

**2009 Dallas International Book Fair**  
**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**Short Story Contest Rules**  
Please read carefully

1. By entering, participants certify that the short story is the original work of the person named below, not a copy of an existing piece and not previously published. **Plagiarized** entries will be disqualified.
2. Participant gives permission to the Dallas Public Library to use any photo taken of participant for internal publications and outside publications, such as national library publications and local newspapers.
3. There will be one age category 18 and older.
4. Works can be submitted in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean. Works can be submitted in person, or by mail to: International Book Fair, 1515 Young St, Dallas, TX 75201 or via e-mail to [mrodriguez@dallaslibrary.org](mailto:mrodriguez@dallaslibrary.org) Entries will be accepted from July 11 to September 15, 2009. **All entries must be received by 5 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2008. No entries will be returned.**
5. An entry form must accompany each short story. **IMPORTANT:** *Short story must have title but **must not** have the name of the author.*
6. Each entry must have a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 3,000 words in Times Roman font, 12 point, double space.
7. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
8. All entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and theme. All decisions of the judging committee are final.
9. Participants give the Dallas Public Library and International Book Fair permission to print, publish, or use any winning piece by a finalist or grand prize winner. Short stories may be used for any and all purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, publicity, publication, and exhibition in any media known or hereafter devised.
10. Dallas Public Library shall have permission to use the short story at its discretion.
11. The Dallas Public Library and International Book Fair committee shall not be responsible for late, lost, damaged, incomplete, or misdirected mail.
12. All legible entrants will each receive a certificate of participation and will be invited to the award ceremony.

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PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE. A parent or legal guardian must sign the entry form if under the age of 18. Only one entry per person

Name as it should appear in print.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date:    /    /    Age: \_\_\_\_\_                      M    F

Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Something about You:

Hobbies/interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite authors: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite books: \_\_\_\_\_