



4th Annual RED WHEELBARROW Creative Writing Contest

Open to all children, ages 5-18, in the Paris area* who write in English

Deadline for stories: 1 April 2006
Awards Announced at the Awards Party in May 2006

* Paris and surrounding suburbs.

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Guidelines/Rules and Regulations

Thanks for reading and paying CLOSE ATTENTION and to all these rules and regulations. If any rule/regulation is not met, then your story will be disqualified. Remember, a story has a beginning, middle and an end. PLEASE CHECK-OFF FROM THE LIST BELOW TO MAKE SURE YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO QUALIFY.

- 1) The Red Wheelbarrow contest is open to all school-age children (ages 5-18) in Paris and surrounding suburbs who write in English. The contest is for children from Grande Section (Kindergarten) through Terminale (Twelfth Grade, or last year, Lycée).
- 2) Only ONE story per person may be submitted.
- 3) Your story must be original and written by you (sign the attached form and send it in with your story).
- 4) Please submit four copies of your story:
 - a. one with your name and address with the name of your story at the top of each page with the page number (this is the original, file copy)
 - b. and
 - c. three (3) anonymously (NO NAME) with only the name of your story at the top of each page with the page number.
- 5) No hand-written stories will be accepted – sorry! If you are in elementary school and can't type, please have someone help you type it up correctly.
- 6) MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE A WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR STORY. Otherwise, you might miss out on important information.
- 7) Stories must be typed, double-spaced, single-side of paper, and formatted correctly (please see attached example). 12pt typeface (Times New Roman or Courier), double-spaced. . .
- 8) Stories should be fresh and written after 2 September 2005 (you can start it during the summer, but finish it after the 2nd of September).
- 9) Story word length limits by school level/grade & age group:
K-3rd (GM to CE2): 500 words maximum
4-5th (CM1/CM2): 750 words maximum
Junior and High school (college/lycée): 1000 words maximum
Note: One full typewritten page (12 pt type) = 250 words double-spaced.
- 10) Stories must be received by 1 April 2006 at: The Red Wheelbarrow Bookstore, Creative Writing Contest, 22, rue Saint Paul, 75004 Paris.
- 11) Stories received after 1 April 2005 will be disregarded.
- 12) Stories will be judged by a minimum of three judges (judges will read only anonymous copies).
- 13) The winners will be announced at the Awards Party (details to be EMAILED to you upon receipt of your story).
- 14) If you cannot be present at the Awards Party, please make sure someone can collect your certificate/award/prize/read from your story. If the judges find no winning entry in a category, no award will be given in that category this year.
- 15) No work will be returned, so please do not send your only copy
- 16) There is no entry fee.
- 17) Please fill out the Information Form, sign it, and include it with your story.
- 18) The contest is co-sponsored by the Red Wheelbarrow, Massillon School's English Section, and the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) France (www.kidbookpros.com).

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INFORMATION FORM

Please print clearly. Please fill out all the information below.

Story Title: _____

Author's Last Name: _____

Author's First Name: _____

School author attends: _____

Class author is in: _____

How old author is on 1 April 2006: _____

Postal (snail-mail) address: _____

Postal Code: _____

City: _____

Email Address: _____

It's true! I imagined and wrote this original story!

Author's signature

Date



Your name* (**on one copy; other three copies, NO NAME, etc.*)
Postal address
Postal Code/City
EMAIL address

About 500 words

STORY TITLE HERE

By YOUR NAME HERE*

If you are still unsure how to format your story, please see www.scbwi.org and click on Publications and then on “From Keyboard to Printed Page: Facts You Need to Know.” You’ll find everything you need to know about formatting your story and manuscript.

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STORY TITLE (only for anonymous copies x 3)

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