



International Short Story Day 2012

Wednesday 20th June

Last year on December 22nd 2011, the shortest day of the year, we invited you to participate in National Short Story Day, a UK-wide celebration of short fiction.

This year, on the shortest night of 2012 (June 20th), Short Story Day goes global, as once again we encourage everyone of all ages and all genders to do something in honour of the short story. This could be absolutely anything, from running a creative workshop or class, to a competition, making a short film or film adaptation of a short story, organising a spoken word night, a reading, an author appearance, a literary salon - or simply picking up a short story and enjoying its literary richness, for maybe the first or the hundredth time.

Whatever it is you're doing, we want to hear about it! Send us details of your event to katie.slade@commapress.co.uk, a link to your website (if applicable), and any images you have, and we'll put it on the brand new Short Story Day website, where you can also find videos of live readings, short story recommendations, events info, and more.



Visit <http://www.nationalshortstoryday.co.uk/> for more details.

Plus, join in the fun on Twitter for our 'very short' short story competition. Tweet a story to @shortstoryday in ten words or less, with the hashtag #shortstoryday, and the best five win a free book! Deadline for entries is midnight on June 20th. There's no limit on entries per person so get tweeting!

Happy International Short Story Day!



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SHORT STORY EVENTS ON JUNE 20TH:

LONDON

****The Book Club, 100 Leonard Street, London, EC2A 4RH.**

Alternative literary stand-up group, The Special Relationship, host Comma Press and Stone Skin Press at one of the most innovative and original cultural venues in London, The Book Club, which describes its creative agenda as 'fusing boozing with brain power.' Join us this evening for a duet performance from Jarred McGinnis and Sam Taradash of The Special Relationship, flash-fiction from Scottish author and lecturer Dilys Rose, and short story readings from Adam Marek and Janqui Mehta. Plus intermittent screenings of short films (tbc).

Doors open 7pm, event starts 7.30pm. Free event.

Contact the venue at info@wearetbc.com or on 020 7684 8618.

****Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 6DG (or Hampstead Heath – tbc).**

The Short Story Book Club of London, hosted by Steve and Megg, will be meeting up at Camden Arts Centre to discuss David Foster Wallace's *Brief Interviews with Hideous Men*. But if the weather turns out to be nice, they may meet up on Hampstead Heath instead and have a picnic! To be confirmed.

6.30pm. £1 per person.

More info at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Short-Story-Book-Club/>

MANCHESTER

****Blackwell's Bookshop, The Precinct Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RN.**

The Manchester leg of the Short Story Day celebrations sees two of the UK's most vibrant and compelling short story writers, MJ Hyland and Anneliese Mackintosh, reading their work and discussing their love of the form.

7pm - 9pm. Free event.

For more info, contact Ian Carrington at ian.carrington@blackwell.co.uk.

In association with Comma Press and Cargo Press (Glasgow) www.cargopublishing.com.

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****Nexus Art Cafe, Dale Street, Manchester, M1 1JW (Saturday 16th June).**

Join Manchester-based project CAKE on Saturday 16th June for friendly chats over tea and cake, previews of their second issue, dramatic short story readings, cheap books and much more. In addition there will be a short story competition which you can only enter during the event, the winners of which will be published in their third issue. Come along to meet the team, mingle with writers, and maybe even win a raffle prize!

12pm - 5pm. No entry charge but donations welcome.

For more info, contact Sarah Logan at sarahgracelogan@gmail.com.

GLASGOW

****Mono, 12 Kings Court, Glasgow, G1 5RB.**

Far up north, Comma partner up with Scottish-based publishers, Cargo in a short story reading event featuring Manchester-based writer Annie Clarkson, and a Cargo guest (tbc).

7pm (tbc). Free event.

More info to follow.

In association with Comma Press and Cargo Press (Glasgow) www.cargopublishing.com.

****Glasgow Women's Library, 15 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7BW.**

As part of Scottish Refugee Week and International Short Story Day, Zoe Lambert and Michelle Green will be appearing at Glasgow Women's Library for the event 'Mother Courage: Stories of Women and War'. Zoe Lambert will be reading and discussing her collection *The War Tour* with Manchester based writer Michelle Green, whose debut collection *Jebel Marra* will be published by Comma in 2013.

5.30pm. Free event.

Contact Glasgow Women's Library on 0141 248 9969 or email info@womenslibrary.org.uk.

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More events info to be confirmed from:

Year of the Short Story (Canada)

Ministry of Stories (London)

Blackwell's Sheffield

London Writer's Café

Book Group UK

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