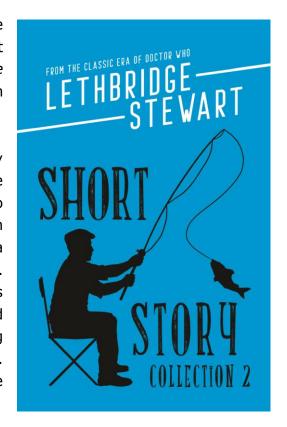


## CANDY JAR BOOKS ANNOUNCES LETHBRIDGE-STEWART SHORT STORY COLLECTION WINNER!

Candy Jar Books is pleased to announce the winner of the Lethbridge-Stewart Short Story Competition. The winning story, *Gone Fishin'*, is written by Megan Fizell from Maine, USA.

Shaun Russell, head of publishing at Candy Jar, says: "All the stories this year have been outstanding and we would like to thank all those that entered, but there can be only one winner. Megan has written a wonderful story that took us all by surprise. Her instinct for characterisation is refreshingly different. In particular, we liked the way she portrayed the burgeoning friendship of the Brig, Sally, Anne and Bill. We look forward to working with her in the future."



Andy Frankham-Allen, range editor of Lethbridge-Stewart says: "This year the level of entries was particularly high, both in number and quality. And, although these stories are not part of the *Lethbridge-Stewart* canon, the entrants didn't let that stop them exploring their imaginations! Shaun and I split the entries in half; he picked five finalists and I picked four. Our two top picks then went to Keren Williams, so she could pick the winner of the two. I'm delighted that Keren picked Megan's story, as it's a touching little tale and it's always nice to have another female voice brought to the *Lethbridge-Stewart* range. Which, of course, Megan will as part of her prize for winning the competition."

Megan Fizell says: "The inspiration for *Gone Fishin'* came as much from Thoreau – 'simplify, simplify' – as it did from the desire to give some of the HAVOC crew a well-deserved break. I'm pleased the premise worked as well as it did."



The book also features eight other exclusive short stories featuring Lethbridge-Stewart at various stages in his life. This is a chance for fans to see the Brigadier like they've never seen him before!

The eight stories are:

Day Trip by Alan Darlington
Marooned at Teatime by Ryan Fogarty
Give Me Five Minutes by Mike Warrick
The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea by James Connarty
The Eye of the Beholder by Gary J Mack
Summertime Blue by Alexander Whittam
The Mystery of the Locked Room by Beau Waddell
Nightmare at Lavender Lawns by Bedwyr Gullidge
Gone Fishin' by Megan Fizell

The idea for the Lethbridge-Stewart Short Story Competition came from the company's commitment to shedding light on fresh writing talent. Since 2015 the Lethbridge-Stewart novels have championed previously unknown authors such as Tim Gambrell and Harry Draper, alongside famous writing names in the Doctor Who universe including John Peel, Nick Walters, Simon A Forward and David A McIntee.