

Announcement of the National Short Story Literary Competition

"Plants Will Save Us"

Greenitaly - International Exhibition of Nursery Gardening and Landscape, in collaboration with the magazine **Leggere:tutti**, announces a National Short Story Literary Competition for unpublished works on the theme *"Plants will save us"*, dedicated to the importance of woods, trees, and urban greenery.

The cultural partner of the Prize, in keeping with the theme of the competition, is the **Labirinto della Masone**.

The award ceremony will take place in Parma on October 9, 2026, within the context of the 2nd edition of GreenItaly.

The Competition, with free participation, is open to all adults, without distinction of gender, origin, religion, or citizenship.

The Competition consists of a SINGLE SECTION:

- Unpublished short story in Italian, with a minimum length of 1 standard manuscript page (cartella) and not exceeding 3 pages. A page is defined as a sheet of 1,800 characters, including spaces.

ART. 1

1.1 Each author may submit only 1 (one) unpublished work, indicating (on a separate sheet) name, surname, date of birth, address, e-mail, telephone number, and tax code (the stories will be selected by the jury without knowing the author's name).

"Unpublished work" means never published in print or on regularly registered online journalistic mastheads, nor having won first, second, or third place in other prizes.

The author must also attach a signed declaration certifying that the submitted work is of their own creation (without AI assistance, under penalty of exclusion), unpublished, and not in the process of publication until the date of the award ceremony of the aforementioned Competition.

The competitor's data indicated in point 1.1 must be reported on a separate sheet and sent/shipped together with the sheet (or sheets) containing only the (unsigned) competing work and the declaration of authorship of the same.

1.2 The works must be submitted in digital format as a Word file. The stories must be written legibly using a 12/14 point font size and have numbered pages if they extend beyond one page.

Works sent in a different format (e.g., JPG) will be excluded.

The works will be admitted exclusively as required in point 1.1 of ART. 1.

Each work, together with the separate sheet, must be sent as an attached file to the e-mail address **premio@leggeretutti.it** with the subject: *National short story literary competition on the theme "Plants will save us"*.

The material for participation in the Competition must be sent by **July 31, 2026**.

ART. 2

2.1 Participation in the competition is free.

2.2 Summary of documentation submission:

- Unpublished participating work in anonymous form (maximum 3 pages).
- Complete sheet with the Author's data referred to in Art.1 point 1.1, which must necessarily report the title of the work and the declaration of authorship of the same.

ART. 3 – REGULATIONS

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of the regulations.

ART. 4 – JURY

The jury of the prize, whose judgment is unquestionable, will be composed of experts engaged in the field of literature. The members will be announced after the evaluation of the submitted works.

ART. 5 – PRIZES

- **First prize:** 1-night stay for 2 people in a suite at the Labirinto della Masone and 2 complimentary admission tickets to the Labyrinth.
- **Second prize:** 200 euros in recently published fiction and non-fiction books chosen from a list of dozens of titles from leading publishing houses selected as "Book of the Month" by Leggere:tutti.
- **Third prize:** 150 euros in recently published fiction and non-fiction books chosen from a list of dozens of titles from leading publishing houses selected as "Book of the Month" by Leggere:tutti.

For the first 50 stories selected by the jury, inclusion in an Anthology that will open with the stories of the top three classified authors, published and promoted by the monthly magazine Leggere:tutti.

ART. 6 – AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will take place at Fiere di Parma on October 9, 2026, at 12:00 PM with free access for 2 people to GreenItaly.

ART. 7 – FINALIST WORKS AND ANTHOLOGY

The winning and finalist works, 50 in total (after being reviewed by editors), will be published in the Anthology published by GreenItaly and Leggere:tutti, with an ISBN code and a cover price of 16.00 euros. A copy of the Anthology will be given free of charge to the authors attending the award ceremony.

The Anthology will have great visibility and will be present at all the fairs and book events in which Leggere:tutti will participate. Among others: Più libri più liberi in Rome, International Book Fair in Turin, GreenItaly at Fiere di Parma.

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