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2008 Writing Competition for Middle School and High School Students

Eligible Students: This contest is open to students worldwide, attending public, private, or home schools. Students must be in junior high/middle school or high school in the U.S., or the equivalent level in their specific school system. Entries may be a story, poem, or essay, written specifically for the contest, or a school assignment.

Categories for entries: Middle School (grades 7-8) or High School (grades 9-12), with sub-categories in Short Story (fiction), Poetry, and/or Essay (nonfiction)

Language: All entries must be in English.

Entry Limit: An entrant may enter no more than one (1) entry in each category, equaling a maximum of three (3) entries.

Entry Fee: None

Deadline: All entries must be received between August 1, 2007 and November 1, 2008. Winners will be announced in February 2007 and awards presented at the EPIC conference, in March 2008.

Judging: Entries will be judged by a panel of judges, including teachers, librarians, published writers, publishers, and editors. All entrants will receive feedback from the first-round judging panel, with the finalists moving to a secondary judging panel.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS	
Nothing profane, sexually explicit, or libelous will be accepted.	
Middle School Category	High School Category
Short story (fiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 750 words All genres will be considered. 	Short story (fiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 1000 words All genres will be considered.
Poetry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 20 lines All themes and forms will be accepted. 	Poetry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 30 lines All themes and forms will be accepted.
Essay (nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 750 words Any nonfiction form is eligible. 	Essay (nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum length: 1000 words Any nonfiction form is eligible.

GENERAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Submissions must be TYPED and double-spaced, saved in a MS Word (.doc) or .rtf file.**
- Individual (**ONE**) Entry Forms must be used per entry. For multiple entries, the first Entry Form received - per category - will be used. A downloadable version of the Entry Form is available at: www.epicauthors.com/newvoices.html. A completed Entry Form Packet **MUST BE** submitted **via ELECTRONIC mail (e-mail)** as a **SINGLE attachment** to newvoices@epicauthors.com.
- Each entrant will include short biography and information on his/her knowledge of e-books and/or e-publishing
- In the case of multiple author entries, a **PRIMARY** contact will be listed on the entry form. This entry will be considered as ONE author and judged accordingly.
- **Deadline for entries is MIDNIGHT (Central Standard Time, North America), November 1, 2007.**
- **EPIC reserves the right to cancel a category** if, at the sole discretion of the judges, there are not enough entries to merit judging.
- **PRINT OFF EPIC NEW VOICES PERMISSION FORM.** A completed Permission Form (stating the name, age, grade, contact information, and school of each entrant, including the signatures of the entrant **AND** a parent or guardian) **must accompany each entry.** **ONLY signed Permission Forms may be submitted by fax or postal mail.** Any entries received **without a completed AND signed Permission Form will not be considered as valid entries**
- Contest entry grants a one-time, non-exclusive print and electronic right for EPIC to publish the entrant's submission, biography, and e-book knowledge in the 2008 New Voices Anthology and on the EPIC Website. Entrants retain the copyright to their individual work.

Entry Forms must be typed and submitted electronically. An RTF version of the EPIC Entry Form is available at www.epicauthors.com/newvoices.html and must be submitted to: newvoices@epicauthors.com

PRIZES

- Winners will be notified by February 2008 and New Voices will **NOT** be held accountable for the distribution of any and all prize(s).
- **The grand-prize winner** will be selected by the judges, from among the first-prize winners in the three categories, and will receive \$100 cash.
- The **first-prize winner in each category** will receive an eBookwise-1150 e-Book reader.
- The **second-prize winner in each category** will receive a \$50 gift certificate for e-books.
- The **third-prize winner in each category** will receive a \$25 gift certificate for e-books.
- **Honorable Mention prizes** (two from each category) will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Honorable Mention winners will receive Accomplishment of Merit Certificates.
- **Judges' Choice Awards** may also be given. Judges' Choice Award winners will receive certificates.
- **Winning entries, Honorable Mentions, and Judges' Choice winners** will receive **a copy of the anthology on CD.** Both copies of the CD anthology and print version will be donated to each winner's school library.
- **In the case of multiple authors,** the entry will be considered as **ONE** author and judged accordingly.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category (Middle School Short Story, Poetry, and/or Essay - or - High School Short Story, Poetry, and/or Essay), Honorable Mentions, and Judges' Choice winners will be published in the e-book anthology *EPIC New Voices 2008*.
- The anthology will be available for download on the EPIC website (www.epicauthors.com/newvoices.html) at no charge. **Additional print copies will be available for purchase after the annual EPIC Conference.**
- **Winners will receive prizes at a luncheon ceremony** during the EPIC conference in Portland, Oregon, March 6-9, 2008. Winners may attend conference events **with parental permission AND adult supervision.** They are responsible for their own travel, hotel, food, and other expenses. Winners who not attend the awards ceremony will receive their prizes by mail after the EPIC 2008 Conference.