

Call for Submissions: Witches

Deadline: September 9, 2015

Cicada YA lit/comics mag is looking for poetry, fic, nonfic, satire, and comics on WITCHES. We're on the lookout for folk and fairy tale retellings, investigations of the witch in history, works on the everyday spellcraft of fashion, beauty, makeup, and the domestic (the hearth, the cauldron, the kitchen) as well as the spell cast by the arts. Also of interest: the witch in nature: the garden, the dark wood, the night. Feminist and above all intersectionally feminist works: especially welcome!

Submit to *Cicada* (for ages 14+) [here](#).

Call for Submissions: Knights and Castles

Deadline: October 26, 2015

Cricket and *Spider* are looking for stories, poetry, and nonfiction exploring the theme of Knights and Castles. We seek not only traditional historical fiction and legends, but also stories with a contemporary spin—realistic fiction about a modern quest or metaphorical “knight,” or fantasy fiction and sci-fi. We especially welcome twists on traditional character roles—a girl who pretends to be a boy to become a knight, or a bold youth who doesn't want to be a knight like his father but aspires to be a court musician or jester. Exploring different cultures within this theme—such as a friendship between a Christian and a Muslim in Moorish Spain—can be especially rich. Humor, too, is always welcome. And remember: Here there be dragons!

Submit to *Cricket* (for ages 9–14) [here](#). Submit to *Spider* (for ages 6–9) [here](#).

Call for Submissions: Flash Fiction

Deadline: October 26, 2015

Wanted: your flash fic. Submit [here](#)!¹

¹Limit: 750 words. Oh! Who are we? We edit *Cicada*, the finest YA lit/comics mag in the land! Relevant to our interests: teens, literature, literature about teens, vikings, robots, Sherlock, feminist fairy tales, SFF, and cookies. Especially excited to hear from LGBTQIA+ writers, writers with disabilities, and writers of color. Bonus points if your story plays with form: a grocery list, a GoFundMe, a Twitter feed ... (Listen, we never said we were good at brevity. We're not. That's where you come in.) (And your flash fic.) SUBMITTTTTTTTT!