

the **Writer**

2008 Short-Story Contest

Genre: Mystery

Prizes

\$1,000, first place; \$300, second place; \$200, third place.

The first-place entry, along with the finalist judge's comments, will be published in *The Writer* magazine. All three winning entries will be posted on *The Writer* Web site, www.WriterMag.com.

Finalist judge

Mystery novelist William G. Tapply

Entry fee

\$10 per entry, payable to *The Writer*. Entry fees are nonrefundable. Payments must be in U.S. funds drawn from a U.S. bank.

Deadline

Postmarked by June 30, 2008.

Rules

1. **Submit two (2) copies of your mystery short story. Entries must be submitted with an official entry form, available below.** Place the title *only* (not your name) on each page of the story.

2. All entries must be original and previously unpublished in a book, nationally distributed periodical or Web-based magazine. Entries must be in English and submitted by the author, who must be at least 18 years old at the time of entry.

3. Entries should not exceed 2,000 words. No graphic language, sex or violence.

4. Entries must be double-spaced in standard 10- to 12-point type, and each page must be consecutively numbered. **Please paperclip pages together; do not staple or enclose in covers or binders.**

5. A \$10 nonrefundable entry fee, payable to *The Writer*, must accompany each entry. Please do not send cash in the mail. Submitted entries are final and will not be returned, so be sure to keep a copy for your records. We are unable to acknowledge entries.

6. You may submit more than one entry, but each entry must be accompanied by a \$10 entry fee. No simultaneous submissions are allowed.

7. Winners will be notified by Sept. 30, 2008.

8. Family members and employees of *The Writer* and its affiliates are not eligible to enter the contest.

How to submit

Send two (2) copies of your entry, along with the completed entry form and total entry fee (\$10 per entry). **Payment must accompany all entries.**

Address entries to: 2008 Short-Story Contest, *The Writer*, P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53187-1612.

Entry Form

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Titles of entries

(Mystery stories only; each entry must be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$10 entry fee.)

1. _____ Word count _____
2. _____ Word count _____
3. _____ Word count _____
4. _____ Word count _____
5. _____ Word count _____

Number of entries _____ X \$10 entry fee = \$ _____

Entrant information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal code _____

Country _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

By providing this e-mail address, I understand that Kalmbach Publishing Co./*The Writer* reserves the right to contact me in connection with my entry to *The Writer* Short-Story Contest. Providing your e-mail address enables you to receive occasional news, updates and special offers from Kalmbach Publishing Co., publisher of *The Writer*.

Method of payment

(Payments must be in U.S. funds drawn from a U.S. bank; please do not send cash in the mail. Make checks payable to *The Writer*.)

Check Money Order MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card number _____ Exp. date _____

Cardholder name (please print) _____

Cardholder signature _____