Last Chance
Short Story Award for New Writers
Magazine: Glimmer Train
What It’s For: Emerging authors whose fiction has not been previously published in a print publication with a circulation over 5,000.
Deadline: November 31
Cash Prize: First - $1200; Second - $500; Third - $300
Special Requirements: $15 submission fee
Link: http://glimmertrain.com/shorawfornew2.html

Magazine: Witness
What They Publish: Poetry, fiction, and nonfiction that explores the contemporary themes that are significant to the author. ‘The idea is that writers are the witnesses of the time that they live in.’
Deadline: December 1
Cash: $25 for every 1,500 words of prose and $25 per poem
Link: http://witness.blackmountaininstitute.org/

River Teeth Literary Nonfiction Book Prize
What It’s For: Manuscripts between 150-400 pages
Deadline: December 1
Cash Prize: $1000
Special Requirements: $27 submission fee via Submishmash, $25 submission fee via postal system
Link: http://riverteethjournal.wordpress.com/book-contest/

Saints and Sinners GLBT Literary Festival’s Third Annual Short Fiction Contest
What It’s For: Stories ranging between 5,000 and 7,000 words with GLBT content on the broad theme of “Saints and Sinners”
Deadline: December 1
Cash Prize: First - $250; Second - $50
Link: http://sasfest.org/third-annual-short-fiction-contest

Contests
Playboy’s College Fiction Contest: 2012
What It’s For: Short stories of up to 25 pages
Deadline: February 15
Cash Prize: $3000
Special Requirements: No paper manuscripts accepted. $5 Submission fee.
Link: http://playboymagazine.submishmash.com/submit

2012 Unified Literary Contest (fiction category)
What It’s For: Short Stories and novel excerpts of up to 25 pages
Deadline: February 2012
Cash Prize: $500, plus publication in the Black Warrior Review, online on The Walrus, and on the Center for Fiction website. The winner will also have the choice of attending a Summer Literary Seminars program for free, airfare, tuition, and housing included!
Special Requirements: $15 submission fee
Link: http://www.sumlitsem.org/slscontest.html

Story Week Reader 2012
The Story Week Reader is now accepting submissions for its 8th annual edition, published in conjunction with the 2012 Story Week Festival of Writers.
We’re looking for works of fiction, creative nonfiction, one act plays, and stories in graphic form, all under 750 words (graphic form stories limited to two pages).
Deadline: December 31st
Top Markets
Magazine: Chicago Review
What They Publish: Fiction, poetry, and book reviews
Link: http://humanities.uchicago.edu/orgs/review/index.shtml

Open Submissions
Magazine: Carve
What They Publish: Fiction of up to 10,000 words
Link: http://www.carvezine.com/

PANK
What They Publish: PANK has no submission guidelines. They publish everything from poetry to prose. As they say, “We want to see whatever you want to share.”
Link: http://www.pankmagazine.com/

Magazine: Fringe, Spring 2012 Issue, REMNANTS
What They Publish: Fiction, poetry, nonfiction
What This Issue Is Looking For: Stories that evoke remnants. Need inspiration? Fringe describes remnants as “scraps, traces of what came before. Remnants are the slivers of soap left in the dish and mashed into a ball. They’re… the crumbling, Gilded Age mansions of Detroit, vestiges of better times; the vacation train ticket found stashed in your wallet, half a decade later; and the love letters scattered by the Joplin tornado. Remnants—the remainders of our lives—speak to the whole that has vanished.”
Deadline: January 30
Link: http://www.fringemagazine.org/blog/our-2012-theme-issue-remnants/

Emerging Writers
Magazine: Brevity
What They Publish: Nonfiction of up to 750 words.
Link: http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/index.htm

Genre Fiction
Magazine: Lightspeed
What They Publish: Science fiction stories 1,500 – 7,000 words long
Cash: 5¢ per word for original fiction
Link: http://www.lightspeedmagazine.com/

Magazine: Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine
What They Publish: Mystery stories, but they don’t want “true detective or crime stories”
Cash: 5-8¢ per word
Link: http://www.themysteryplace.com/eqmm/

Featured Market
Yemassee’s 2011 William Richey Short Fiction Contest
What’s So Great About It?: Every year the contest receives around 200 entries, which means the odds are EXTREMELY in your favor!
Deadline: December 1
Cash Prize: $1000
Special Requirements: $10 submission fee

Big News

For more market leads, author interviews and video visit http://www.colum.edu/Academics/Fiction_Writing/Publishing_Lab/index.php