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CONDITIONS AND RULES

THE 2008 PETER POOK HUMOROUS NOVEL COMPETITION

*(To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the birth of Peter Pook on 25 April 1918
and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of his death on 8 September 1978)*

Closing Date for Entries: 30 June, 2008

1. The competition to find a new humorous novelist will be open to all adult, unpublished novelists, with the exception of staff, and relatives of staff, employed directly or indirectly by Emissary Publishing.
2. Entry is FREE and entry forms are available from Emissary Publishing or can be downloaded from www.peterpook.com and must be received no later than 30 June, 2008.
3. You will need a copy of *“Going Through The Motions”* by Lesley Bown, which you may beg (from a friend!), borrow (from the library!), order (through any good bookseller) or buy (direct from **Emissary Publishing** at the reduced price of **£6.50**, post free—for Competition Entrants only). Special Competition Book Order Form enclosed if you wish to purchase your own copy.
4. All entry forms must be accompanied by a synopsis (maximum five pages) and first chapter/chapters (maximum 5000 words) of a humorous novel, and must be original, unpublished material. It must not be on offer elsewhere, nor offered for any other competition or award, until after the prizewinner has been announced, not later than 8 September 2008.
5. The novel, which should be between 50,000-55,000 words long, should not contain scenes of explicit sexual behaviour or gratuitous violence. We are looking for family style humour for adults.
6. The judges’ decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. No scripts will be returned unless accompanied by a suitable, stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you would like your script acknowledged, please enclose a suitably worded, stamped, self-addressed **postcard**. Whilst every care will be taken with your entry, no responsibility can be accepted for any loss or damage which may occur whilst it is in our possession, or in transit. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery. **MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A COPY.**

8.
 - (a) Only one entry per person.
 - (b) Entries should be made on an Official Entry Form (photocopies accepted).
 - (c) Entries by fax or email cannot be accepted.
 - (d) Synopsis and Novel Chapter should be typed, double-spaced, on one side only of white A4 paper. Margins should be 30mm or 1.5" all round.
 - (e) All entries should have the author's name, address, and a contact telephone number in the top right hand corner of the first page of both the synopsis and the novel.
 - (f) The novel title and author's name (or pseudonym if applicable), should also be on the first page.
 - (g) Pages should be numbered consecutively from page 1 to the end: do not begin each new chapter with page 1.

9. Copyright remains vested in the author.

10. Emissary Publishing reserve the right to publish and publicise the name of the winning author and their manuscript, or to withhold the prize in the event that the necessary requirements are not met.

11. Do not write or phone for further clarification of our requirements, nor seek to add to your submitted entry or discuss any aspect of its progress. Anyone doing so will be automatically disqualified. Everything you need to know is contained in the Rules and Entry Form.