

2010 President's Competition

Snow

Nothing so transforms a landscape. Or indeed a story.

Where would the opening of *Dr Zhivago* be without that wonderful balalaika-accompanied sweep across the snow covered steppes of Russia? Or the time the travellers slide back the doors of their railway truck to reveal a huge ice window completely covering the exit.



Then there is that moment in the film version of *The Chronicles of Narnia* when the children burst through the wardrobe into a snowy forest complete with Victorian street lamp.

And one of the most memorable chapters in *The Wind in the Willows* is the one in which Mole and Ratty are trying to find their way through a blizzard in the Wild Wood. All seems lost until they stumble upon on a shoe-scraper buried in the snow which leads to a door which in turn leads to a good meal and roaring fire in the security of Badger's den.

Snow is magic.

For this competition you are invited to write a 1000 word short story in which snow plays a major role.

And thanks to my brilliant timing you can all write from experience!

Rules:



- The story must be no more than 1000 words long.
- Snow must play a central part in the story.
- Each entry should bear a suitably awful pseudonym.
- The author's name must not accompany the entry.
Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee of £2.50.
- Closing date 10th February 2010. Entries can be handed in at the VWC meeting on this date or posted to me to arrive by the closing date. My name & address:
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Adjudication: March 10th 2010. Good Luck!