

## Entry Permission Slip for Minors for *Mystery Times* Competition

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_

To enter Buddhapuss Ink LLC's *Mystery Times* Mystery Short Story Competition.

Additional information can be viewed at our website: [www.BuddhapussInk.com](http://www.BuddhapussInk.com)

Or can be requested by emailing: [Editorial@buddhapussnk.com](mailto:Editorial@buddhapussnk.com)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Parent / Guardian)

Parent / Guardian's phone number (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's phone number (cell phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be copied on all emails sent to your child by Buddhapuss Ink LLC \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

All entries that meet submission guidelines (see [www.BuddhapussInk.com](http://www.BuddhapussInk.com)) will be read and scored by judges. The top twenty (20) entries—based on total points accrued—will then go on to our **Editorial Review Panel**.

*Mystery Times Ten* is a Short Story Competition run by Buddhapuss Ink LLC. The target audience for this collection is 15 and up.

### The fine print part:

**Theme: Mystery – Your choice, be it murder, cozy, paranormal, romance, soft-boiled, hard-boiled, police procedural, suspense, thriller, or amateur detective.**

**What is a mystery? In a mystery, the main character must track down the truth about an event, often a murder. If the protagonist is in any danger, it usually becomes a problem only as the detective/protagonist approaches the truth. That's your base, how it plays out is up to you!**

- **No gratuitous sex, violence, or foul language.**
- **The competition is open to all writers in English except current / former employees of Buddhapuss Ink LLC or members of our Judging Panels.**
- **You must be 18 or older to enter unless you have written permission from your parent or guardian.**
- **Submissions will be accepted from July 15th, 2014 to October 31, 2014.**
- **No previously published work(s) or simultaneous submissions please.**
- **Entries should be between 3000-7000 words in length.**
- **Send your submissions via email with the subject line "Submission for MYSTERY TIMES 2014" from <your name> with your story as an attached file in .doc (Word) format PLEASE INCLUDE in the body of the email:**
  - **Your name and contact information**
  - **A brief author bio (2-5 sentences)**
  - **Entry should be single-spaced in at least a 12 pt. readable font. We suggest Times New Roman, Courier, or Arial.**

Send emails to: [Submissions@Buddhapussink.com](mailto:Submissions@Buddhapussink.com)

Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will not be considered.

Notifications will be sent to finalists via email in **November 2014**.

There is no limit on the number of entries you may submit. There is no fee to enter.

**Winning Selections:**

The Ten (10) Winning entries will be published in the **Mystery Times 2014 anthology** by Buddhapuss Ink LLC.

- **FIRST PLACE** winner will a **BRAND NEW KINDLE**, featured placement in the book, and a Buddhapuss Ink tote filled with swag.
- **SECOND & THIRD PLACE** winners will featured placement in the book, and a Buddhapuss Ink t-shirt.
- **ALL TEN (10) WINNERS** will receive: two (2) copies of the finished book and the opportunity to "fast track" their next manuscript with our Editorial staff. "Fast track" does not mean you will receive a publishing contract, but we will give **your manuscript** a priority reading and response.

Some winning entries will also be featured on our website, blog, and/or Facebook page.

**JUDGES:**

Buddhapuss Ink was founded with a mission to put our readers first and that's just what we aim to do in Buddhapuss Ink's first competition. All entries that meet submission guidelines will be read and rated by judges. **The top twenty (20) entries**—based on total points accrued—will then go on to our Editorial Review Panel.

No manuscripts will be returned.

Winners will be notified in **November 2014**.

Publication is scheduled for **January 2015**.

Send your best words our way!

**Key dates:**

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**October 31, 2014**

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