

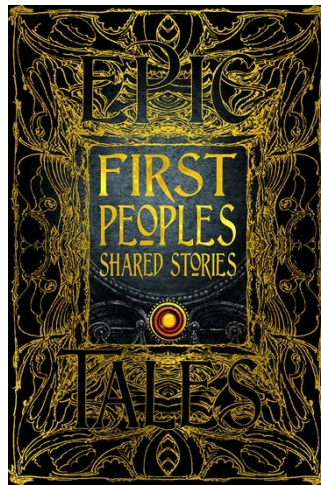


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From FLAME TREE's acclaimed "Gothic Fantasy and Epic Tales" anthology program, which covers the myths, oral traditions and contemporary stories of speculative fiction:

FIRST PEOPLES, SHARED STORIES



Submissions now open

Deadline: April 11, 2022

Following the global success and resoundingly positive critical reception of *Black Sci-Fi Short Stories* [2021], Flame Tree is pleased to announce an open call for submissions for ***First Peoples Shared Stories***, a new anthology set to join existing titles in the publisher's popular Gothic Fantasy series.

First Peoples Shared Stories will focus on the stories of the first peoples in Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas. From the first migration to the first exploration to the discovery of land and landscape without the footprint of humankind, Flame Tree seeks submissions from writers with appropriate heritage whose stories will be featured alongside ancient myths and legends from around the world, bringing new perspective and attention to the legacy of First Nations and First Peoples.

The stories themselves can be speculative, fantastic, mythic or folkloric and delve into themes including but not limited to colonization, other worlds, natural ecology and utopianism. As with *Black Sci-Fi Short Stories* [2021] and *Asian Ghost Short Stories* [2022], Flame Tree will engage with a team of appropriate heritage to collaborate on the book, with

a Foreword, thoughtful Introduction, an Associate Editor and a diversity of readers who will ensure the book is vital and true to the traditions of First Peoples around the world.

Publisher & Founder of Flame Tree Publishing, Nick Wells says, “*First Peoples, Shared Stories* is part of our determined intention to widen the perspectives of our anthologies, to seek new ways of encouraging writers from communities who are neglected or aren’t aware of opportunities that exist for their voices to be heard. *Black Sci-Fi Short Stories*, *Asian Ghost Stories* and our books on African Myth are popular with both readers and writers, so we’re glad to open an ever-widening door to celebrate difference and diversity in its many forms of origin.”

Submissions in the 2000-4000 word count range will be accepted until April 11, 2022, to be sent to 2022@flametreepublishing.com; subject line: ‘First Peoples’. Payment will be 8 cents/6 pence per word (SFWA qualifying market rate) and 6 cents/4 pence per word for reprints. If a story is a reprint, please advise in the submission email. Multiple submissions are accepted. Full submission details can be found here:

<https://blog.flametreepublishing.com/fantasy-gothic/first-peoples-call-for-submissions-0>

About FLAME TREE

A publisher of nearly 30 years, Flame Tree has created an extensive range of speculative fiction collections in the Gothic Fantasy short story series – including *Black Sci-Fi Short Stories*, *Asian Ghost Stories*, *Lost Worlds*, *Time Travel*, *Heroic Fantasy* and *Dystopia Utopia Short Stories* -- which feature classic and new writing from open submission calls, building significant communities of readers online and in print. Gorgeous editions, collectable and highly readable, these books bring together the entire range of myth, folklore and modern short stories in horror and suspense, crime and mystery, science fiction and fantasy. As Flame Tree continues to grow, the publisher is committed to reaching more diverse communities of writers and readers, and delighted to partner with community stakeholders, advocates, collectives and organizations in service of this goal.

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