

SECOND LIGHT OPEN POETRY COMPETITION FOR LONG AND SHORT POEMS BY WOMEN

DEADLINE: TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2014

results at <http://www.secondlightlive.co.uk> by 31st August 2014



JUDGE: JACKIE KAY: Amongst her many poetry awards and prizes are the Forward, Saltire, Scottish Arts Council (for *The Adoption Papers*) and a shortlisting for Costa. She also writes award-winning fiction both for adults and children, and for stage and TV. She is Professor of Creative Writing at Newcastle University. She was awarded an MBE in 2006, and made a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 2002.

FIRST PRIZES: £300 for each of Long and Short poems

2nd Prize £100 3rd Prize £50 COMMENDED: Book prizes

Winning & Commended poems published (in full or extract) in ARTEMISpoetry. A reading for winners will be organised in London.

ENTRY FEES & RULES

- Open to women poets only. Long Poems (over 50 lines, no upper limit) £6 per poem. Short Poems (up to 50 lines) £4 per poem or £9 for 3, £14 for 8.
- Add £2 for sample issue of ARTEMISpoetry. Add £5 for book offer.
- **Second Light Members are entitled to submit one free entry. JOIN NOW TO BE ELIGIBLE (see over for Membership benefits & book offer details).**
- Poems on any subject. Must be the unaided work of the writer and must not have been previously published unless in a magazine only.
- By Post: TWO COPIES of poems, typed or neatly written on A4 (without your name); a separate contact sheet (name, address, telephone, e-mail address **and poem titles**); cheque payable to 'Second Light'. Send to Dilys Wood, 3 Springfield Close, East Preston, West Sussex, BN16 2SZ. Include a stamped addressed postcard if you require acknowledgement of receipt.
- Online: pay at www.poetrypf.co.uk/shop.php?sort=ur#sl5 (buy quantity of £ to be paid). Send poems in a single attachment (your pen name.doc or your pen name.pdf), to competition@secondlightlive.co.uk with 'Entry (Your Pen Name)' in the subject line. Include contact details as above, poem titles & the PAYMENT TRANS. ID in the body of the e-mail only.

BOOK OFFER

Add £5 to your competition entry to receive your choice from these books:

What Women Want or *Becoming* (Myra Schneider)

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More on these books at www.secondlightlive.co.uk/books.shtml

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Katherine Gallagher

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Membership includes: ARTEMISpoetry ~ Page on **SecondLightLive** website

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