

25TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WRITING CONTEST

For all kids grades 1-5.

2019 Prompt:

You receive a secret message! It could be washed up in a bottle, slipped under your bedroom door, written in the sky, or delivered to you in some other mysterious way. What does it say and what happens next?

Best story prizes will be awarded at **each grade** level as follows:

1st Prize - \$20 Odyssey Gift Certificate

2nd Prize - \$15 Odyssey Gift Certificate

3rd Prize - \$10 Odyssey Gift Certificate

Stories should be no longer than 600 words. Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade stories should be typed on a computer, but we encourage first and second graders to hand-write their stories. Children from homeschooling families in comparable grades are encouraged to enter.

Entry forms can be found online at:

<https://www.odysseybks.com/writing25>

Timeline

Submitting entries

Drop off or mail to The Odyssey Bookshop (9 College St. South Hadley, Ma 01075), or email to web@odysseybks.com

Date: Entries must be received

Friday, April 26, 7:00pm

Date: Winners Notified

Friday, May 3

Date: Awards Ceremony

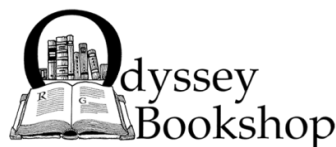
Thursday, May 16, 6:00pm

Pick up Stories Before

Monday, June 3, 6:00pm

Things to Remember

- All entries **MUST** be accompanied by an official entry form. Please remember to include the child's grade level.
- One entry per child. Child must live locally.
- Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and quality of writing, including grammar, punctuation, and spelling. There should also be evidence that the child completed the project independently.



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