



A Cornucopia of Curious Tales– More Details

Broad Outline

This is an anthology of stories with a twist, or a slightly fantastical theme. We are thinking of Roal Dahl's "Tales of the Unexpected" or TV series like "Inside Number 9" or "Black Mirror". There will be further volumes, so your story could be the first of several instalments if you choose.

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.

Story Ideas

We are looking for self-contained stories, often with a dark, comedic tone and an unexpected twist ending. Your stories may be fantasy, science-fiction, horror or they may be set firmly in the real world. It's up to you – as long as there's a twist, or an unusual or thought-provoking story.

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

Deadline

The deadline for this book is 30th November 2025. This will enable us to get the book ready in time for Christmas purchases. 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.