

The Sky's The Limit

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Theme: "The Sky's The Limit"

Use your unlimited creativity and imagination to write the first page of a fictional story.

Objective:

The contest is designed to encourage 6th – 12th grade students to submit the **first** page of a story that will grab a reader's interest--to create a hook, a sense of intrigue, and a reason for the reader to want more. The main goal of this contest is promote literacy and recognize the next generation of young writers in America.

The Purpose:

To encourage young writers to explore the world of writing. Many school districts across the nation have either excluded or placed a minor focus on creative writing in their curriculum. This contest is meant to inspire students, supplement their writing skills, and recognize their talent.

Contest Rules

- Open to all students in grades 6-12 in the United States
- Any genre or theme (fantasy, sci-fi, romance, mystery, etc.)
- Maximum of 250 original words
- **Inappropriate language or gratuitous violence is grounds for disqualification.**

Submissions

- Send your 250 word first page of a story at our website: skyauthors.com
- Make sure to include your full name, high school, mailing address, email address, and a [nomination for a teacher-mentor who helped you with your submission](#)
- Submissions must be emailed by midnight on November 1, 2014

Prizes

- One winning student will win: **Two (2) Kindle Fires HDX (one for the student and one for their nominated teacher-mentor). If the winning student chooses to complete the full story, SkyAuthors will assist in getting the story published.**
- 2 runners-up will each receive: **One (1) Kindle Paperwhite; One (\$20 Amazon Gift Card); and all six (6) of the participating Skyscape's authors books.**
- 7 winners (1 per grade) will receive: **One (1) Kindle Paperwhite; One (\$20 Amazon Gift Card); and all six (6) of the participating Skyscape's authors books.**

The school with the most entries will win a pack of **thirty (30) Kindle Paperwhites.**

Details

- Information on the contest and writing tips are available at www.skyauthors.com.
- Contest Launches- September 1, 2014
- Begin School Visits/Appearances (Skype & In-Person) Sept- Nov. 2014
- Deadline for Entries November 1, 2014; announce Winners January 12, 2015

Skyscape Authors:

- CHRISTINA FARLEY, author of GILDED and SILVERN, was born and raised in upstate New York. As a child, she loved to explore, which later inspired her to jump on a plane and travel the world. She lived and taught at international schools in Asia for ten years, eight of which were in the mysterious and beautiful city of Seoul, Korea that became the inspirational setting of the GILDED series. Currently she lives in Clermont, FL with her husband and two boys. That is until the travel itch whisks her off to a new unknown. Visit her at www.christinafarley.com or @ChristinaFarley on twitter.
- JESSIE HUMPHRIES, author of young adult contemporary thriller KILLING RUBY ROSE and RESISTING RUBY ROSE, is a Full-time Mother, Part-time Attorney, Half-witted Writer, and a Full-blown Lunatic. Some people like to call her a B-Word...for all kinds of different reasons, though she likes to think most of them have to do with the fact she's a Book writer, Beach lover, and a pretty good Baby Momma. She lives in Las Vegas with her Brawny husband, four Beautiful kids, and a Bizerk Morkie named Max. Visit her at jessiehumphries.com or @JessieHWrites on twitter.
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- MEREDITH McCARDLE is a recovered lawyer and the author of THE EIGHTH GUARDIAN, the first title in a young adult time travel series. Like her main character, she has a fondness for strong coffee, comfortable pants, and jumping to the wrong conclusions. Unlike her main character, she cannot travel through time. Sadly. She lives in South Florida with her husband and two young daughters. Visit her at www.meredithmccardle.com or @MeredithMcP on Twitter.
- RYSA WALKER grew up on a cattle ranch in the South. Her options for entertainment were talking to cows and reading books. On the rare occasion that she gained control of the television, she watched Star Trek and imagined living in the future, on distant planets, or at least in a town big enough to have a stop light. TIMEBOUND, the first book in the CHRONOS Files series, was the Young Adult and Grand Prize winner in the 2013 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Awards. A CHRONOS Files novella, Time's Echo, is now available exclusively on Kindle, with an Audible version scheduled for release in early June. Time's Edge, the second book in the series, is scheduled for release in October of 2014. Visit her at www.rysa.com or @RysaWalker on Twitter.
- CHUCK WENDIG is a novelist, screenwriter, and game designer. He's the author of BLACKBIRDS, DOUBLE DEAD and DINO CALYPSE NOW, and is co-writer of the short film PANDEMIC, the feature film HiM, and the Emmy-nominated digital narrative COLLAPSUS. He lives in Pennsylvania with wife, taco terrier, and tiny human. Visit him at terribleminds.com or @ChuckWendig on Twitter.

***All authors will make themselves available for a limited amount of school visits (in-person and Skype) in their region. Also, the authors will maintain a website with all additional information, helps, and tips to promote the contest, books, and reading in general.