

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

I give my permission for _____

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

Additional information can be viewed at: http://www.BuddhapussInk.com/Mystery_Times_Ten.html

Or can be requested by emailing: 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

Buddhapuss Ink LLC was founded with a mission to put our readers first and that's just what we aim to do in our first writer's competition. All entries that meet submission guidelines (see attached or view at www.BuddhapussInk.com/Mystery_Times_Ten.html) will be read and rated on a scale of 1 to 5 by judges from both our **YA Blogger Panel** and our **YA Teen Panel**. 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 of Mystery Short Stories is the 13-19 year old.

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 or violence. Please remember your audience is 13 and up.
- 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 October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
- 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 TEN" 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

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

Notifications will be sent to finalists via email in March 2011

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 Spring 2011 Young Adult Showcase titled *Mystery Times Ten* to be published by Buddhapuss Ink LLC.

- **FIRST PLACE** winner will receive a \$100 Gift Card Featured placement in the book, and a Buddhapuss Ink tote filled with swag.
- **SECOND PLACE** winner will receive a \$75 Gift Card, Featured placement in the book, and a Buddhapuss Ink tote filled with swag.
- **THIRD PLACE** winner will receive a \$50 Gift Card, Featured placement in the book, and a Buddhapuss Ink tote filled with swag.
- **ALL TEN (10) WINNERS** will receive: two (2) copies of the finished book and the opportunity to “fast track” their next Young Adult or Middle Grade manuscript with our Editorial staff. “Fast track” does not mean you will receive a publishing contract, but we will guarantee that your manuscript is given 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 by and rated by judges from our YA Book Blogger Panel and our YA Teen Panel. The top twenty (20) entries—based on total points accrued—will then go on to our Editorial Review Panel.

Our YA Book Blogger Panel is made up of some of the best Book Bloggers on the web. These are people who are passionate about the YA market, who spend untold hours reading, reviewing and promoting books for this audience.

Our YA Teen Panel is exactly that—a group of teens aged 13-18 from across the USA who have been nominated by teachers, librarians, and book industry professionals. All of them are avid readers.

Our Editorial Review Panel is made up of 3 publishing professionals who have a combined total of over 50 years in the industry. The decisions of the Competition's judges will be final

No manuscripts will be returned.

Winners will be notified & announced in March 2011.

Publication is scheduled for May/June 2011.

Send your best words our way! We publish newcomers and established writers alike.

Key dates:

Contest starts: October 1, 2010
Contest ends: December 31, 2010
Winners announced: March 2011
Publication: May/June 2011

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