

# Whitsunday Voices Short Story Competition

Grades 3-4

Highly Commended

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Just Dessert

“Where do you think I should go?” asked Jess.

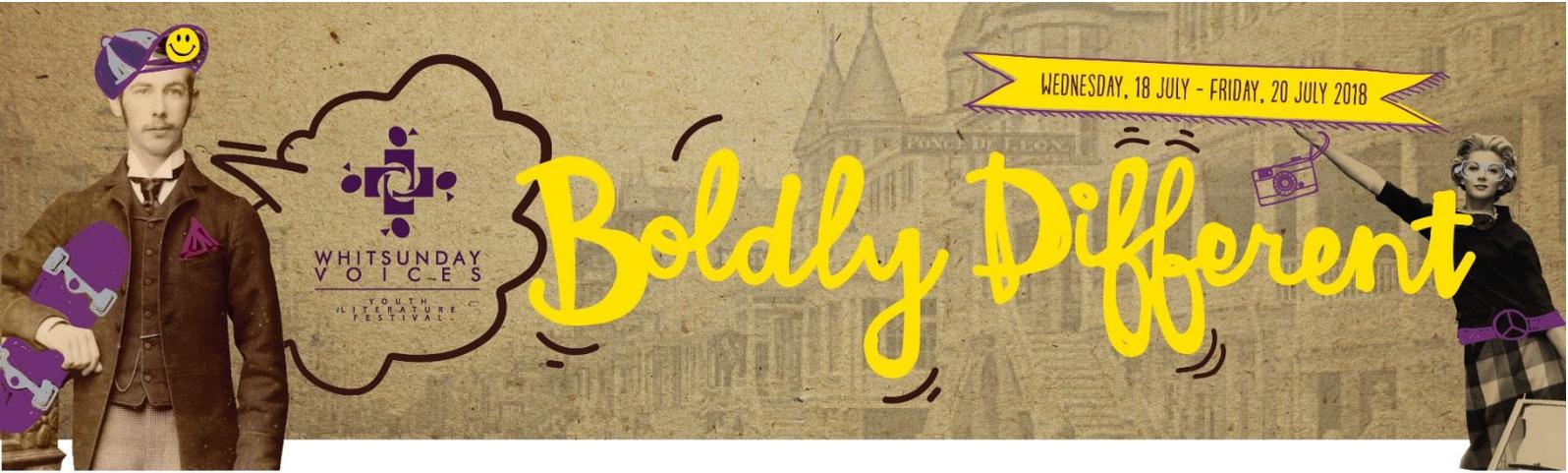
“How about Hawaii?” suggested Belle. “You could eat Hawaiian pizza all day every day!”

“No thanks,” replied Jess. “I would get too fat.” She scanned the glossy magazine page. “I like this one!”

“Which one?” asked Belle.

“The Hauntbound house.”

Belle fell silent..... in fact, the whole room fell silent.



“What’s wrong?” Jess asked.

“You do not want to go there,” warned Belle.

“Why?” asked Jess. “It’s on sale for \$ 1,000,000 and I have \$2,000,000. And it is LOADED with pumpkins. I love pumpkins!” said Jess.

“That’s the problem,” said Belle quietly.

“What, the pumpkins?” asked Jess a bit strangely.

“Yes, the pumpkins,” said Belle but even more quietly.

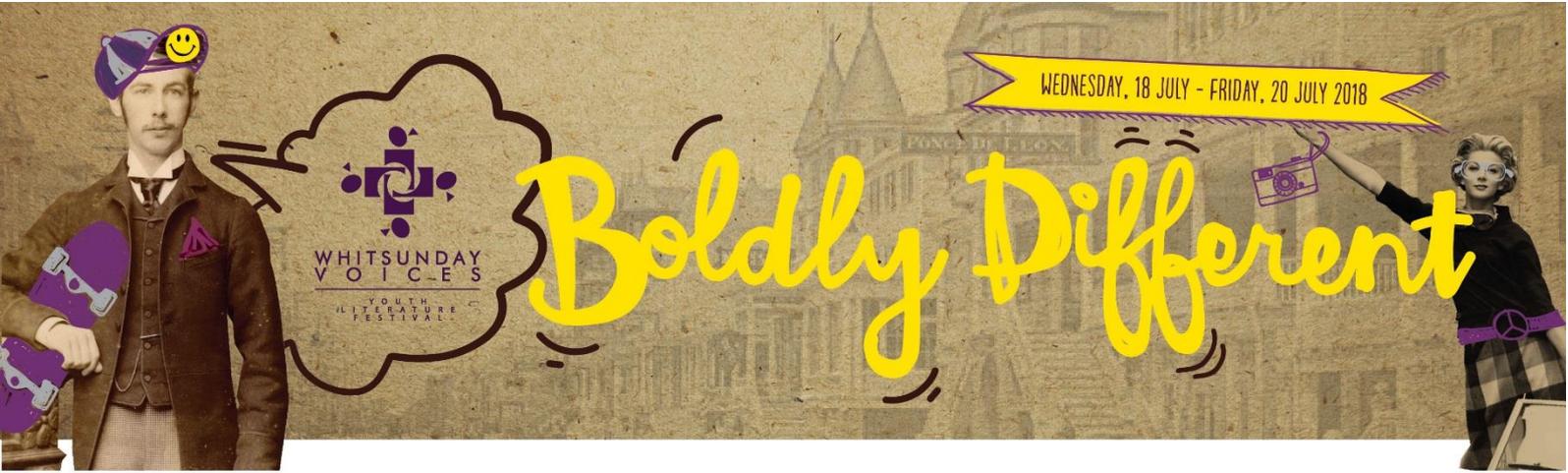
“I don’t care,” said Jess “I love pumpkins, and I’m going there first thing in the morning.”

