

SCOPE's 6-Word Novel Contest

The Contest: Flash Fiction – write an entire novel in 6 words.
The winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to a local bookstore.

And the Winner is...

Rug burns, shotgun wedding. 50th anniversary.

By Evadne Mela

A classic theme of giving in to youthful lust and defying the odds and expectations by making it last.

Runners up:

The following novels were chosen by our judges as runners up. The judge's comments on why each novel struck a chord are in italics.

Boat motor starts. Waves of relief

By Erin Bryce

I selected this one for the clever turn of phrase with waves of relief. It allows the reader to imagine any of a number of scenarios as to where the boater was and the implied danger.

Faster. They'll be 16 forever. Amen.

By Marjorie Floyd.

This one captures the essence of youthful folly behind the wheel. I think everyone can remember the lure of speed and the ones who remained 16 forever.

Long life. Lovely letters. Lilting Light.

By Pam Donehew

A whole life in letters, with lovely alliteration and a fine rhythm, made me wonder who is meant, perhaps a writer we all know, but could be anyone.

His stolen move; her perfect crime.

By Michelle Shasho

This offered a whole Film Noir in six words – a plot, two characters, enigmatic whether in conflict or collaboration. I see it on a movie poster from the late '40s.

Darwin's deathbed conversion evolved precipitously.

By June Cussen

Too clever by half! The idea of a conversion, of the man who gave us a new pedigree, and the inspired thought of this spiritual transformation, happening through a paradoxically precipitous evolution – well, it's just too witty, and delightful to imagine.

Won Contest. Store closed. Prize Worthless.

By Jerry Keane

I thought it told a good story. Well chosen words. Met criteria

Free wig: slightly worn: in remission

Author Unknown

Poignant. Protagonist suggested.

Dotcom dude out window. Another Ponzi

By June Cussen

Vivid description in a few words. Again – struck a chord.

Thank You to our judges:

Joanna Hapner

Tom Matrullo

Nancy Roucher

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