



Mrs. Nelson's Toy and Book Shop

# Young Writers Contest

## 2012

### Rules and Guidelines

1. Each entry must be an original work submitted in the appropriate age group:  
Group One — Ages 6 to 9  
Group Two — Ages 10 to 13  
Group Three — Ages 14 to 18
2. Entries must be typed (double-spaced) or neatly printed in ink on a standard 8 1/2 by 11-inch sheet of paper. The pages should be stapled in the upper left corner. Email submissions preferred. Please add to this a cover sheet with your name, age, address, telephone number, email address, name of your school, and the title of your story.
3. With the exception of poetry, entries should be no less than two and no more than four pages of text for group one, no less than two and no more than six pages of text for group two, no less than two and no more than eight pages of text for group three, with no less than 100 words per page. You may include illustrations if you like, but please do not put a cover or folder on your submission.
4. Your entry may be on any subject and in any genre including fiction, non-fiction, biography, autobiography, mystery, humor, science fiction, horror, or fantasy.
5. Entries must be submitted to Mrs. Nelson's Toy and Book Shop, 1030 Bonita Avenue, La Verne, CA, 91750, between February 1st, 2012 and March 15, 2012. Entries will not be returned but they may be picked up at the book store after the contest.
6. A panel of local Southern California writers, headed by Q. L. Pearce, will be judging all works.
7. Winning entries will be determined by April 30, 2012. First place in each age group will receive a fifty dollar gift certificate from Mrs. Nelson's Toy and Book Shop. Second place winners will receive a gift certificate for twenty-five dollars. Third place winners will receive a gift certificate for ten dollars. There will be five honorable mentions in each age group. Prizes will be awarded at a special celebration (date TBD) at Mrs. Nelson's (all participants are welcome).
8. Contestant must be a Southern California resident.
9. One entry per person.



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