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2023 Fresh Ink Fiction Contest

Calling all young writers of Texas! It's time to submit your stories! The submission window for our 2022 Fresh Ink Fiction Contest, supported by Random House Children's Books and Austin Bat Cave, is open through Wednesday, September 13. Create a fictional story based on this theme: "Passwords".

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Live in Texas
- Enrolled in grades 6-12
- Submit an original work of fiction, no more than 2,000 words
- Written by a single author, no co-authors

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & FORMAT

- Follow the theme provided, choose your own genre (see types of genres)
- Use language that fits your audience
- Submit only one entry
- Include the title page with your name, email, and word count
- Format: Double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt size font, 1-inch margins
- Number all pages and submit in one of the following formats: .pdf, .doc, .docx
- Save your file using: TitleofStory_YourInitials [example: ThroneofGlass_SJM]
- Submit through Google form(scan QR code above) or visit <https://www.texasbookfestival.org/2022-fresh-ink-fiction-contest/>

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 11:59 P.M. CT

Entry must be the author's original work and creation. No plagiarism or fan fiction. Have a question about the contest? Email michelle@texasbookfestival.org.

All writers who submit a story will be invited to attend a special workshop hosted by Austin Bat Cave that you won't want to miss. Details coming soon!

Entries will be judged by Texas Book Festival staff, authors, educators, and leaders in the publishing industry. Judges will look for excellence in dialogue, imagery, character development, setting, plot, conflict, and resolution. Winners will be invited to participate in the Fresh Ink session at the 2023 Texas Book Festival on November 11-12, and be awarded a fun literary prize. Winners will be announced by October 11, 2023.