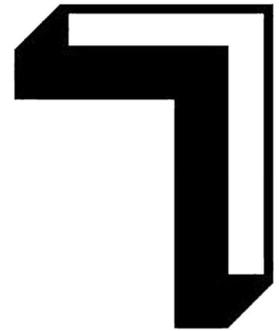




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Thank you for your interest for our anthology, *Barfi Books*! We're thrilled to be working with you and can't wait to read your story!

## **Guidelines for Submissions for The Barfi Books**

### **About the story**

1. Your story needs to be personal – an experience from your own life or someone close to you. It should be engaging, whether motivational, inspirational, humorous, eye-opening, or transformative. Most importantly, it should leave readers with a meaningful lesson.
2. The more captivating your story is, the greater the chance of being featured. Try to tell your story in a way that will engage the reader and their emotions. You can choose to tell it as a poem, if that's what you prefer. We will edit to enhance your story, but nothing beats the author's own words.
3. Your story should be written as personally as possible, in the first person (with the pronouns "I", "me", "us" and "we").
4. The story has to be one which has never been published before (if it was ever submitted to other publishers, letters to the editor, magazines or other public sources of information, but has never been in publication, please let us know.)

5. If the story is long and there is potential for more, we would love to contact you to grow it into a short story, novella, or full novel. However, please do not deliberately send stories over 1000 words.
6. We reserve the right to divide longer stories into smaller portions. We will contact you for permission.
7. There is no limit to the number of stories you may submit.
8. Don't be shy! You can choose to remain completely anonymous. We will never give out the e-mail address we received your submission from. We don't even need to know who you are. We can use a pseudonym for you, you can choose one yourself, you could even use initials, or we could just leave it blank.
9. Everyone has a story to tell. This is because each one of us has a unique life experience and different viewpoints. Don't compare your life or your story to others. Tell it in your own unique way.

### **If your story has been selected**

10. If your story is selected for inclusion in the current volume, we will reach out to you.
11. It will take a while to see your work in print. Please be patient as we go through the submissions and divide them into categories to be featured in the different sections of the anthology.
12. Every story undergoes multiple rounds of editing to ensure it becomes a polished, beautifully crafted piece. You'll have the opportunity to review your story before finalisation, allowing us to refine it together until you're completely satisfied.

13. If your story is selected to be published in one of our books, you will be asked to sign our standard permission release agreement. That agreement asks for non-exclusive rights to publish your story. This means that you retain ownership of your story, but you grant us the rights to publish it and use it again in any future book title or for advertising purposes.

## **About Volume 2**

From the entries we've received so far, we have curated 5 sections:

1. **Bites of Wisdom:** Offering insights and reflections that inspire and enlighten.
2. **Burnt, But I Learnt:** Setbacks and the hard-earned lessons that emerged from challenging moments. Every scar tells a story.
3. **Malaai Memories:** Stories celebrating loved ones and their cherished memories.
4. **Pistachio Parenthood:** Exploring the challenging and sometimes nutty aspects of parenting.
5. **Rosy Moments:** Lighter, humorous stories that impart valuable lessons.

## Guidelines for Submission

- Closing date for submissions for Volume 2: **31 August 2025.**
- Stories should be between 200-1000 words in length.
- Email to: [barfi@wilmanfikker.com](mailto:barfi@wilmanfikker.com)
- WhatsApp (text or voice note): 06 06 66 33 33 (The voice note option is for busy professionals and older individuals who may find typing inconvenient.)
- Selected authors will be notified, and royalties will be paid at R70 per finalised page 3-6 months post-launch.
- Contributors will have the option to purchase up to 10 copies of the book at 50% off RSP, keeping the profits. Additional copies may be ordered.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and sharing in the Barfi journey with you.

**Feel free to pass the message on.**

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