



CONTEST RULES

Eligibility and Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be in first, second, third, or fourth grade.
- Children of WCNY and contest judges are not eligible.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- Each entry must be an original work solely created by the entrant.
- Each entry must be accompanied by the WickNeY Kids Treehouse Tales Writers & Illustrators Contest Entry Form with the required signature of a parent/guardian that attests that the story and illustrations are original and that all rights to the entry have been granted to WCNY.
- The entry form must be complete and legible.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Entries can be fiction or non-fiction stories or poetry.
- Any failure to adhere to contest rules including format specifications may result in the entry being disqualified.
- The entry must be submitted as a hard-copy. No electronic submittals are permitted.
- WCNY is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, damaged, incomplete or illegible entries or postage-due mail.
- WCNY will make every effort, but is not required, to return entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Entry Format Specifications

- Each entry must include a minimum of five (5) illustrations created solely by the entrant.
- Each entry must meet the appropriate word count as specified in the Word Count section below.
- Text must be printed or typed. Children who cannot write may dictate their entry to be printed or typed.
- Entries must be created on one side of 8 ½" X 11" sheets of paper (please, nothing should appear on the back of the sheets of paper).
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page. The translated text must adhere to the word count.
- Each page must be numbered.
- Each story must have a title page with title and FIRST NAME ONLY of author. (no last names, please)
- Each entry's pages may be paper-clipped together. Please do not use staples, adhesives or pre-formed blank storybooks.

Word Counts

- First Grade: entries must have a minimum of 100 words of text.
- Second Grade: entries must have a minimum of 150 words of text.
- Third Grade: entries must have a minimum of 200 words of text.
- Fourth Grade: entries must have a minimum of 250 words of text.
- Maximum word count for all entries is 450 words of text.
- The word count includes "a," "an," and "the" but not the words on the title page.

Judging Criteria

- Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling, illustrations, overall impressions, and adherence to the contest rules.