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Call for 2014 Entries

Tips from Dinty W. Moore of *Brevity*—TW Contest Judge



Do You Like to Cut It Short?

Memoirists and essayists, here's your chance to say it all in just a few words. This year, *Talking Writing* will award the first TW Prize for Flash Nonfiction. The judge is Dinty W. Moore, editor of *Brevity Magazine*.

Length: 500 words or less.

Deadline: October 1, 2014.

Submissions: [Click here to enter today.](#) [3]

Topics: Creative nonfiction, a mini-essay, or a tiny memoir on any theme. The key is "flash." Dinty says the following

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will catch his eye:



Tight language, vivid description, strong nouns and verbs, a sense of urgency, and the voice of the author.

Award: The winner of the 2014 TW Prize for Flash Nonfiction will receive \$250 and publication in *Talking Writing*. In addition, TW editors will consider all contest entries for publication.

Judge: Dinty W. Moore is editor of [Brevity](#) [4], the online journal of flash nonfiction. A professor of nonfiction writing at Ohio University, he's the author of *The Mindful Writer: Noble Truths of the Writing Life* and a memoir, *Between Panic & Desire*.

Q: *Is there another prize category this year?*

A: Yes. You can also submit entries for the [2014 TW Prize for Writing Advice](#) [5], judged by Emily Toth ("Ms. Mentor" of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*).

Q: *Where will I find more information about TW's annual contests?*

A: Go to the [TW Contests page](#) [6] or to [Talking Writing at Submittable](#) [3].

Q: *Why does TW run writing contests every year?*

A: To spotlight wonderful digital literature and first-person journalism—and to support *Talking Writing*. TW is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by dedicated volunteer editors and board members. Your contest submissions allow them to continue publishing a very unusual digital journal. Thank you!

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