

Myriad Editions is an independent publisher based in Brighton, with Arts Council England support to develop its fiction publishing. Working closely with creative writing courses from Brighton and beyond, Myriad is keen to seek out home-grown talent and launch new writing careers.

In the past year we have published some of the best and most exciting debut novelists. As part of our mission to encourage and support creative writers, we're delighted to be joining forces with West Dean College for a third year running to sponsor this annual competition for a work in progress.

West Dean's creative writing programme is run by Greg Mosse and Kate Mosse, both successful writers and experienced teachers. The college has launched an MA in Creative Writing, designed for writers who wish to publish long fictional works – novels, plays and screenplays.

West Dean College and Myriad Editions
invite you to enter the

WRITER'S RETREAT COMPETITION 2012

West Dean College and Myriad Editions are pleased to announce the third annual competition for writers.

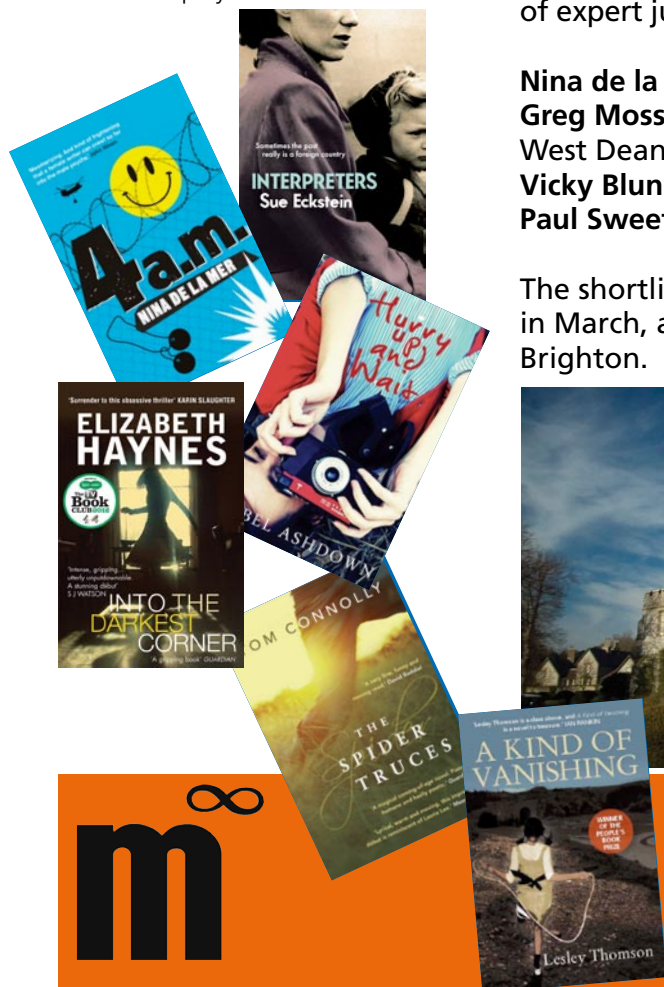
The prize is designed to allow the winner the chance to write undisturbed in the luxurious surroundings of West Dean. The winner will be entitled to a one week writing retreat, with full board, at West Dean College, situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty six miles north of Chichester, South East England.

The winner will also have the chance to discuss their work with Myriad's Fiction Editor, Vicky Blunden.

The winning entry will be an extract from a narrative work in progress – novel, collection of short stories or script – and will be chosen purely on the strength and promise of the writing by a panel of expert judges, including:

Nina de la Mer, author of *4 a.m.* ('Mesmerizing...' – John Niven)
Greg Mosse, writer and convenor of creative writing courses at West Dean College
Vicky Blunden, Fiction Editor, Myriad Editions
Paul Sweetman, bookseller, City Books

The shortlist will be announced at the Chichester Writing Festival in March, and winner announced in May 2012 at a special event in Brighton.



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Conditions of entry

1. The competition is open to writers over 18, of any nationality.
2. All writers, previously published or unpublished, may enter.
3. Submissions must be no longer than 5,000 words.
4. Entries must be previously unpublished (in all formats including online), original and in English.
5. Entries must be double or 1.5 spaced with author name on first page only.
6. Entries must not have been submitted to any other competition.
7. Only one entry per person is allowed.
8. Entries must be received by post by 10th February 2012.
9. An entry fee of £5 is payable by cheque or PayPal: info@myriadeditions.com
10. The judges' decision is final. No discussion concerning the judges' decision will be entered into.
11. The competition is not open to writers already published by Myriad, nor to employees of Myriad or West Dean College.
12. The date of the Writing Retreat must be within one year of the announcement of the winner, to be arranged with West Dean College, subject to availability.
13. Shortlisted authors will be notified by email in March 2012. The winner will announced in May 2012.
14. The prize is not exchangeable.
15. Failure to meet the conditions of entry will mean that a submission is automatically disqualified from the competition.

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HOW TO ENTER

The competition is open to all writers of prose fiction, previously published or otherwise.

Submissions of a one page synopsis and up to 5,000 words of a work in progress (novel, short story collection or script) should be sent by post, with a covering letter and a cheque for £5 (made payable to Myriad Editions) to:

**Writer's Retreat Competition
Myriad Editions
59 Lansdowne Place
Brighton BN3 1FL**

Alternatively the fee can be paid via PayPal using the email address: info@myriadeditions.com

Please make sure that your name, address, email address and contact number are included in your cover letter, but not on the pages of the work itself. Submitted material will not be returned.

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Please visit www.myriadeditions.com, call 01273 720000 or email editorial@myriadeditions.com for more information about entering the competition and for news about the prize-giving event.

In 2010 the competition judges (see below) – *The Cloths of Heaven* author Sue Eckstein, literary agent Hannah Westland and editor of *Waterstone's Books Quarterly* magazine Ed Wood – appeared with Vicky Blunden and Greg Mosse at a packed Brighton Festival event to debate the tricky question of judging writing.

