

Young Alberta Book Society

For more than 25 years, YABS has been an advocate for children's literacy in Alberta. YABS has brought together a rich pool of talented Albertan authors, illustrators and storytellers who dedicate themselves to enriching the lives of children and youth through the literary arts. We are committed to creating opportunities for Alberta's children to be inspired by literary artists.

Our society is best known for our children's literary festival, Taleblazers, held each year in October. During the festival, authors, illustrators and storytellers visit schools and public libraries throughout Alberta. Taleblazers creates opportunities for thousands of meetings between students and artists, which lead to enhanced levels of literacy and, most importantly, excitement about reading and the arts.

To learn more about our programs, please visit our website at www.yabs.ab.ca

They're not funny awards. They're awards for funny kids.

The Small Print

Winners will receive a trip to the 2011 youth writing camp in Bragg Creek, AB, a copy of the book *Fields of Home*, and a half-day visit from a literary artist to his/her school during Taleblazers 2011. The camp portion of the prize will consist of registration, plus reimbursement of the winner's travel expenses to and from the camp up to a maximum of \$1000 upon the submission of appropriate receipts or a signed mileage statement. Winners are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and must register properly with the camp. The artist visit will consist of two one-hour sessions in the school, for which YABS will cover the artist's presentation fee, a school YABS membership, and the artist's travel costs as per Taleblazers festival policy. This portion of the prize is contingent upon the participation of the staff at the winner's school.



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Martyn Godfrey Young Writers' Award 2011

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And, the colour yellow.



Frequently asked questions...

Who was Martyn Godfrey?

Martyn Godfrey (1949-2000) was born in England, raised in Toronto, and taught school in Ontario and Alberta. In 1985 he became a fulltime writer of young adult and juvenile fiction. His interests varied from Shakespeare and Wagner to heavy metal. He wrote more than 40 funny books.

What is the award for?

The Martyn Godfrey Young Writers' Award is an annual juried competition open to all Albertan students in Grades 7 through 9. Students are requested to submit a humorous short story (500 to 1500 words) to the Young Alberta Book Society by **May 6, 2011**. **Don't forget to include the colour yellow!**

Is there a prize?

You bet! We are pleased to present two prizes of a trip to WordsWorth, the youth writing camp at Kamp Kiwanis in Bragg Creek, AB, valued at \$1,000. (See The Small Print, over). Winners will also receive an author visit for their class during our annual Taleblazers event, and a copy of *Fields of Home*, the story of canola. But wait, there's more! The first 100 students to send in their submission will receive a FREE novel written by Martyn Godfrey.

Martyn Godfrey Young Writers' Award Rules

1. All entries must be received by **May 6, 2011** at the YABS office, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3K6. Faxed entries will be accepted providing they are legible. Fax number is 780.422.8236
2. Each entry must be original, unpublished, and not submitted elsewhere for publication or performance.
3. All entries in this competition will be judged anonymously, on merit alone. Send us your funniest work – **and make sure you include the colour canola yellow!**
4. You may enter the contest as many times as you like, but you must include a separate cover page for each submission.
5. A cover page **MUST** be attached to your submission. On your cover page, please provide the following:
 - Your name, complete mailing address and telephone number
 - Your age and date of birth
 - The title of your piece
 - The word count
 - Your parent or guardian's signature giving permission to enter this contest.
6. Your entry must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch white paper in easily readable font.
7. Entries will not be returned. