

26TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WRITING CONTEST

For all kids grades 1-5.

2020 Prompt:

One day you wake up and realize that you can talk to animals! Maybe you were part of a science experiment or given the gift by a friendly animal you saved. Who do you talk to? What do they say? What happens next because of this new power you have?

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/writing26>

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 24, 7:00pm

Date: Winners Notified

Friday, May 1

Date: Awards Ceremony

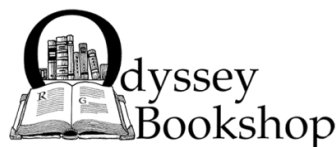
Thursday, May 7, 6:00pm

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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