

Dragon's Pen

ANTHOLOGY 2026



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Theme

What would you choose to be in another life? Our book begins with a group of friends gathered for dinner, diving into this intriguing question. Your submission should explore the journey of one dinner guest, either in story form, as a poem, in any type of short-form writing, or as an illustration.

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Cover Design

Want to design the book's cover? Submit your design mock-up by the end of December, then the Dragon's Pen members will vote for their favourite in January. Once a winner is selected, the final cover must be completed by March 31st, 2026. For technical guidelines, please contact us or visit the KDP website.

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Timeline

All submissions in:
December 31st, 2025
Final vote on the cover design:
January 31st, 2026
Formatting, editing, & final cover design:
March 31st, 2026
Release date:
May 5th, 2026

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Participation

Inclusion in the book is only open to Dragon's Pen members at this current time, but it is free for all members. Stories should be no longer than 10,000 words. Illustrations will be printed in black & white, submitted digitally, and have a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

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Submission

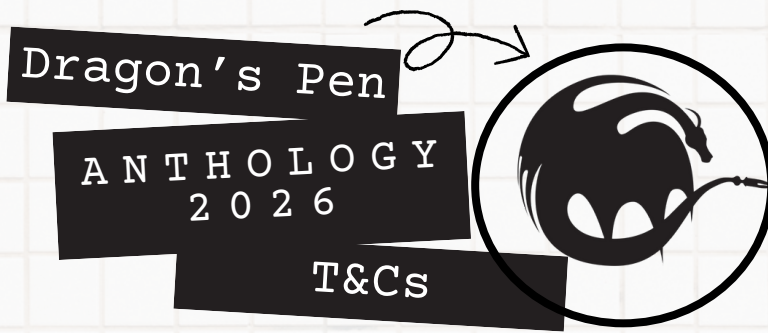
Final submissions must be sent via email to info@dragonspen.com by December 31st, 2025.

Please include a headshot and bio (including links to websites/social media etc, if you wish) with your final submission.

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Help & Support

The writing group and upcoming art group will be excellent sources of help and support, should you want it. Together, we will share and shape our ideas.



Participation:

Participation is open to Dragon's Pen members only.

Theme:

All submissions must adhere to the theme: what would you choose to be in another life?

Submission Guidelines:

- Maximum word count: 10,000 words. Poetry and flash fiction are also welcome.
- All written submissions must be in Word format (.doc/.docx).
- All illustrations and art submissions must be in jpeg or png format.
- You may submit more than one piece, but the inclusion of additional pieces in the anthology depends on the number of submissions received. Every member of the Dragon's Pen is guaranteed one accepted submission.
- Final submissions must be accompanied by a headshot and a short author bio written in the third person. Bios may include links to websites and social media profiles.

Deadline:

All submissions must be emailed to info@dragonspen.com by December 31st, 2025 at 23:59. Late submissions will not be accepted unless previously arranged.

Editing:

The editorial team reserves the right to make minor edits for grammar, spelling, and formatting. Substantive changes will be discussed with the author/artist. Contributors will have a chance to review proofing copies before publication if they wish.

Cover Design:

Any member can suggest an idea for the cover by December 31st, and Dragon's Pen members will vote for their favourite in January. Final designs must be submitted by March 31st, 2026. The book will be printed in a standard 5x8 format. [Click here for technical guidelines from KDP](#). Alternatively, speak to Debi.

Marketing:

Dragon's Pen may use quotes, excerpts, and promotional images from your story, image, or bio to market the anthology and related events. We encourage all participants to help market the book, and we will provide a media pack and social media templates nearer the time in order to support that effort.

Remuneration:

Each participating author will receive one physical copy of the anthology. All other funds raised through sales will be used to support future Dragon's Pen events.

Rights:

Authors and artists retain full rights to their work but grant Dragon's Pen permission to include the story in the anthology.

Originality:

All submissions must be the original work of the author and must not have been previously published in any form, including but not limited to online platforms, blogs, or other anthologies. The author is responsible for ensuring their submission does not infringe on any copyright or intellectual property rights.