Deadline: Entries must be submitted by April 21, 2023
Paper Entries NOT Accepted—Digital Submission Only

NEW Pricing This Year!
$40.00 per entry (PNWA Member)
$55.00 per entry (Non-Member)

Scan this QR code or visit PNWA.ORG/WRITINGCONTEST for details on how to enter

• Every qualifying entry will receive two critiques.
  o Finalists’ entries are read and judged by agents or publishers attending the conference.
  o Agents and publishers will determine the top three entries in each category.

Agents and publishers may request an introduction to an author of an entry that they have read. Non-finalist are eligible to win STANDOUT STORY and the Standout Story Badge.

Notification of Finalists
The eight finalists in each category will be notified one month before the PNWA September Conference, September 21 – 24, 2023.

Winners will be announced at the conference.

Winning Entries
First, second and third place winners are invited to attend the Agents and Publishers Contest Awards After Party Reception at the PNWA Conference, September 23, 2023

First Place: $900.00 First Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party
Second Place: Honorable Mention. Second Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party
Third Place: Honorable Mention. Third Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party

BEST OUT OF TWELVE AWARD
All First Place winners are eligible for the Best out of 12 Award and receive the Best out of 12 Badge and $1,000.

Categories for Submission

1 Mainstream/Literary Sponsor: Kelli Estes
2 Historical Sponsor: Pam Binder
3 Romance Sponsor: Pam Binder
4 Women's Fiction Sponsor: OPEN
5 Mystery/Thriller Sponsor: OPEN
6 Horror/Paranormal Sponsor: OPEN
7 Speculative Fiction/Fantasy Sponsor: Ted Butler
8 Middle Grade Sponsor: Roxanne Beaver
9 Young Adult Sponsor: Flamingo Writers Group: Wendy Kendall, Catherine Brugge Brown, Carl Lee, Avis Adams, and Jacqueline Kang
10 Memoir/Nonfiction Sponsor: Donna Conrad
11 Short Story Sponsor: Melanie MacDonald
12 Children's Picture/Ch. Book Sponsor: Kelly Vincent

USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE BACK TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SCORE!
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR 2023
Please Note: Guidelines Have Changed
For more information, visit our website at www.pnwa.org/writingcontest

Please Note: Scoring Changes for the Unpublished Writing Contest
- Entries which violate the rules will not be eligible for the contest and therefore will only receive one critique. Please pay close attention to rules to maximize your chance to become a finalist.
- Entry fee is non-refundable.
- No replacement entries will be accepted.
- Scoring sheet available post-conference, upon request

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