“Fine,” said Belle. “But don’t tell me I didn’t warn you.”

The next morning Jess packed her suitcase and went to the airport. When Jess got on the plane, she realised that she was the only one on. But she didn’t care. She was too excited to get there.

When Jess got to the Hauntbound house it was very foggy, dark, misty and eerie, and all the trees looked creepy and like they are going to pick you up and eat you. But Jess didn’t care, she couldn’t wait to get inside.

“Finally I made it here! I can’t wait to get inside!” Jess said excitedly.



As soon as Jess got inside her house keys disappeared. And this time Jess seemed to notice. She screamed a little bit in fright.

Then the big heavy ugly doors slammed shut! BANG! Jess jumped up with fright! It was pitch black in there. Jess couldn't see a thing. But then she saw a dim light coming from an unknown room. So Jess headed towards the dim light. It began to get brighter and brighter and brighter! Then Jess entered the room. She realised that it was a kitchen. And there on the kitchen bench there was a lit candle, a huge pumpkin and next to it was a very sharp knife. Jess was very scared, she was very scared indeed. Then Jess heard a ghostly voice saying cut the pumpkin CUT THE PUMPKIN! And so Jess was forced to cut the pumpkin. She walked over to the pumpkin. Picked up the knife. Before she cut open the pumpkin she heard the ghostly voice again.

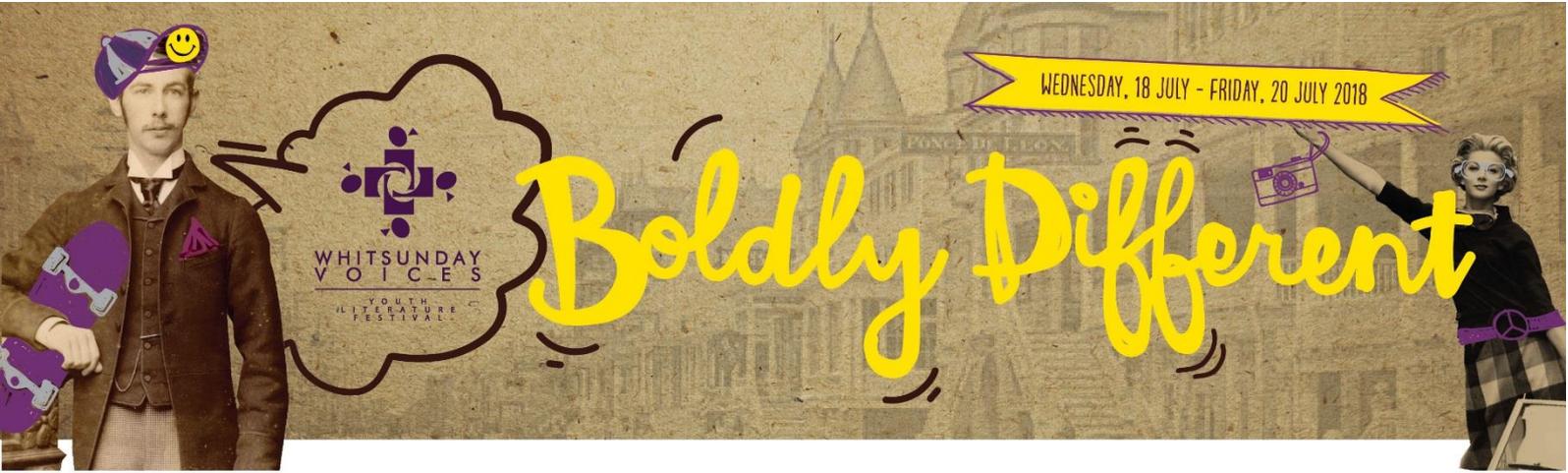
“YES! Cut open the pumpkin! CUT OPEN THE PUMPKIN!”, so Jess started to cut open the pumpkin. But then the pumpkin started to GLOW and as she drew the knife even closer to the pumpkin it GLOWED EVEN BRIGTHER! Jess was terrified! But she finally cut the pumpkin right in half. But when Jess cut open the pumpkin it stopped glowing.

Then a really big mist came out and then soon dispersed. And there was the most terrifying ghost Jess has ever seen! Jess screamed in fright. Then the ghost said, “thank you but now you must go...”

Before Jess could answer the ghost pulled a knife from behind his cape and killed her.

And so the next day the ghost wrote a letter to Belle, saying,

*Dear so called Belle,*

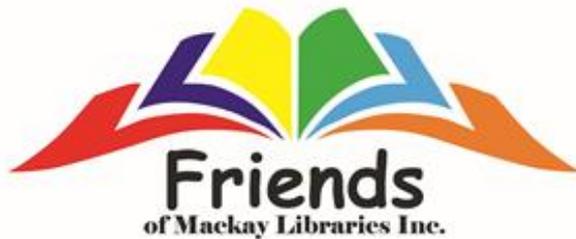


*I am the ghost and your so called friend came into my home and cut open up the pumpkin that I was trapped in for 500 years. But not sadly now so called Jess is now dead and soon so are you.*

*From the ghost.*

Then the ghost sent it to Belle. When Belle got the letter there was blood all over the letter. But Belle didn't understand the last part. But she soon did because the ghost came out from the letter and choked Belle and then soon killed her.

THE END



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