance with Global Butterfly Effects' privacy policy.

13. Agreement to Rules

Participation in the contest constitutes the entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and to the decisions of Global Butterfly Effects, which are final and binding in all matters related to the contest.