

# THE NOVELRY LAUNCHES 'THE NEXT BIG STORY' WRITING COMPETITION

*The online creative writing school will award \$100,000 to one aspiring author with a judging panel including Emma Roberts, Tayari Jones and more.*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, May 8, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Novelry](https://TheNovelry.com/), the online fiction writing school, is thrilled to announce the launch of a groundbreaking new writing contest, '[The Next Big Story](https://TheNextBigStory.com/).' Designed to discover fresh literary talent, the competition will award one winner \$100,000 along with a year of support from The Novelry team to develop their idea for a novel into a fully realized fiction book.



The Next Big Story Judging Panel



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The Next Big Story is open to all aspiring writers, including occasional readers who need encouragement to begin, individuals with limited time or means, and those who have been historically overlooked by the publishing industry. Entry to the competition opens on Thursday, May 1, and the requirements for submission are the first three pages of a novel. The pages will be reviewed by a high-profile judging panel, including Emma Roberts, American actress and BELLETRIST book club cofounder; Tayari Jones, Women's Prize for Fiction-winning author; Zosia Mamet, American actress and author of *My First Popsicle: An Anthology of Food and Feelings*; Julia Quinn, New York Times bestselling author of the *Bridgerton* series; Carley Fortune, New York Times bestselling author of *This Summer Will Be Different*, *Meet Me at the Lake*, and *Every Summer After*; Jackie Oshry, co-host of *The Toast* and author of *The Camper and the Counselor*; Zibby Owens, Podcast host of *Totally Booked with Zibby*, author, publisher, bookstore owner; Yann Martel, Booker Prize-winning author of *Life of Pi*; Brady Lockerby, social media influencer and BookToker; Kimmy Nwokorie, social media influencer and BookToker.

'When it comes to writing fiction, the barriers to engagement seem so high,' says Louise Dean, Founder of The Novelry and Booker Prize-listed author. 'So many self-exclude and find it hard to

get the nerve to even try their hand. We want to change that with an extraordinary prize that rewards the mischief of that moment and the impulse of creativity, when a first sentence goes down on a page and anything can happen next! With The Next Big Story prize, we're hoping to bring the energy of the music industry to the halls of publishing. Everyone's invited. Let's find some new voices.'

The Novelry is known for its innovative, one-on-one approach to creative writing courses, providing writers with advice from global bestselling authors and editors. The Novelry is the creative writing school with an in-house editorial team of former Big Five publishing editors linked to literary agencies. 75% of graduates introduced to literary agents have secured contracts with Big Five publishers, and film rights for alumni books have been acquired by major studios, including Sony and See-Saw Films. Published authors that have completed a course from The Novelry include Clare Leslie Hall, *Broken Country* (Reese Witherspoon's Book Club Pick); Kelly Mullen, *This Is Not a Game*; Cathryn Kemp, *A Poisoner's Tale*; and Nikki Allen, *The Hideaway*, among others.

With The Next Big Story, The Novelry is uniquely positioned to help the next generation of bestselling authors by providing the resources and platform to launch them into a life-changing career. Aspiring authors can submit the first three pages of their potential novel online at [thenovelry.com](https://thenovelry.com) starting Thursday, May 1, through Thursday, July 31. The judges will pick a winner to be announced on Sunday, October 12. Full competition details and guidelines are available at [thenovelry.com/prize](https://thenovelry.com/prize).

#### Resources:

The links below include everything you need to share The Next Big Story, including details, photos, bios, and a press release. Find them in The Novelry's [Media Center](#).

(Terms and conditions apply. See website for details. If a U.K. resident, the winner will receive £75,000.)

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#### About The Novelry

The Novelry is the fiction writing school helping the next generation of writers become published authors. Founded by Booker Prize-listed author Louise Dean, The Novelry offers online courses, coaching, and a global community of writers. Its team includes bestselling authors and Big Five publishing house editors. With a mission to take writers from book idea to book deal, The Novelry offers its students a direct pathway to top literary agencies and on to major publishing and media contracts. Learn more: <https://thenovelry.com>

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