



TOP 10 TIPS FOR SCRIBBLERS

The Golden Pen Award is a creative writing competition open to West Australians between 12 - 17 years of age as part of Scribblers Festival, a Literature and Arts Festival for young people.

1. HOOK & HOLD

Readers are curious but fickle creatures – grab them with a strong hook and they'll gobble up your words.

2. PAINT A PICTURE

Spark your reader's imagination by painting a world they can believe.

3. LESS IS MORE

Quality not quantity. Think of stories you love and remember – they are often simple, short tales that leave space for the readers' thoughts. Go easy on the vocabulary / time-frame / characters / endless gory details and never-ending sentences.

4. I REPEAT, DON'T REPEAT

Keep the story flowing by avoiding repetition of words and ideas. Say it once and say it well.

5. STAY ON TRACK

Plan your journey. You are your reader's guide. Make sure you know where you are leading them. Beware of the rambling path and stick to your map.

6. BE UNIQUE

Don't imitate others, trust your own voice and experience. Write what you know to be true.

7. A FRESH START

Sometimes it's better to just start again, even if you have poured your heart & soul and ten, full, exhausting minutes of work into a sentence!

8. ROAD BLOCK AHEAD!!!

Be kind to yourself, some writing days are better than others. The sun is probably shining so take a break and let inspiration find you, for a change. We're here to have fun!

9. MAGIC SPELLS

Don't distract your reader with poor spelling and grammar. They want to go on a journey, not question how many r's are in errrrror! Read your words aloud to hear how they sound.

10. LIKE, COMMENT, SHARE

Reach out to others and ask for feedback. Every writer secretly wants an audience and that tingly, happy feeling when someone is moved by their words. Don't be shy - Share the love!



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Submissions for *The Golden Pen Award* are open from 18 October 2018 – 31 March 2019. Works of prose, poetry, creative non-fiction, comics & graphic novels are all welcome! Submissions must be the sole work of the named participant, original and not more than 3,000 words. Entry forms and further details are available online at scribblersfestival.com.au



\$500
TO BE WON

AWARD AWAITS!

We challenge you to take the word 'Discovery' and spin it into a story, poem, comic or even a graphic novel. The choice is yours. Delve deep to draw, doodle, describe and dance your daydreams into words.

The Golden Pen Award has categories for writers aged 12–14 and 15–17. Simply submit your creation by **Sunday 31 March 2019** to be in the chance to win.

You could win:

Fame and fortune

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Bookshop vouchers

Masterclass with star authors

Grand prize of \$500 each

For overall winners

Shortlisted entrants will also meet renowned Australian and International authors at the Scribblers Festival in May 2019.

So start scribbling and amaze our panel of judges with your words and creativity!



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