



# Bulgarian Creative Writing Competition



## BCWC 2016 IN NUMBERS

182 registered schools

4054 works submitted

75 volunteer judges



"I'm truly sorry you and I were born rational thinkers instead of careless individuals, ice-cold to their surroundings. I'm sorry I was born a thinker in an unthinking world. I'm sorry I care. And I'm so sorry that I can't offer you a less dangerous solution."

"I'm heading for the unknown future.  
The Past is nowhere I'd rather be.  
I'm the Present's wretched creature.  
Love, are you coming with me?"

"Then, I finally went back to my room and took my phone. The picture was still there but it was not a stranger anymore. It was me. With all those flaws and imperfections that disgusted me an hour ago. But now, I seemed to like what I see. It was like all those imperfections made me look real. And for the second time today, I understood everything. I'd found what I had been searching for a long time. Myself. "

"Hello tree! Bzzt! I'm freezing! And you...Why are you naked in weather like this? Where are all your leaves?! And the birds?! You must be lonely. And cold. Here, take my jacket. I'll get another one. Do you mind if I get some branches for my snowman? I'll be careful, I promise!"

"Time is a human concept, my dear. See...close your eyes now. Visualize the lake, the air filled with calmness, the water gently pressing itself onto the shore creating phenomenal shapes that we used to refer to as the "baba-dabas". Can you see us both sitting on that big old rock over there? I can indeed; I can even hear our chattering filling the air. Open your eyes now. Did you feel that?"

## Bulgarian Creative Writing Competition Finalists 2016

**6th grade:** Yoana Dulova (Plovdiv), Lilian Terzieva (Yambol), Mihaela Spasova (Yambol)

**7th grade:** Evgeni Dzhurkov (Kazanlak), Hristo Belyov (Plovdiv), Zhenya Marcheva (Silistra)

**8th grade:** Vyara Trifonova (Plovdiv), Bogomila Veleva (Blagoevgrad), Presiyan Dimitrov (Yambol)

**9th grade:** Alexandara Parvanova (Ruse), Stanislava Stefanova (Petrich), Nikola Tsonchev (Shumen)

**10th grade:** Mariya Luizova (Aytoş), Anton Dimitrov (Burgas), Silviya Nikolova (Varna)

**11th grade:** Yoan Dimov (Stara Zagora), Alexandra Stefanova (Ruse), Mariya Tsakova (Pravets)

**12th grade:** Slavena Simeonova (Stara Zagora), Hristo Penkov (Pirdop), Nora Nedkova (Kubrat)

**Special awards: 3-week summer educational camp (awarded by AUBG) - Bogomila Veleva**

**1-week summer educational camp (awarded by CORPluS Foundation) – Yoan Dimov, Nikola Tsonchev**

**100 \$ check (awarded by Cynthia Phoel) - Mariya Tsakova**

You can read this year's winning works at: <http://www.creativewriting-bg.com/assets/booklet.pdf>



### The Award Ceremony

On March 19th we celebrated the achievements of this year's winners and their teachers at the American University in Blagoevgrad. All participants had the opportunity to visit the university campus and afterwards took part in a workshop facilitated by Dannie Chalk – an English Literature professor at AUBG. The official ceremony began with the entertaining performances by the Broadway Performance Club and the students from St. Kliment Ohridski High School. Afterwards, the winning works were presented and all students were awarded for their exceptional creativity. Their teachers received special prizes in appreciation of the hard work and dedication to the project.



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Registration for the next school year will start in October 2016.