



**Donkey Books**

# Ghostly Scribbles

Terms and Conditions:  
Writing Challenge 2026

## 1. General Participation Rules

- 1.1. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to enter.
- 1.2. Participation is open to both novice and experienced writers.
- 1.3. Participation is free of charge.

## 2. Submission Guidelines

- 2.1. The challenge runs from October 1st to October 31st of the current calendar year.
- 2.2. The prompts will be announced at the end of September via Donkey Books' social media channels.
- 2.3. The maximum word count for each story is a thousand words (prompt not included).
- 2.4. Stories must be submitted by the end of the last day, October 31st, at 23:59 (CEST) at the latest. Submissions received after this time will not be included in the selection process.
- 2.5. Each story must be related to the daily theme and may not exceed the specified word limit. Stories that exceed the limit will be disqualified. Submitting a story with fewer words than the maximum is allowed.
- 2.6. Submissions must be written in English.
- 2.7. Submissions must not have been previously published, either online or offline.
- 2.8. Stories must be original and the work of the submitter(s). Plagiarism and the use of AI will lead to immediate disqualification.
- 2.9. Collaboration Submissions: In the event of a collaborative submission (story written by two or more people), each participating author must submit the identical story separately through the official submission channel. Both submissions must clearly indicate the names of all contributing authors. A story will only be considered valid if the same final version is received from all co-authors, confirming their individual agreement to all participation terms and the final text. Submissions where a co-author fails to submit their copy will be disqualified.

## 3. Intellectual Property & Publication

- 3.1. The copyright of all submitted stories remains with the author.
- 3.2. By submitting a story, the author grants Donkey Books an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to publish and exploit the submitted story for a period of six (6) months, solely for the purpose of the selection process for the anthology.
- 3.3. For stories selected for the 'Ghostly Scribbles' anthology: The author grants Donkey Books an irrevocable, non-exclusive license

to publish, distribute, and sell the selected story within this anthology, in both physical and digital formats. The author retains the copyright and the freedom to publish the story elsewhere.

- 3.4. Publication in the anthology is the sole compensation for the selected authors. No financial remuneration will be provided.

#### 4. Selection Process

- 4.1. An internal jury from Donkey Books will review all submissions.
- 4.2. The jury will select a number of stories for publication in the anthology.
- 4.3. The jury's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.
- 4.4. The winning stories will be announced in November.
- 4.5. The anthology is expected to be released in December 2026.

#### 5. Privacy

- 5.1. By participating, you agree to the processing of your data (name, email address) for communication regarding the challenge.
- 5.2. The names of selected authors will be mentioned in the publication.