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About SciFanSat

The e-Zine

SciFanSat publishes on the last Saturday of every month, the writing prompt for the upcoming issue is revealed in the current issue, the Author Email and on [X | SciFanSat](#) and other social media. While SciFanSat has moved away from X, you can still find periodic updates and reminders there.

Origins

SciFanSat began as a writing prompt on Twitter (now X) curated and overseen by Jason H. Abbott. After the social media giant Twitter had an ownership change Jason began seeing his beloved writing community shattering from the mass exodus, so he started looking for ways to move the community to something more stable, which prompted an **epic duo team up** with his wife, Kim! The infrastructure of SciFanSat is managed by Kim who codes/designs the SciFanSat/Blue Boar Press Publications and creates and manages the **SciFanSat** and **Blue Boar Press** websites.

Made by Community

SciFanSat is a magazine featuring Community Authors who submit their time and work to the publication, without our Community this publication wouldn't exist, and we are so humbled and thankful to those that make it possible to bring SciFanSat into the world every month.

Where is SciFanSat Headed?

SciFanSat is headed where our authors are going, meaning, we will change and grow as our Community does. Already the publication has seen a lot of change and growth! We want to recognize Community Authors, and any growth we make will always be in that direction.



"Otherworld" by Jason H. Abbott

Submission Guidelines

Manuscript

Manuscripts should include a heading with your name and optionally your preferred pronouns, email address, the writing category you're submitting to, and the number of words.

Please include the title of your piece along with your author name. The entire manuscript should be double spaced, have 1 inch margins, be typed in 12pt Times New Roman or similar, with a .25 paragraph indent (the indent may be omitted from Poetry). You may include the traditional "END" at the conclusion of your piece, this will be omitted from the publication.

Please indicate scene breaks with ***. If you write with emphasis, underlines, and/or other formatting options please format your piece as you would like it to be.

1. Heading

Line 1: Your author name and (optional) preferred pronouns

Line 2: Email address

Line 3: Writing Category

Line 4: Number of words

2. Manuscript

Line 1: Title

Line 2: Author Name

Line 3 and Beyond: Your lovely writing

 Bartleby B. Boar (he/him)
bartleby.b.boar@blueboarpress.com
Flash Fiction
350 words

 **Boars in Space**
Bartleby B. Boar

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Example of Heading and Manuscript

Submission Guidelines

Naming Convention



Boar SFS-Issue-
28-BIS-Flash.docx

Please name your files with the following convention:

[Last Name] SFS-Issue-[#]-[Title Abbreviation]-[Category].doc type

For example, Bartleby B. Boar is submitting a Flash Fiction called *Boars in Space* to SciFanSat Issue 28, his word document would be saved as:

Boar SFS-Issue-28-BIS-Flash.docx

SciFanSat Submission Categories

Poetry: Up to 500 words

Micro Fiction: Up to 100 words

Flash Fiction: 101 to 1000 words

Short Story: 1001 to 7500 words

Non-Fiction Submission Word Count Limits

Open Letters: Up to 1000 words

Announcements: Up to 500 words

Author Bio: Up to 500 words

Accepted File Types

The SciFanSat submission web form accepts the following file types:

.doc; .docx; .txt; .odt.; png; .jpg; .jpeg;

All About Bartleby, Nomination, & Award

Who is Bartleby?

Bartleby is a member of the Blue Boar Press/SciFanSat Communications team, and also has the distinction of being the Blue Boar Press Mascot! Bartleby is proud of his mascot status and can be heard mumbling on occasion in the office, "if not me, then who?".



Bartleby B. Boar

The Bartleby B. Boar Nomination

Who was the best author this month in SciFanSat? SciFanSat Alumni are eligible to choose 11 Bartleby B. Boar Nominees throughout a given year, this is done through the monthly Peer Review, the chosen Nominee will receive recognition in the Author Email and Certificate of Nomination. To learn more about the **Peer Review** please visit the **SciFanSat Right to Publish Agreement**.

Bartleby B. Boar Award

All of the pieces nominated for the Bartleby B. Boar Award throughout the year will be republished in the December Issue where you and your work will have the chance to earn the Bartleby B. Boar Award through a final Peer Review. This is a true distinction! To find out more about the **Bartleby B. Boar Award**, please visit the **SciFanSat Right to Publish Agreement**.

