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# 2008 Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest

An educational program of the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District  
with the Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration

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The Friends of PPLD and KCIC invite ALL students in grades 6 to 12 (public, private, or home-schooled), to enter our **MYSTERY SHORT STORY CONTEST**. Entries will be judged in these five categories:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade   7<sup>th</sup> Grade   8<sup>th</sup> Grade   9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades   11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST COMPLY WITH THESE CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

1. The opening story paragraph **must** contain these **exact** words:

**when we were walking down Tejon Street**

2. Your story **must** be a **mystery** of any genre, detective, sci-fi, romance, western, adventure, etc, and must contain these **SIX** words, or a version thereof, anywhere in the story:

**flagrant   meager   constrict   coast   disguise   mandate**

3. Your story **must** be **no less** than 1000 and **no more** than 1200 words.

4. You **MUST** follow these additional Guidelines:

- Do NOT put your name, school, or any identification on the story.
- Type your story in 12 point Times New Roman **or** Courier.
- Start the story with the title half-way down the first page (NO TITLE PAGE NEEDED).
- Number each page in the upper right-hand corner and add the first three words of your title.
- You (the student), one parent/guardian, and your teacher must ALL sign your entry form.
- Mail TWO copies of your story, stapled together with ONE entry form stapled on top.

## ENTRIES and JUDGING

Only seven (7) finalist entries **per classroom** will be accepted in each grade category. **NOTE:** If you have more than one class for a given entry grade, e.g., let's say you have two 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing classes, each 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom may enter their seven finalist stories. We suggest that each school have a panel of teachers, students, parents, etc, to select the finalist stories from your school.

The Friends of PPLD will perform the final judging. All final judging is performed "blind."

The following prizes will be awarded in **each grade category**:

First Place: \$50 cash, Certificate of Merit, and publication of the story in the Friends annual booklet.

Second Place: \$25 cash, Certificate of Merit.

Third Place: \$15 cash and Certificate of Merit.

First, Second and Third Place Winners will be honored at the Friends student writers' workshop. Winners will also receive a Betty Field Contest T-Shirt, and an Imagination Celebration poster.

All entries must be postmarked or delivered by  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2008.**

Winners will be notified by March 7, 2008

**CONTACT: Jim Ciletti 634-2367**

Mail or deliver your entries to:

**Jim Ciletti / Betty Field Contest  
c/o Hooked on Books Bookstore  
3918 Maizeland Road  
Colorado Springs CO 80909-1608**

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Please type or print clearly below:

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (this will be kept confidential): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Mentor's Full Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/s Full Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

MY STORY TITLE IS: \_\_\_\_\_

MY ENTRY has \_\_\_\_\_ words and (number of) pages \_\_\_\_\_.

Please follow the directions below and then check each box:

- I have provided **TWO** copies of my story with **ONE** entry form attached to the two copies.
- My story is **double-spaced** and **typed** and I have underlined or **bold-faced** the required phrase and words.
- Title is at the top of the first page of the story and **NO** title page is attached.
- My name is **NOT** on any page of the story.
- Each page is numbered in the top right-hand corner.
- I have saved my story in Microsoft word or other word processing program for easy retrieval and submission to the Friends for printing in the contest's annual publication if I am a winner.

1. This is my own original work. Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature hereby gives the Friends permission to publish your child's story, if he or she is a winner, on the Imagination Celebration and/or Friends web site, and/or in the Friends annual booklet of winning stories.

3. Teacher/Mentor/Home School Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this story and I am satisfied that this is the student's original idea and work.

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**You must attach this entry form to your story. Thank you and happy writing.**

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