

CriminOlly presents:

Garbology: The GarbAugust Anthology of Awesome Trash!

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How to Submit:

Send a PDF of your story to **garbology2024@gmail.com** before December 31, 2023. Make sure your contact information is included on the manuscript itself. One entry per writer, please.

Stories should be under 5,000 words, in standard manuscript format (1-inch margins, 12-point font, double-spaced), and previously unpublished. **Please include a word count on the manuscript or in the body of your cover email.**

Submissions can be in pretty much any category we all might consider a bit trashy, including:

- Smut is in the air — sex and romance
- Shape-shiftn' love-makin — shifter sex and romance
- Manly men doing manly things — men's adventure, western shenanigans, war
- Horror cheese — creepy kids, killer animals, mutants and monsters
- Watch the skies (and your neighbors) — alien invaders, post-apocalypse
- That's no mad woman in the attic, that's my first wife — gothic romance
- Etc. — the polluted, blackened sky's the limit (almost!)

A few caveats:

- No blatant pornography, including torture porn
- No fan fiction or adaptations (unless the source material is public domain)
- Selected writers will need to sign a release indicating they are the sole and true owner of the material submitted
- We reserve the right to cancel the project as circumstances demand — if we don't receive enough qualified submissions, or publishing costs change significantly, etc.

By submitting, you:

- Indicate a level of understanding of “trash” (as the term applies to GarbAugust)
- Accept that your submission is a bit “trashy” (as the term applies to GarbAugust)
- Agree to one-time, non-exclusive use by Tough Times Publishing

Judging criteria — we’re looking for entries that are:

- Fun to read
- Competently written (remember to spellcheck and proofread, that sort of thing)
- Of interest to fans of GarbAugust

Note:

We will begin accepting submissions for cover and interstitial art on March 3, 2024

Compensation:

Each selected writer will receive an e-book and two paperback copies of the finished product, with the opportunity to purchase additional paperbacks at cost + shipping

Timeline:

- August 1 – December 31, 2023: submissions accepted
- January 1 – February 29, 2024: reading
- March 1 – March 31, 2024: choices finalized and agreements signed
- March 3 – May 30, 2024: art submissions accepted
 - Title revision, if any, and section titles announced March 3, 2024
- April 1 – June 30, 2024: editing and formatting
- July 1 – July 31, 2024: final proof of galleys
- August 2024: publication!

FAQ:

Can stories be submitted elsewhere if they’re selected for the anthology?

- Yes! Authors retain all rights to their material. We ask only that stories haven’t been published elsewhere prior to submitting to us and that you let us know if they’re accepted elsewhere before we publish.

Is the 5,000-word limit firm or just a guideline?

- It’s a firm limit. If we were just doing an e-book, it wouldn’t really matter. But since we’re planning a paperback edition as well, space is a factor. We want to include as many writers as possible!