



BESSIE HEAD HERITAGE TRUST

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The BESSIE HEAD HERITAGE TRUST, together with Pentagon Publishers, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 BESSIE HEAD LITERATURE AWARDS.

In the category of NOVEL, the winner is Ms. **Tshetsana Senau** for her manuscript *Travelling to the Sun: The Diary of Ruth*. The first runner-up is Mr. **Patrick Melusi Mtunzie** for *The Calabash of Life in the Diaspora*, and the second runner-up is Mr. **Wazha Lopang** for *If Mother Only Knew*. The winner will receive a cash prize of P2,500.00; the runners-up will receive a set of books donated by Exclusive Books and by Pentagon Publishers.

In the SHORT STORY category, the winner is Mr. **Legodile Seganabeng** for a story entitled "The Moon Has Eyes". The first runner-up is Ms. **Atang Mogome** for her story "The Evil Messenger of God"; the second runner-up is Ms. **Jelena Ivancevic** for "The Rise and the Fall in All of Us". The prize for the short story winner is P1,250.00, and again the runners-up will each receive a set of books.

The CHILDREN'S STORY winner is Ms. **Jenny Robson** for "The Right Time". The first runner-up is Mrs. **Reshoketjoe Lilford** for the story "The Christmas Dress". The second runner-up is Ms. **Dabilo Malebogo Mokobi** for her story "Grampi". The children's story prize is P1,250.00, with sets of books to go to the runners-up.

On Saturday, 26 June 2010, the BESSIE HEAD HERITAGE TRUST will award the above prizes in the National Museum in Gaborone, in a ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The event will include readings by the winners and runners-up, a reading from Bessie Head's work by a local writer, a launch of the works of the 2009 winners in book form, and an open mike session. Pentagon Publishers will promote the titles of their BESSIE HEAD SERIES of writing in English from Botswana.

Date	26 June 2010
Time	10:30 a.m.
Venue	Little Theatre, National Museum, Gaborone
All Welcome	Free Admission

Details about next year's contest, including rules and guidelines for submitting entries, will be published soon on the Trust website at www.bessiehead.org. The results of this competition and all previous competitions are also found there.

The BESSIE HEAD LITERATURE AWARDS are sponsored by Pentagon Publishers and administered by the Bessie Head Heritage Trust. The Trust was established in June 2007 to promote the life and work of Bessie Head both here and abroad. We believe this competition is important for two reasons: (a) to help preserve Bessie Head's legacy in Botswana, since she is our country's most famous writer who has gained broad recognition overseas; and (b) to encourage the development of local literature in various genres in English. Bessie Head herself was generous with her time when students asked her for assistance and advice, and we believe that this generosity is best reflected in a vigorous effort to promote literature and reading in Botswana.

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