

Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers is proud to announce the seventeenth annual

Delacorte Yearling Contest for a First Middle-Grade Novel*

The prize of a book contract (on the Publisher's standard form) for a hardcover and a paperback edition, including an advance and royalties, will be awarded annually to encourage the writing of contemporary or historical fiction set in North America, for readers age 9–12. 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 WIN.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The contest is open to U.S. and Canadian writers who have not previously published a novel for middle-grade readers. 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.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. Manuscripts should be no shorter than 96 typewritten pages and no longer than 160 typewritten pages. Include a brief plot summary with your covering letter.
2. Each manuscript should have a cover page listing the title of the work and the author's name, address, and telephone number, **and a note stating whether or not the manuscript need be returned.** The title should also appear on each manuscript page.
3. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced on 8½" by 11" good quality white paper, and pages should be numbered consecutively. The type should be easy to read, preferably 12 point. The author should retain a copy of any manuscript submitted.
4. Photocopies are acceptable if readily legible and printed on good quality white (not gray) paper.
5. Do not submit manuscripts in boxes. A padded envelope will do. Please do not enclose checks for postage. **The publisher cannot guarantee the return of any manuscript, and is not responsible for late, lost, misdelivered, or misplaced submissions.**

6. **If your manuscript need not be returned, enclose a business-size stamped, self-addressed envelope for notification. Manuscripts that need not be returned will be destroyed by Random House. If your manuscript is to be returned, it must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope or book mailer large enough to accommodate the manuscript; otherwise, the manuscript cannot be returned.**

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 Yearling competition; each must meet all eligibility requirements.

DATES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Manuscripts must be postmarked after April 1, 2008, but no later than June 30, 2008.

2. Send manuscripts to:
Delacorte Yearling Contest
Random House, Inc.
1745 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10019

JUDGING

1. The judges are the editors of Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers.
2. The judges reserve the right not to award a prize.
3. The judges' decision 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 September and October as submissions are evaluated by the editors. Final contest results will be announced on our Web site on or around October 31, 2008.

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Winners of the Delacorte Yearling Contest*

(for a first novel for readers age 9 to 12)

1992	<i>Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns</i> by Mary Quattlebaum	2000	No Prizewinner
1993	<i>Seth and Samona</i> by Joanne Hyppolite	2001	No Prizewinner
1994	No Prizewinner	2002	No Prizewinner
1995	<i>Follow the Leader</i> by Vicki Winslow	2003	No Prizewinner
1996	No Prizewinner	2004	<i>Prizefighter en Mi Casa</i> by e.E. Charlton-Trujillo
1997	<i>A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt</i> by C. Coco De Young	2005	No Prizewinner
1998	No Prizewinner	2006	No Prizewinner
1999	<i>Some Kind of Pride</i> by Maria Testa		
	HONOR BOOK		
	<i>The Victory Garden</i> by Lee Kochenderfer		