

Ballarat Writers Inc. presents the

Southern Cross Literary Competition

The Southern Cross Literary Competition is now accepting Short Stories of up to 3500 words. The judge for 2013 is award-winning Melbourne author Toni Jordan. There will be a short-list of three stories and each will receive feedback from the judge.

Prize: The winning entry will receive **\$1500 (AUD)** in prize money

Closing Date: 30 October 2013

Entry fee: \$20 per story

To enter: Visit www.ballaratwriters.com for terms and entry

Results will be announced Thursday 5 December at 7.30pm at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library. Shortlisted entrants will be notified in advance.

The Southern Cross Literary Competition is a biennial event run by Ballarat Writers Inc. It has been providing opportunities for emerging writers since 1988.



Toni Jordan's debut novel, *Addition*, was listed for the Barbara Jefferis Award and for the Miles Franklin in 2009, and has been published in sixteen countries. Her second novel, *Fall Girl*, was published in 2010 and her latest, *Nine Days* won the 2013 Indie Award for best fiction. Toni's articles have appeared in *The Sunday Age*, *The Sun-Herald* and *The Monthly*, and she also teaches creative writing. Toni lives in Melbourne.