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Creative writing contest “Does a picture speak a thousand words?” – call for participants

Photography centre Fotografiska and the Estonian Children’s Literature Centre invite students from grades 4-12 to take part in an inspiring contest: “Does a picture speak a thousand words?” This time, participants can use Swedish photographer Erik Johansson’s magical photos as inspiration. The aim of the contest is to find out whether a picture can speak a thousand words.

Johansson’s exhibition ‘Places Beyond’ is the newest and biggest exhibition of the autumn season that will be open until 17 January in Fotografiska in Telliskivi. Entry to Fotografiska is free for children up to 12 years old. If you can’t visit the exhibition, you can explore Erik Johansson’s work on [his website](#) or [Instagram](#).

The contest idea came from Fotografiska Tallinn’s co-founder Rain Tamm and his daughter Roos Marii, who is interested in creative writing. Roos Marii has taken part in the creative writing circle of the Estonian Children’s Literature Centre and when visiting Erik Johansson’s exhibition, she thought many interesting stories could be written based on his fantastical photos.

The pieces can be inspired by any of Erik Johansson's photos and you can let your imagination run free. They can be written in Estonian, Russian or English. We accept stories, fairy tales, essays as well as short stories and poems – you can even write us a haiku! The texts should be **up to a thousand words long**.

Send your stories to elk@elk.ee by **25 November 2020** with the subject line 'Places Beyond'. Add the author's name, age, school, grade and the author's or teacher's e-mail address to the work. Add the name of the photo that inspired the work as the subtitle.

A jury will judge the works in three age groups:

- grades 4-6
- grades 7-9
- grades 10-12

There are awards for the best stories, including Erik Johansson's autographed posters, his magical books and an annual pass for Fotografiska that allows you to visit the exhibitions any day you want.

The winners of the contest will be announced in January 2021.