

ANNOUNCING THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL PALO ALTO WEEKLY

JUDGES:

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT

Tom Parker, Award winning novelist and short story writer, UC Extension and Foothill College Instructor and former Stanford Instructor

Ellen Sussman, Author of "Dirty Words: A literary Encyclopedia of Sex", "Bad Girls: 26 Writers Misbehave" and "On a Night Like This"

Keith Raffel, Author of the local best seller "Dot Dead: A Silicon Valley Mystery"

CHILDREN/TEEN

Katy Obringer, Former supervisor of Palo Alto Children's Library

Caryn Huberman Yacowitz, Playwright and Children's book author

Nancy Etchemendy, Children's book author



PRIZES

FOR ADULTS:

\$500 Cash - FIRST PLACE
\$300 Cash - SECOND PLACE
\$200 Cash - THIRD PLACE

FOR YOUNG ADULT/CHILDREN/TEEN:

\$100 Gift Certificate - FIRST PLACE
\$75 Gift Certificate - SECOND PLACE
\$50 Gift Certificate - THIRD PLACE

Certificates are from co-sponsoring area bookstores.

Kepler's (*ages 15-17)
Bell's Books (*ages 12-14)
Linden Tree (*ages 9-11)
*age as of entry deadline

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All Writers:

October 3, 2008 • 5:30 p.m.

All adult winners and first place young winners in each category will be announced in the Palo Alto Weekly in December 2008.
All winning stories will be published online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com

CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school full-time in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, Stanford, Portola Valley, Woodside, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and East Palo Alto.
2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. **Stories must be typed, double-spaced. Maximum 2,500 words. Longer stories will be disqualified.**
4. \$15 entry fee, along with hard copy, for all ADULT stories; \$5 entry fee for YOUNG WRITERS under 18.
Make checks payable to "Palo Alto Weekly."
5. Entries may not have been previously published.
6. Signed entry form must accompany story. Author's name should NOT appear anywhere on pages of story.
7. All winners are required to email their story to the Palo Alto Weekly in a Microsoft Word Document as an attachment.

Mail manuscripts to: Palo Alto Weekly Short Story Contest,
P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302 or deliver to 703 High Street, Palo Alto

Questions: email Rachel Palmer at rpalmer@pawebly.com



ENTRY FORM

Category (As of October 3, 2008): (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Adult 9-11 12-14 15-17

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

School or Work location: _____

Story Title: _____

Exact Word Count _____ *must be filled in to enter

*This story is my original work and I received no assistance with it. **My story is 2,500 words or less.** I understand that the Palo Alto Weekly reserves first publishing and online rights to winning entries. Judges decisions are final. Palo Alto Weekly employees and their relatives and freelancers are not eligible to enter. Stories cannot be returned.*

Authors Signature

Date