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Judging Criteria for The Coinage Book Two

Short Stories/Memoirs/Excerpts

Judges will look for entries which exemplify one or more of the following:

1. Clarity and originality of expression
2. Significance and originality of thought
3. Characters: presentation and development
4. Structure
5. Technical correctness
6. Matters of organisation*

*How the submission effectively demonstrates a focused and ordered discussion, a developed and concluded discussion of ideas and establishment and maintenance of a controlling idea

7. Matters of convention*

*Consideration of correctness of mechanics (i.e. spelling, punctuation, capitalisation, etc); grammar

8. Matters of choice*

*The judge will consider the extent to which the writing exhibits effective control of tone (i.e. total impression of stylistic control), diction (i.e. imagery, idiomatic expression, etc) and syntax (i.e. parallelism, balance, inversion, sentence length)

Poetry

Judges will look for poems which exemplify one or more of the following:

1. The poet knows and cares about the topic of the poem
2. The poet evokes response in the reader, appealing to emotions and/or intellect
3. The form and content of the poem complement one another
4. The poet uses language precisely and economically,
5. The poet maintains a consistent voice