

ScienceThrillers.com announces its first-ever

Creative Science Writing Contest

It's not science fiction, it's fictionalized science!

CASH PRIZES: 1st place: **\$100**; 2nd place: **\$50**; 3rd place: **\$25**

WHY:

Sneaking a little science into fiction or poetry is a powerful way to educate

WHAT:

Submit any work of fiction (including, but not limited to, short stories, poetry, fables, and short graphic works/comics) that meets the following criteria:

1. The work is suitable for a **youth audience (grades 4-12)**
2. The work contains **accurate scientific content**
3. The scientific content should **feel entertaining but secretly be educational.**
4. The work should be between a few hundred and a few thousand words in length. **Maximum length: 4,000 words.**
5. If entry includes artwork, figures, or images they must be the original work of the contestant and must be submitted in digital format.

Nonfiction entries are also permitted if the story is presented in a thrilling or entertaining style (such as in Richard Preston's THE HOT ZONE).

ENTRY FEE: \$5

WHEN: E-submit by **June 30, 2012**

DETAILS: Visit **ScienceThrillers.com** for rules, judging criteria, and how to enter. Email questions to contest@ScienceThrillers.com.

Contest is open to writers of all ages.

Spread the word to writers clubs, university or high school science classes, and beyond. The more entries, the more cash prizes will be given!

*****TEACHERS:** Inquire about discounted entry fee if you would like to submit multiple entries on behalf of your students***