

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Francis Brett Young Society invites entries to its Short Story Competition, open to everyone except members of the organizing committee.
2. Entries must offer plausible suggestions as to what may happen next following the final chapter of Francis Brett Young's novel *At Zeal Ferry*.^{*} They must be the original, unaided (including by AI) work of the author. They must be written in English and not exceed 1,800 words. The total number of words should be stated at the end of the entry.
3. All entries should be submitted by email to brettyoungsociety@gmail.com (Subject: Short Story Competition). If this is not possible, hard copies (double spaced on one side only of A4 paper) may be posted to **Short Story Competition, 22, Belgrave Road, Hales Owen, West Midlands, B62 9EY** Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery. Entries should not be sent by Recorded Delivery. If an acknowledgement of receipt is required, a stamped addressed reply card must be included.
4. Hard copy manuscripts will not be returned. Entrants are advised to keep a copy of their entry.
4. The closing date for entries is March 1st 2026.
5. Entries will be judged anonymously. The text of the entry should not show the entrant's identity. A completed entry form – available on the Society's website – www.fby-society.co.uk – must accompany each entry.
6. Any number of entries may be submitted, but no entrant may win more than one cash prize.
7. Copyright in all entries remains with the author, but the Francis Brett Young Society retains the right to publish entries in the Society *Journal* or to read entries on stage, radio or television without payment. All published entrants will receive a copy of the *Journal* in which their work appears.
8. The judges' decision is final: no correspondence will be entered into. Entry to the competition signifies acceptance of the rules. Entries which fail to conform to any of these conditions will be disqualified.
9. Winners will be notified by October 1st 2026. A list of winners will be published in the Society's *Journal* and on the website.

^{*}Copies of *At Zeal Ferry* (price £9.99 plus £3.75 postage & packing), stating your name and delivery address, may be ordered by:

- (i) Email to brettyoungsociety@gmail.com

Subject: AZF Order

Payment by bank transfer to:-

Account Name: Francis Brett Young Society

Sort Code: 40 52 40

Account Number: 00012560

[Please use your surname and post code as reference]

- (ii) Post to Mrs P. Parkes, 5 Crondal Place, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2LB

Payment by cheque to Francis Brett Young Society