

SciFiNow and Tor launch War of the Words competition

SciFiNow and Tor UK announce competition to offer a new Sci-fi writer a book publishing contract

Leading consumer specialist magazine *SciFiNow* and highly regarded SF imprint Tor UK have teamed up to launch a new competition, War Of The Words, in a bid to find the UK's best new SF writer. The partnership will be announced to readers in *SciFiNow* issue 28, on sale 13 May.



Both *SciFiNow* and Tor UK are committed to celebrating the best in science fiction and fantasy literature and discovering emerging talent in the genre. Writers will be encouraged to submit a full synopsis along with the first three chapters by 20 August. The judging panel will be comprised of members of *SciFiNow* magazine and Tor teams, and a shortlist of six entries will be announced before the overall winner is revealed in *SciFiNow* issue 35, on sale 25 November 2009.

Top Macmillan and Tor authors will offer advice and tips to competitors in exclusive interviews. The *SciFiNow* website will also host regularly updated author content, including podcast interviews and video clips, as well as Q&A opportunities for aspiring writers. After the winner is announced, *SciFiNow* will continue to follow the publishing process with interviews with the winning author and extracts in the magazine, plus a winner's blog on www.scifinow.co.uk. The finished book will be published by Tor UK in 2010.

Julie Crisp, Senior Commissioning Editor at Tor UK, commented: "At Tor UK we're dedicated to finding, growing and nurturing new talent. We're very excited to be working in partnership with one of the leading specialist magazines to find a new science fiction or fantasy writer to join authors such as Neal Asher and Alan Campbell on our list."

Aaron Asadi, Editor in Chief of *SciFiNow*, added: "We're delighted to be working with Tor UK on such a fantastic competition. *SciFiNow* has always prided itself on championing the very best in sci-fi and War Of The Words exemplifies that."

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