SciFanSat Right to Publish Agreement

Effective 04/27/2024

Right to Publish

As the Author of the work submitted for publication in Science Fiction & Fantasy Saturday (SciFanSat) you retain all rights to the work but grant Blue Boar Press (SciFanSat is an imprint of Blue Boar Press) a license to include that work:

1. In the publication for which you submit
2. In the December issue, if you have earned the Bartleby B. Boar nomination (along with the other Bartleby B. Boar nominees) for your submission year

for the life of the publication(s), offered for worldwide distribution in the form of an .epub, pdf, and a web view-able version at no cost, and without monetary compensation to the author.

The submitting author has the right to republish the work immediately, please be aware that if your submission is chosen to appear in SciFanSat some publishers may consider that inclusion a "first publication", if this is a concern for you, please seek the advice of your publisher.

Submission and Publication

By submitting written work/artwork you certify that you have full rights to the submitted material. Blue Boar Press is unable to accept fan fiction or other materials that include copyrighted aspects held by other properties outside of "fair use", such as satire or parody.

Blue Boar Press reserves the right to exclude any submission entered for our consideration.

To be considered, submissions need to be:

1. On topic and in the broad genre of speculative fiction (science fiction, fantasy, horror, and their related subgenres) - For pieces under 100 words the topic can be as simple as including the prompted word
2. Pieces longer than 100 words need the prompt to be central to the theme
3. Written in English
4. Checked for spelling and grammar

Please note that Blue Boar Press will provide light editing, if there are changes beyond punctuation/spelling or are numerous, these will be confirmed with you prior to publication.

How we use your information

When you submit a work for SciFanSat you have the option to provide certain information to Blue Boar Press, which will be used only for the issue/writing prompt you submit for. These include:

1. Your name (or pen name)
2. Email address
3. A Social Link so readers can easily find you
4. Book cover, advertising, or artwork
5. Any written work in your submission.

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Your name as supplied will be used for a vote by your peers (Peer Review) for a chance to win the Bartleby B. Boar Nomination.

Your email will be used to send you the SciFanSat Author email to announce the arrival of the issue you've submitted to. If you are chosen as the Bartleby B. Boar Nominee or earn the Bartleby B. Boar Award we will contact you by email for the address we should mail the certificate (nominee) or engraved award (Bartleby B. Boar Award) to, you may opt out of a physical prize. If you would prefer to receive your Nomination through email we can send the file to you instead, this method won't work for the Award.

Storing of the Work

If your work is chosen to appear in SciFanSat it will be stored on disk in the form of project files for the publication and kept as backup in case it needs re-uploaded for any reason. It will also be made available/stored on SciFanSat in an .epub viewer (The **E-Zine Viewer 2000**), and made available for download as an .epub and a .pdf.

The Peer Review

Through the Peer Review, submitting authors have the chance to receive the Bartleby B. Boar Nomination for that issue. The Peer Review is only for past or current authors of SciFanSat (peers), sharing the Peer Review link to others is prohibited. If votes have been identified as coming from outside sources, Blue Boar Press reserves the right, at our discretion, to impose the following restrictions:

- Not count the fraudulent votes
- Exclude the author from future polls
- Exclude the author from future publication in SciFanSat

If you are a SciFanSat Alumni you may **sign up to receive** the monthly SciFanSat Author Email which announces the stats for the current issue, news and information about SciFanSat, the new Peer Review link, next issue prompt reveal, and the current Bartleby B. Boar Award Nominee.

The Bartleby B. Boar Nominations and Award

Submitting authors who earn a Bartleby B. Boar Nomination (by Peer Review) will have their submission reappear in the December SciFanSat issue along with the other Nomination earners from January to November of the given year. There will be a final vote by your peers for the December issue for the chance to earn the prestigious Bartleby B. Boar Award, if you earn the Bartleby B. Boar Award please be aware there will be a delay in shipping due to the item being made and engraved. Please note that an individual author is ineligible to receive more than one Bartleby B. Boar Nomination in a year, but will still be included in the Peer Review to gain feedback on their writing.