



28TH ANNUAL SPRING WRITING CONTEST

For all kids in Grades 1-5

2023 PROMPT

You are visiting a new town with your family and decide to check out the local bookstore. Inside, you are welcomed by a friendly bookseller who tells you that this very special store has been around for 60 years! As you start to look around at all the books, you suddenly feel something magical start to happen. Write a story about what happens during your visit to this magical 60 year old bookstore.

Entry forms can be found at:
www.odysseybks.com/28th-annual-spring-writing-contest

Prizes will be awarded at each grade level

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. Children in Grades 1-5 are eligible to enter. Children from homeschooling families in comparable grades are encouraged to enter too! One entry per child.

TIMELINE!

- **Contest begins:**
Wednesday, March 15th, 2023
- **Entries must be received by:**
Monday, May 1st
- **Winners will be notified on:**
Friday, May 12th
- **Award Ceremony:**
Friday, June 9th at 5PM
- **Pick up stories before:**
Monday, June 19th

THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- All entries **MUST** be accompanied by an official entry form. Please remember to include the child's grade level and contact information.
- 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.

Submitting entries:

Drop off or mail to:

Odyssey Bookshop, 9 College Street
South Hadley, MA 01075

Email to: kids@odysseybks.com
(do not forget to include an entry form!)