

Avon Brook Hotel – More Details

Broad Outline

This collection was inspired by our visit to a real hotel – the “Park Hotel 1970” in Vielbrunn, Germany. The hotel is a time capsule, having remained almost completely unchanged since the 1970s. Before starting to write the story, we ask that you Google the hotel to find out more and look at photos. Your description of the hotel should match the photos so that all stories are consistent.

Remember “Sonder”

“Sonder” is the recognition that everyone you see or meet has their own story in which they play the central role. Therefore, your story should have one central character. You can have as many other characters as you like, but just one lead character – it is their story that you are telling. Your character can be a hotel guest (or couple of guests), or a member of staff. Imagine that you are sitting in a hotel lounge, looking around at the guests and staff... what is their story?

Genre

Your story can be *any* genre as long as it is about one central character, and set in the Avon Brook Hotel during the 1970s.

About the Avon Brook Hotel

This is a (fictional) boutique hotel that opened in 1970. The décor was the ultimate in “modern” style – garish colours, geometric patterns, designer fabrics etc, effortlessly coupling luxury and fashion. Please try to bring this to life in your stories – there are some photos overleaf, and lots more on the internet (Google “Park Hotel 1970 Germany”). There are no old-fashioned touches of class here – this is all 1970s chic. It is a modern, purpose-built building. *The hotel should be treated as a character in your story.*

The hotel is set in the countryside, specifically in the Cotswolds, although no specific town or area should be mentioned.

The hotel customers are not upper class people, but will be reasonable well-off as this is a very fashionable hotel. They will probably be younger (though not essential), although the hotel probably attracts middle aged salesmen, and older couples who might find more established hotels “stuffy”.

By 1980 – the latest your story can be set – the décor has become hopelessly unfashionable and this may be reflected in your guests reaction. Ten years after opening, the hotel looks tired and the décor outdated against the incoming styles and colours of the 80s.

Remember the Decade

The story must be set between 1970 and 1980 and this should be reflected in your description and narrative. The objective is to evoke nostalgia in readers old enough to remember the seventies and paint a vivid picture for those who don't.

Story Specifics

- You should use the template provided and follow the style shown. If you cannot use Microsoft Word you can use other software but please try to lay the text out as it will appear on the page of the book.
- Do not use double spacing
- The story should be 3000 – 6000 words
- Your story must be entirely fictional

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Deadline

The deadline for this book is 31st March 2026. Release date is May 1st 2026. Please contact us if this is an issue for you.

Submission

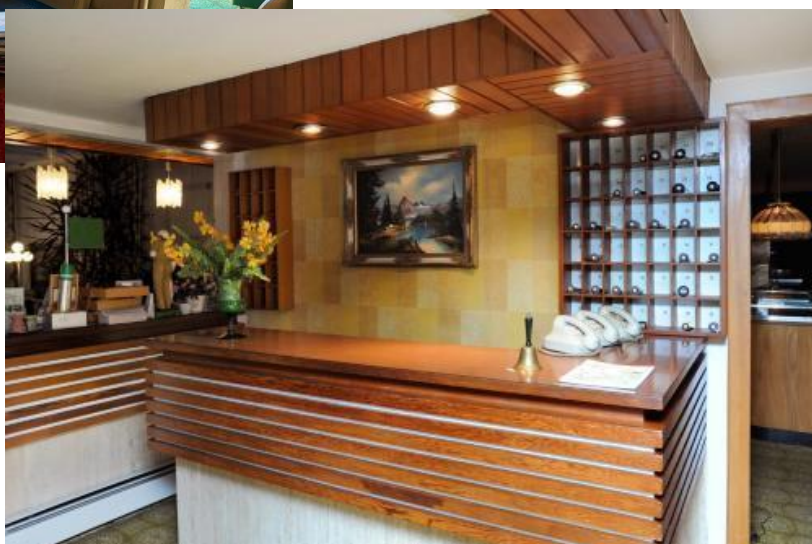
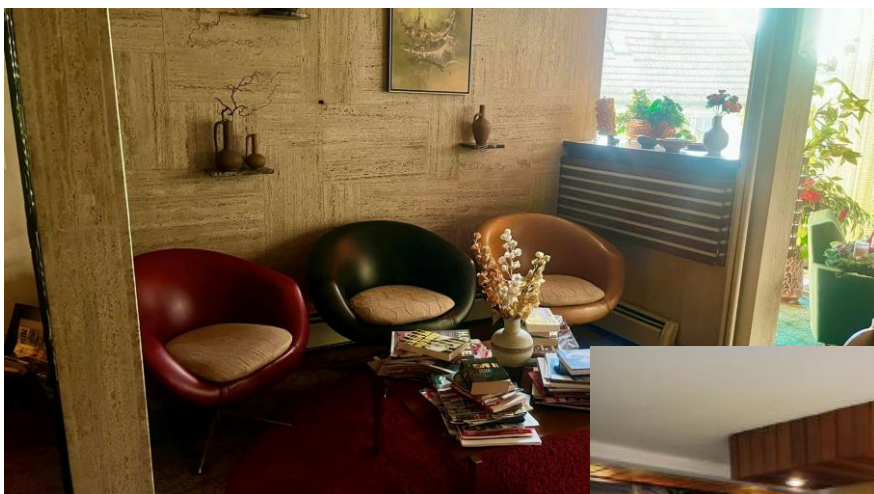
Please send your story as a Word document (unless otherwise agreed) to Ruth and Tim on hello@sonderbooks.co.uk along with your author submission form.

Photos

Exterior:



Reception



Evening Lounge



Day Lounge (s)



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Breakfast Room



Banquet Table



Restaurant



Staircase



Bar



Suite

