

The logo for Reading Force, featuring the words "READING" and "FORCE" stacked vertically in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a folded piece of paper or a book cover, with a green and yellow camouflage pattern on the top flap and a solid black bottom flap.

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The logo for Bolt Burdon Kemp, consisting of the firm's name in a white, sans-serif font centered within a solid green square.

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Tell us a Story...

Reading Force Memoir Writing Competition 2025

Reading Force is delighted to announce its 2025 writing competition for adults and children & young people.

Prizes include the chance to be published by Pen & Sword publishing house and *Army & You*, *Homeport*, and *Envoy* magazines.

This competition is generously supported by legal firm Bolt Burdon Kemp.

Entries can be submitted from 1st May 2025

Who can enter?

This is for tri-service members of the armed forces community, including serving, veteran, spouses, partners, children, young people and relatives.

What kind of writing can be submitted?

Entries can be memoir, or biography of a military friend, relative, or admired person.

What are the entry requirements?

Adults

Please submit a synopsis of your planned book, a short biography of yourself or the person you are writing about, and the first two chapters to a maximum of 5,000 words.



Children & young people

Please submit a piece of writing between 500 and 1,000 words. This can be a poem, memory, reflection, or true story. You are welcome to include an illustration.



How to submit?

Entries can be submitted from 1st May until 31st August 2025.
All submissions must be emailed to: info@readingforce.org.uk
Posted submissions will not be accepted.

Prizes

Adults

One winner will have their book published by Pen & Sword Publishers. The author will receive an advance on royalties, and full royalties thereafter. 2nd and 3rd place winners will each receive a £100 book token.



Children & young people

One winner from each service will have their entry published in the Family Federation magazines, *Army & You*, *Homeport*, and *Envoy*. 2nd and 3rd prizes in all three service categories will be £50 book tokens.

GOOD LUCK!

Full details can be found here:

www.readingforce.org.uk

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