

Penknife Press Short Story Writing Contest Rules

1. Introduction: This is the second annual Penknife Press Short Story Writing Contest.
2. Eligibility: Entrant must be 21 years of age. Employees of Penknife Press and agents and the immediate family (defined as parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents) of each such employee, and all those with whom such employees are domiciled, are NOT eligible. For contest eligibility purposes, current Penknife Press authors and contest judges are considered employees of Penknife Press.
3. Timing: Contest begins at 12:00:01 a.m. Chicago Time on Sunday, July 15, 2007 and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. Chicago Time on Sunday, September 30, 2007.
4. How to Enter: Submit your entry online to contest@penknifepress.com. Each entry must be 5000 - 10,000 words. The story should have a social and/or political theme that reflects current events. Only one entry per person. More than one entry from any person or e-mail address will void all entries from that person or e-mail address.
5. Judging Criteria: Each entrant selected as a potential winner must comply with all terms and conditions set forth in these Official Rules, and winning is contingent upon fulfilling all such requirements. The prize winners will be selected by a neutral judging panel and will be rated in three areas: 1- Writing Skill, 2- Story Content, and 3- social relevance. Participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decision of the judges, whose decisions are final. Potential winners will be notified by e-mail. If a potential winner cannot be contacted within fourteen (14) days after the first attempt to contact such potential winner, an alternate entrant will be selected in his or her place from all entries received.
6. Prizes: The following prizes will be awarded:

First Prize: \$1,000.00.

Second Prize: \$600.00.

Third Prize: \$400.00.

All taxes, fees and surcharges on prizes are the sole responsibility of winner.

Selected winners and runners-up shall be included in a collection of winners' stories to be published by Penknife Press at the end of the contest.

7. Other Terms and Conditions: Potential winners and any guests who will share in the prize will each be required to sign and return an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability Release, and where lawful, a Publicity Release, within fourteen (14) days of notification, failing which the potential winner will be disqualified and another winner selected in the place of the disqualified person at random from all entries received. If any prize or prize notification is returned as non-deliverable, the potential winner will be disqualified and another potential winner will be selected in the original potential winner's place. By accepting the prize, the winner agrees that Penknife Press and those acting under Penknife Press's authority, may use winner's name, picture/portrait likeness and/or voice, for advertising and promotional purposes without

further consideration, unless prohibited by law. BY ACCEPTING THE PRIZE, THE WINNER AGREES THAT PENKNIFE PRESS, IT'S SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION AGENCIES, AND ALL OF PENKNIFE PRESS'S OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS, WILL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR, AND WILL BE HELD HARMLESS BY WINNER FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND TO PERSONS, INCLUDING DEATH, AND PROPERTY, DUE IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE OR MISUSE OF THE PRIZE OR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SWEEPSTAKES OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY CONTEST OR PRIZE RELATED ACTIVITY. Subject to all federal, state and local laws. Void where prohibited.

8. Miscellaneous: Penknife Press reserves the right to compile any entry into an anthology to be published by the editors of Penknife Press. The authors of such entries, with the exception of the contest winners, will be paid exclusively in e-book copies of the anthology. All other rights revert to the author. In the event of a dispute, entries made by Internet will be deemed made by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at the time of entry. The "authorized account holder" is deemed the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, service provider or other online organization that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. A potential winner may be requested to provide Penknife Press with proof that the potential winner is the authorized account holder of the e-mail address associated with the winning entry. If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failure, human error or any other causes beyond the control of Penknife Press that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Contest, Penknife Press reserves the right in their sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Penknife Press assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. Penknife Press is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by Penknife Press on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site, any combination thereof, or otherwise, including any injury or damage to entrant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in the Contest. Penknife Press not responsible for late, lost, illegible, incomplete, stolen, or misdirected entries. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, PENKNIFE PRESS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

9. Winners List: A complete list of prize winners will be available at <http://WWW.PENKNIFEPRESS.COM>.