

2026 Speculative Fiction Market Guide

A curated list of pro, semi-pro, and token markets for short speculative fiction.

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PRO MARKETS <i>SFWA qualifying rate — \$0.08 / word or above</i>				
MARKET	RATE	WINDOW	GENRES	WEBSITE
Clarkesworld Short story · Novelette	12c/word (USD)	Open all year	Science Fiction Fantasy	clarkesworldmagazine.com
Strange Horizons Short story · Poetry	10c/word (USD)	Varied / periodic - check website	Speculative Fiction Fantasy Science Fiction	strangehorizons.com
Analog Science Fiction & Fact Short story · Novelette · Sometimes longer fiction	10c/word (USD) up to ~7,500 words; 8c/word beyond (up to around 20,000 words)	Open most of the year (check website for details)	Science Fiction (hard / science-heavy)	analogsf.com
Asimov's Science Fiction Short story · Novelette	8-10c/word (USD) for first ~7,500 words; 8c/word thereafter (up to ~20,000 words)	Open most of the year (check website)	Science Fiction	www.asimovs.com
Beneath Ceaseless Skies Short story · Novelette	8c/word (USD)	Open all year	Literary adventure fantasy	www.beneath-ceaseless-skies.com
Flash Fiction Online Flash fiction (500–1,000 words)	\$100 per story	Varied / periodic - check website	Science Fiction Fantasy Horror Slipstream	flashfictiononline.com
Escape Pod Short story	8c/word (USD)	Open all year	Science Fiction	escapepod.org
Haven Spec Short story · Flash fiction · Poetry	8c/word (USD)	Varied / periodic - check website	Science Fiction Fantasy Weird fiction	havenspec.com

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Three-Lobed Burning Eye Short story · Flash fiction	8c/word (USD)	Periodic — Jan, May & Sep windows	Horror Dark fantasy Science Fiction Weird fiction	www.3lobedmag.com
Small Wonders Flash fiction · Poetry	10c/word (USD)	Varied / periodic - check website	Fantasy Science Fiction Horror	smallwondersmag.com
Utopia Science Fiction Short story · Flash fiction · Poetry	8c/word (USD)	Open — themed windows, check website	Science Fiction	www.utopiasciencefiction.com

SEMI-PRO MARKETS *Paying markets between flash and pro rates*

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The Dark Magazine Short story (2,000–6,000 words)	5c/word (USD)	Open all year	Horror Dark Fantasy	www.thedarkmagazine.com
Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet Short story · Poetry · Non- fiction	3c/word (USD), \$25 min; \$10/poem	Varied / periodic — check website	Speculative Fiction Literary Fiction	smallbeerpress.com/lcrw
Seize the Press Flash fiction · Short story · Novelette (up to 10,000 words)	3p/word (GBP)	Open all year	Dark Speculative Fiction Bleak Sci-Fi Dark Fantasy Horror Weird Fiction	www.seizethepress.com
Interzone Short story · Novelette (2,000–17,500 words)	1.5¢/word (EUR)	Open all year	Science Fiction Fantasy Horror Fantastika	interzone.press
Intrepidus Ink Flash fiction (300–1,000 words) · Short story (1,500–2,500 words)	2c/word (flash); \$30 flat (short story)	Varied / periodic — check website	Speculative Fiction Science Fiction Fantasy Magical Realism Adventure	intrepidusink.com
Radon Journal Flash fiction · Short story (up to 5,000 words) · Poetry	2.5c/word (USD), \$15 min; \$25/poem	Varied / periodic — check website	Science Fiction Anarchist Fiction Transhumanism Dystopia	www.radonjournal.com

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Troll Breath Short story (up to 7,500 words) · Poetry	4c/word (USD)	Open — closed Nov & Dec	Science Fiction Fantasy Horror Fabulism Slipstream Hopepunk Surrealism	magazine.trollbreath.com
Foofaraw Short story (250–7,500 words) · Novelette (7,500–17,000 words) · Poetry · Op-ed / Satire	2c/word up to \$50 (fiction); \$1/line up to \$25 (poetry)	Quarterly + rolling novelette/op-ed windows	Magical Realism Speculative Fiction Sci-Fi Fantasy Horror Mystery Noir Surrealist / Absurdist	foofaraw.press
Waxen Short story (up to 5,000 words)	\$50 flat + contributor copy	Quarterly — Mar, Jun, Sep & Dec 15	Weird Fiction Experimental Horror Literary Horror	www.waxen.org
Body Shots Short story (preferred 5,000–7,500 words)	\$35–\$150 (based on word count)	Varied / periodic — check website	All genres — horror, sci-fi, slipstream, weird fiction, crime, surrealism & more	subtlebodypress.com/bodyshotsguidelines

TOKEN MARKETS *Flat fees and smaller honoraria*

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Electric Spec Short story (250–7,000 words)	\$20 flat	Quarterly — closes Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct 15	Science Fiction Fantasy Macabre	www.electricspec.com
Allegory Short story (500–5,000 words sweet spot)	\$15 flat	Bi-annual — May–Jun & Nov–Dec	Science Fiction Fantasy Horror	www.allegoryzine.com
Black Cat Weekly Short story (1,500–15,000 words)	1c/word (\$5 min, \$50 max)	Open all year	Mystery Science Fiction Fantasy Adventure	blackcatweekly.com
The Colored Lens Flash fiction · Short story (500–10,000 words) · Novella (up to 20,000 words, serialised)	\$20 (short story); \$10 (flash)	Quarterly — check website	Speculative Fiction Alternate History Fantasy Science Fiction Dark Fantasy	thecoloredlens.com

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The Fantastic Other Flash fiction (up to 1,000 words) · Short story (up to 3,500 words) · Poetry	\$5 flat	Quarterly — check website	Fantasy Science Fiction Paranormal Surrealist Fabulist Magical Realism	fantasticother.com
Mystic Mind Magazine Short story (up to 5,000 words) · Comics (2 pages)	\$5 flat	Open all year	Science Fiction Fantasy (modern pulp, PG-13)	kirincomicscontact.wixsite.com/my-site/about-1
Amazing Stories Short story (2,500+ words) · Flash fiction · Poetry	\$30 (short story 2,500+ words); \$15 (flash / poetry / reprints)	Open — check website	Science Fiction	amazingstories.com
The Literary Fantasy Magazine Short fiction (4,000–10,000 words) · Poetry (up to 5 poems)	\$10 flat (web); 3c/word (print)	Periodic — check website for open windows	Fantasy (all subgenres)	magazine.thearcologist.net