

GRAHAM MASTERTON
‘WRITTEN IN PRISON’ AWARD
First National Literary Contest, Wołów 2017

Hallo -- and welcome to the first “Written In Prison” short story contest!

Everybody has a story inside them. That includes you.

It may be a love story, or a crime story, or a fantasy story. It may be a story that is very close to some real event that has happened to you. It may be a humorous story that makes you laugh just to think about it. It may even be a horror story. You don’t need me to tell you how hard life can be.

I would very much like to hear what stories you have to tell. So would many other people throughout Poland. Usually, in prison, you don’t have a voice to explain to the world outside how you feel – what dreams you have, and how you feel about life.

But now, with the “Written In Prison” award, you do.

You have 1,000 words to write a story about anything you like. Try to make it as unusual and as lifelike as you can. Try to make your readers feel what the characters in your story feel.

Every story will be read and I will personally be choosing the best three. I will be coming to Poland (which I often do) to present the awards myself.

I want you to know how important this contest is to me, and I hope very much that you find it not only enjoyable to write your story, but that it gives you a chance to share thoughts that, until now, you had no way to express.

Good luck!

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Best Short Story
“Mój najgorszy Narodzenie”
Marcin Dymalski

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