

Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers is pleased to announce:

The Twenty-Seventh Annual

Delacorte Press Contest for a First Young Adult Novel

The prize of a book contract (on the publisher's standard form) covering world rights for a hardcover and a paperback edition, including an advance and royalties, will be awarded annually to encourage the writing of contemporary young adult fiction. The award consists of \$1,500 in cash and a \$7,500 advance against royalties.

All federal, state, and local taxes, if any, are the winner's sole responsibility. Prizes are not transferrable and cannot be assigned. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.**

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to U.S. and Canadian writers who have not previously published a young adult novel. Employees of Random House, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and members of their families and households are not eligible.
2. Foreign-language manuscripts and translations are not eligible.
3. Manuscripts submitted to a previous Delacorte Press contest are not eligible.

Format for Submissions

1. Submissions should consist of a book-length manuscript with a contemporary setting that will be suitable for readers ages 12 to 18.
2. Manuscripts should be no shorter than 100 typewritten pages and no longer than 224 typewritten pages. Include a brief plot summary with your covering letter.
3. Each manuscript should have a cover page listing the title of the novel; the author's name, address, and telephone number. The title should also appear on each manuscript page.
4. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced on 8½" x 11" good quality white paper, and pages should be numbered consecutively. The type should be at least 10 point. The author should retain a copy of any manuscript submitted.
5. Photocopies are acceptable if readily legible and printed on good quality white (not gray) paper. Partial or illegible entries will not be accepted.
6. Do not submit manuscripts in boxes. A padded envelope will do. The publisher is not responsible for late, lost, misdelivered, or misplaced submissions.

7. Please enclose a business-size stamped, self-addressed envelope for notification only. Please do not enclose checks for postage. Due to new postal regulations, the publisher cannot return any manuscripts. All submissions will be recycled by Random House after they are read.

Multiple Submissions

1. Manuscripts sent to Delacorte Press may not be submitted to other publishers or literary agents while under consideration for the prize.
2. Authors may not submit more than two manuscripts to the Delacorte Press competition; each must meet all eligibility requirements.

Dates for Submission

1. Manuscripts must be postmarked after October 1, 2008, but no later than December 31, 2008.
2. Send manuscripts to:
Delacorte Press Contest
Random House, Inc.
1745 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10019

Judging

1. Entries will be judged by the editors of Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers. The prize will be awarded on the basis of originality, style, and creativity.
2. The judges reserve the right not to award a prize.
3. The decision of the judges will be final.
4. The editors of Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers will not be able to offer critiques of manuscripts or enter into correspondence about the manuscripts other than with the winning author.
5. Writers will be notified between January and April as submissions are evaluated by the editors. Final contest results will be announced on our Web site on or around April 30, 2009.

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www.randomhouse.com/kids/writingcontests

Winners of the Delacorte Press Prize for a First Young Adult Novel

PAST HIGHLIGHTS

First Place Recipients

Cal Cameron by Day, Spider-Man by Night by A. E. Cannon

Squashed by Joan Bauer

Under the Mermaid Angel by Martha Moore

Honor Book Recipients

The Romantic Obsessions and Humiliations of Annie Sehlmeier by Louise Plummer

Children of the River by Linda Crew

Best Friends Tell the Best Lies by Carol Dines

RECENT WINNERS

1996

FIRST PLACE

- *Breaking Boxes* by A. M. Jenkins

HONOR BOOK

- *For Mike* by Shelley Sykes

1997

FIRST PLACE

- *A Door Near Here* by Heather G. Quarles

HONOR BOOK

- *Hate You* by Graham McNamee

1998

No Prizewinner

1999

FIRST PLACE

- *Night Flying* by Rita Murphy

2000

No Prizewinner

2001

FIRST PLACE

- *Cuba 15* by Nancy Osa

HONOR BOOK

- *Bringing Up the Bones* by Lara M. Zeises

2002

FIRST PLACE

- *Ostrich Eye* by Beth Cooley

2003

FIRST PLACE

- *Wings* by Julie Gonzalez

2004

No Prizewinner

2005

FIRST PLACE

- *Notes on a Near-Life Experience*
by Olivia Birdsall

2006

FIRST PLACE

- *Skin Deep* by E. M. Crane

2007

No Prizewinner

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