

One More Chapter and Spread the Word Feedback Terms and Conditions

1. This competition is promoted by Spread the Word, The Albany, Douglas Way, London SE8 4AG and One More Chapter, a division of HarperCollins Publishers Ltd (“HarperCollins”), The News Building, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.
2. This promotion is open to unpublished and un-agented writers based in the UK except employees of HarperCollins and Spread the Word (or their parent, subsidiaries or any affiliated companies) and their immediate families, who are not allowed to enter the competition. Unpublished is defined as not having published a full-length novel. Submissions by self-published writers will be accepted providing the work submitted has not been previously been published.
3. Entrants must be from backgrounds under-represented in publishing, which we define as:
 - From a lower socio-economic background as defined by the [Civil Service Diversity and Inclusion guidance](#)
 - Have experienced a lack of academic and/or vocational training opportunities – i.e. have not been able to study/train to their full potential due to low income, ill health, being a carer etc.
 - Are or have been a carer
 - Have experienced homelessness
 - Are a single parent
 - Have a disability
 - Are a writer of colour
 - Are a member of the LGBTQIA+ community
4. To enter, submit here: <https://spreadtheword.submittable.com/submit> with
 - A synopsis (300 words maximum)
 - An extract from your novel (10,000 words) OR The first 10,000 words of your novel
 - **Optional:** a completed draft of your novel (this will be reviewed if you are offered a feedback slot, but you may not receive feedback on the whole manuscript)
 - A covering letter that includes: A little information about yourself and your motivations for your novel, how you meet the criteria for this opportunity and a summary of your writing endeavours to date (e.g. Have you taken part in writing development opportunities? Have you mainly been writing on your own at home?)
 - If you are a disabled writer, there is the option to submit visual or audio submissions. Please get in touch (e-mail hello@spreadtheword.org.uk) if you need any support with this.
5. Submissions that do not meet requirements of these Terms and Conditions shall not be read.
6. Any submission containing incorrect, false or unreadable information will be rejected.
7. Any submission made on behalf of or for another person, or multiple submissions, will not be read.
8. Submissions submitted must be:
 - a. within the commercial fiction genre, which includes emotional women’s fiction, book club fiction, crime, thrillers, historical fiction, contemporary romance, saga & fantasy. Non-fiction not be considered.
 - b. In prose.
 - c. written in English.
 - d. not have been previously published/self-published or posted on publishing websites, forums or access platforms such as (but not limited to) Wattpad, Smashwords, Lulu, FanFiction, Completely Novel.
 - e. not have had an ISBN

9. Submissions will open at midday on Monday 1st March 2021. Closing date for entries is *17:00 GMT on 31 March 2021*. No entries received after this date will be accepted. No purchase necessary. Only one entry allowed per household.
10. No purchase necessary.
11. The 30 winners will receive feedback by phone or video call on up to 30 submissions from One More Chapter's editorial team.
12. No cash or prize alternatives are available.
13. The winners will be selected by the One More Chapter team and notified by email no later than Friday 30th April 2021.
14. You will retain all copyright in your submission and by submitting your novel you grant Spread the Word and HarperCollins a licence to copy your submission and share it with its affiliates solely for the purpose of reviewing it.
15. Successful applicants will receive their feedback by the end of May 2021
16. Neither One More Chapter, HarperCollins nor Spread the Word will be able to return any submissions, so make sure you have a copy stored safely before you submit.
17. No correspondence between Spread the Word, One More Chapter, HarperCollins or the hopeful authors can be entered into, unless at Spread the Word and One More Chapter's request, and we will not respond to unsolicited communications
18. One More Chapter, HarperCollins' decision as to successful applicants will remain final, and no further correspondence shall be entered into.
19. There is no obligation on One More Chapter to publish any of the entrants to the Open Submission, in print or in eBook, or to offer any sort of editorial advice.
20. HarperCollins will not be responsible unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs or expenses, which may arise in connection with this open submission period and HarperCollins can cancel or alter the open submissions period at any stage.
21. To obtain the name of the winners after the closing date, please write to [onemorechapter@harpercollins.co.uk], HarperCollins Publishers, The News Building, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.
22. The entry instructions are part of the Terms and Conditions for this competition.
23. By entering the competition you are agreeing to accept these Terms and Conditions. Any breach of these Terms and Conditions by you will mean that your entry will not be valid, and you will not be allowed to enter this competition.
24. By entering this competition, you are agreeing that if you win your name and image may be used for the purpose of announcing the winners in any related publicity with HarperCollins, without additional payment or permission.
25. Any personal information you give us will be used solely for this competition and will not be passed on to any other parties without your agreement. HarperCollins' privacy policy can be found at: <http://www.harpercollins.co.uk/legal/Pages/privacy-policy.aspx>
26. Under no circumstances will HarperCollins be responsible for any loss, damages, costs or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions or delays in the promotion of the competition or prize.
27. HarperCollins will not be responsible unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs or expenses, which may arise in connection with this competition and HarperCollins can cancel or alter the competition, including these terms and conditions, at any stage.
28. Any dispute relating to the competition shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

