

Lumberloft Press 2019 Short Fiction Contest

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Website: <http://bit.ly/2UhKIGT>



Lumberloft Press is seeking talented, unpublished authors to feature in their upcoming **Short Fiction Compilation**. Original stories up to 5,000 words in length that have never been published or featured in any physical or digital medium are eligible for submission. Please refer to the official contest rules before submitting your work.

The theme for this year's compilation is: **DEATH FROM ABOVE**.

Lately, at the Lumberloft they have become fascinated with the tragic but often heartwarming stories about people (*and animals*) who have sadly died after an unexpected force has quite literally fallen on them from the air above. The more they started to explore the topic, the more it sunk deep into their guts. These stories are not uncommon, nor are they always explainable. But they're also not always sad. They're often filled with unforgettable details of hope, of the pursuit of a passion, or of the dream of living an admirably quiet and normal life. And as the loved ones of these victims can attest, this could happen to any one of us.

They are looking for fiction submissions of all shapes and sizes. From the straight-forward to the abstract, and to those that are only minimally influenced by the prompt. If you read the words DEATH FROM ABOVE and it inspires something in you, they want to read it.

At Lumberloft Press, they strive to connect with the smallest of audiences. Niche is a word that gets thrown around a lot, but they like to think that they're nicher than niche. If they could somehow publish a personalized, perfect novel for every willing reader, they would find a way to make it happen. And while this does not make for a fantastic business model, their goal as a publisher is not to reap profits or peddle formulaic stories to the masses. Their goal is to connect with you. To give you a chance at finding your absolute favorite book. To do that, they have to go small. Really small.

Now, you might not be interested in the topic of dying, or of objects that fall from above, or even in reading. But if you are, or even if you're not but you're curious what a bunch of stories about this awful topic might have in common, they hope you'll enjoy what comes from this contest. It's an experiment, and they're happy to be along for the ride.

There is no entry fee.

Eligibility

All residents of the United States aged 18 years or older. Adult residents of any other country are subject to individual review but are encouraged to submit.

Prize

- **1,000 USD** Grand Prize
 - 15 runners-up receive publication and a copy of the forthcoming compilation
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