

# \*\*\* Attention! Calling all writers !!! \*\*\*

## IFWA

### Calgary's Imaginative Fiction Writers Association

invites you to submit your original written works of fiction to our 2009 short story contest **In Places Between**. to be judged in our new student author category.

The **In Places Between** short story contest is held each year by IFWA, in memoriam of Robyn Herrington and in conjunction with the **Calgary ConVersion** science fiction convention and is intended to promote the writing and enjoyment of Speculative Fiction.

#### Contest rules and requirements

- No contest entry fee
- Eligible writers have earned no more than \$100 through published writing.
- Eligible writers for student category must have been enrolled in a Calgary high school for 2008-2009.
- Maximum ( two ) short stories per participant, up to 3000 words each maximum.
- Story is to be speculative, which includes Science Fiction, Horror, Fantasy, Urban Fantasy,
- Submissions E-Mailed in MS word or RTF format using a 12 pt Courier style of font and double spaced text.
- Please use **2009 Student Short Story** in the subject line of your e-mail
- Deadline for receipt of stories is May 1, 2009
- Competition format – include a separate file that includes the title, author's name, address, email and phone along with a word count. Page numbers bottom right. The story will have no author information included, so that we can do blind judging.
- Stories are judged on professional presentation, originality, ingenuity, entertainment factor, character, plot, spelling and grammar, and story construction using authorial skills.

All stories will be read and rated to provide the top five stories. All remaining submissions will be returned via E-Mail along with a short critique of the work with notes as to where certain improvements could have been made.

The **top five stories** will be re-judged by authors/editors at the 2009 ConVersion Science Fiction Convention.

#### Prizes awarded –

\$75.00 - first place

\$50.00 - second place

\$35.00 - third place

\$20.00 - honorable mention

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The top five authors will receive a day pass for the convention to attend the judging and convention activities. Your top five stories will be included, along with the top five open class stories (amateur writers all), in the annual **In Places Between** : a chap book format publication. A copy of this publication will be provided to each finalist.

Email submissions or questions to Michael Gillett - [RHMshortstorycontest@yahoogroups.ca](mailto:RHMshortstorycontest@yahoogroups.ca)

Please check our web page at [www.writtenword.org/ifwa](http://www.writtenword.org/ifwa) - for more information on the contest as it becomes available.