



Totem Head's Annual Story Contest (Official Rules)

No purchase necessary, and no fee required to enter.

These are the official rules for the Adventure Write ("Sponsor") Totem Head Annual Story Contest ("Contest").

1. **Eligibility:** The Contest is open to all legal residents of the United States **aged 18 or under at the time of their Entry into The Contest**. Entrants under the age of 18 may enter only with the permission of their parent or guardian. Family members of Adventure Write are not eligible to enter. All entrants, and/or a parent or guardian of all entrants under the age of 18 must sign and submit the property and publication release on the Contest Entry Form. Only original, unpublished, fictional short stories of 1500 words or less and written in English without profanity are eligible.

You must include all of the following with your entry:

- ✓ Completed and signed Contest Entry Form
- ✓ Fictional Adventure Story of 1500 words or less

A parent or guardian may assist their child by typing or writing down *their child's words*, if their child cannot write or type, yet. An entrant may not co-write with an adult, but an Entrant may co-write with another entrant. An Entrant may and should ask an adult to proofread their story for errors, understandability, and general advice.

2. **Restrictions:** Entries may not be submitted for publication or published elsewhere (either digitally or in print). Incomplete or illegible entries and entries that do not meet the Eligibility standards in these official rules may be disqualified.

3. **How to Enter:** There is NO FEE to enter this contest. Follow these steps to enter:

1. Finish Totem Head's Tutorial by clicking the **Contest** link at www.adventurewrite.com
2. Write a story in 1500 words or less. Your story must NOT contain profanity and must be appropriate for kids and/or teens.
3. For the age categories, the story should start with "So there I was"
4. **Complete** and **SIGN** a Contest Entry Form, which is available online at www.adventurewrite.com/kids/contest_entry_form.pdf
5. Send your Entry Form and Story to Adventure Write via the USPS. Entries must be postmarked no later than **31 Dec 2017**.
6. Entries must include the following items:
 - A completed and signed entry form.
 - A fictional story of 1500 words or less, typed or hand-written (legibly).
7. Send your entry to:

Adventure Write - Story Contest
PO Box 872241
Wasilla AK 99687

You may also email your entry by PASTING the story into the body of the email, attaching the entry form, and including the SUBJECT: Age or Category / Story Title / Author Name. Email to: contest@adventurewrite.com

All submissions become the property of Adventure Write and will not be returned.

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4. **Deadline**: Entries must be postmarked no later than **31 Dec 2017**.

5. **Categories**: Entries will be separated into 5 categories, and one winner from each category will be chosen. An entry will compete in either the age categories OR the all-ages-any-beginning category. Not both. Adventure Write will determine in which category an entry competes:

1. Entries from writers aged 8 and under
2. Entries from writers aged 9-10
3. Entries from writers aged 11-12
4. Entries from writers aged 13-18
5. All ages, any beginning

6. **Prizes**: One winner from each category will receive:

- ✓ \$20 Cash
- ✓ Publication on AdventureWrite.com
- ✓ Certificate of Achievement

7. **Judging**: Adventure Write and/or our guest judges will select one winner from each category based on the following determinants:

1. Suitability for AdventureWrite.com
2. Entertainment and creativity
3. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation

8. **Submission Guidelines**:

- 1500 words or less.
- Should begin with "So there I was" (unless entering the all-ages category)
- No profanity.

9. **Winner Notification**: Adventure Write will notify winners via email and through the USPS in March of the year following the entry deadline. The winning stories will be posted on AdventureWrite.com in March of the year following the entry deadline. If Adventure Write determines that none of the entries in a category are suitable for our website, no prize will be awarded for that category.

10. **Publication**: By participating in The Contest, Entrants agree that Adventure Write may publish their entries on the Adventure Write website without payment of any kind (except for any prize(s) he or she may be awarded as contest winners). Entrants also agree that Adventure Write may publish any entry without payment to the author.

11. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** By participating in the Contest, Entrants agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Adventure Write and its partners, affiliates, agents, representatives and employees (collectively, "Releasees") from and against any injuries, losses, damages, claims, actions, or liability of any kind resulting from or arising from participation in the Contest or acceptance, possession, use, misuse or nonuse of any prize that may be awarded. The Contest and Official Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska without regard to its principles of conflicts of law.

Jurisdiction and venue and all disputes concerning the Contest shall be solely within the Superior Court for the State of Alaska in Anchorage. Releasees are not responsible for computer, technical, printing, typographical, postal, human or other errors relating to or in connection with this Contest, including without limitation, errors which may occur in the administration of the Contest, the announcement of the prize, the processing of entries or in any Contest-related materials; or for transactions that are lost, stolen, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, or illegible entries or postage due mail; entries that fail to enter into the processing system, or are processed, reported, or transmitted late or incorrectly or are lost for any reason including computer, telephone, paper transfer, human or other error; or for electronic, computer, or telephonic malfunction or error, or process of any transaction therein. Adventure Write, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify individuals or void entries, to modify or suspend the Contest, or to terminate the Contest or a portion of the Contest, and to award no Prizes or such Prizes as it deems appropriate using all remaining eligible entries received as of the termination date. Should the Contest be terminated or modified prior to the stated expiration date, notice will be posted on the AdventureWrite.com website. Any attempt by an entrant or any other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws and should such an attempt be made, Adventure Write reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. As a condition of entering the Contest, entrant agrees that under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages; all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest or the Prize awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred but in no event shall cover attorneys' fees. Adventure Write reserves the right to modify prizes and prize award procedures. In the event of a dispute as to the identity or eligibility of a winner based on an email address, the winning entry will be declared made by the "Authorized Account Holder" of the email address submitted at time of entry as long as the "Authorized Account Holder" meets the Eligibility Standards of the Contest. "Authorized Account Holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned to an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization (e.g., business, education institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the submitted email address.

12. **PRIVACY POLICY:** The AdventureWrite.com site is hosted by a commercial server. Adventure Write will use the information collected from Entrants solely for the purposes of conducting the Contest, announcing winners, finalists and/or entries, which receive an honorable mention, and for communicating with the Entrants about the Contest.

Adventure Write will not sell or disclose personally identifiable information that you provide us to other parties by except 1) to recognize authors of stories published on AdventureWrite.com, 2) to recognize winners, and 3) as may otherwise be required or allowed by law. Entrants' names, ages, and hometowns may be published on the Adventure Write website to recognize and credit the author of a published story. Entrants may opt out of any part of this recognition by filling out the applicable portion of the

Entry Form (http://www.adventurewrite.com/kids/contest_entry_form.pdf) or by sending a request to admin@adventurewrite.com.

We collect non-personally identifiable information about visitors' use of our site. Adventure Write uses this information to customize the website, improve the website and statistically monitor how many people are using our site and for what purpose.

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