

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Young Canadian Writers Wanted!

ON SPEC Magazine, Canada's major Science Fiction and Fantasy magazine, announces a Science Fiction and Fantasy Short Story Contest for young Canadian writers. This is a great opportunity for those preparing for a career in writing, and for those who enjoy writing fiction for pleasure.

All Canadian writers between the ages of 15-23 years of age are invited to submit an original Science Fiction Fantasy Short Story under any one of the following categories: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, Urban Fantasy, or any other aspect of Speculative Fiction. Poetry submissions will be considered for publication, but won't be included in the competition.

Teachers wishing to submit group class assignments may do so by prior arrangement with ON SPEC editors.

Winners will be chosen from two age group categories: 15-18 and 19-23.

1st place winners in both age groups will receive \$250.00 each. Original artwork illustrating their stories will be featured on front and back covers.

2nd and 3rd place winners in both age groups will receive an Honourable Mention certificate, as well as the usual payment rate.

Every other submission chosen for publication will receive ON SPEC's usual story payment.

Submissions are to be up to a maximum of 6,000 words. Hand-written or email submissions will not be accepted. A writer may submit more than one story but will only be rewarded for the best submission. See the ON SPEC Website at <http://www.onspec.ca> for full Guidelines. Approximately 10 stories will be chosen for publication.

All winning stories will appear in the upcoming Youth Theme Issue of ON SPEC-the Canadian Magazine of Speculative Fiction. Winners will be notified in July 2008 and publication in the Fall 2008.

Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2008 and should include your name, address, city, province, postal code, telephone number (including area code), age, and an email address.

Mail submissions to:
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