

David Rattray memorial fiction prize

We've teamed up with AXA PPP Healthcare and the Lygon Group for the 2009 essay competition in memory of David Rattray.

The Daily Telegraph is proud to again support the annual essay writing competition for 18-24 year-olds, set-up to honour historian David Rattray.

David was the self-taught, internationally renowned expert on the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879, who was sadly murdered in 2007. He ran the Fugitives' Drift Lodge with his wife Nicky,

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near Rorke's Drift located in Kwa Zulu Natal.

Learning directly from the descendants of Zulu warriors who fought in the war, David dedicated his life to educating visitors to his lodge on the war and taking them to battlefield sites. As a result, he was instrumental in putting these remote battlefields on the tourist map.

The winner of the competition will enjoy a two-night stay at Fugitive's Drift, visit selected battlefields of the Anglo-Zulu wars and also receive £2,000. Plus, there are also two runners-up prizes of £1,000. The winning essay will also be read by Maggie Phillips, one of the senior executives at the Ed Victor Ltd agency, providing exposure of the winner's skills to the publishing world.

How to enter

To enter, you need to write an essay of between 1,000 and 1,400 words, it should be a work of fiction entitled, 'Reconciliation'.

Entries will be judged by a prestigious judging panel. This comprises: Graham Boynton, Daily Telegraph; Lord Hurd, author and former UK Foreign Secretary; Lucia van der Post, author; Francine Stock, author and broadcaster; Pumeza Matshikiza, opera singer; Nicky Rattray, David's widow.

Essays need to be sent in Word format to rattray@lme.com or, post five A4 copies to: **David Rattray Memorial Competition, 56 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2DX** to be received by June 1, 2009.



Terms and conditions 1. By entering this competition, you accept and agree to these terms and conditions, without reservation. 2. Details in this promotion advertisement form part of these terms and conditions. 3. Entry is open to UK residents only aged between 18 and 24 years-old, inclusive, on June 1, 2009. 4. Entrants must submit five A4 copies of their essay via the advertised postal address or by sending a Microsoft Word file by email to rattray@lme.com. Entrants must include their name, address and telephone number. 5. Essays must be received by midnight on Monday, June 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by July 31, 2009. 6. Late, illegible, incomplete or defaced entries or that otherwise contravene these terms and conditions shall not be accepted. 7. All entries shall remain the property of Telegraph Media Group Limited will not be returned. Essays must be between 1,000 and 1,400 words long and entitled, 'Reconciliation', They should be works of fiction. 8. All essays submitted must be in English, must be the work of the entrant submitting them and must not have been published elsewhere. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that their essays do not infringe the intellectual property, privacy or any other rights of any third party, and do not contain anything which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, indecent, harassing or threatening. Submitted essays must not have won a prize in any other competition. 9. Entrants' essays must be certified as the entrant's own, unaided work by a teacher, employer or other professional person, which shortlisted entrants will be required to produce upon request by the judges. 10. Copyright in all entries submitted for this competition remains with the respective entrants. However, in consideration of their providing the Competition, Telegraph Media Group Limited reserves the right to feature any or all of the submitted entries in any of its publications, on its website www.telegraph.co.uk, in any promotional material without payment to the entrant. The individuals responsible for any essays so featured will be fully credited. 11. 12 essays shall be shortlisted, from which the winner and two runners-up will be chosen. Shortlisted entrants shall be notified by July 10, 2009. 12. Essays will be judged on the quality of the writing. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into. 13. The winning entrant shall receive £2,000 and a two night trip to Fugitive's Drift, Kwa Zulu, Natal, South Africa. The trip is on a full-board basis and includes return flights from London Heathrow to either Durban or Johannesburg, transport to and from Fugitive's Drift, full-board accommodation and visits to selected battlefields of the Anglo-Zulu Wars. The prize does not include travel insurance, personal expenditure or incidental costs other than those mentioned. It is the responsibility of the winner to ensure they have a valid passport and obtain any necessary visas and vaccinations for their trip. The two runners-up will each receive £1,000. 14. The prizes are non transferable and subject to availability. There are no cash alternatives for the South Africa element of the first prize. 15. Events may occur that render the competition itself or the awarding of the prize impossible due to reasons beyond the control of the Promoter and accordingly the Promoter may at its absolute discretion vary or amend the promotion and entrants agree that no liability shall attach to the Promoter as a result thereof. 16. The Telegraph is responsible for the first part of the competition, which is the publication and adjudication of the competition. All other facilities connected with the provision of prizes are the responsibility of the David Rattray Memorial Trust (UK). **Promoter:** Telegraph Media Group Limited, 111 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0DT.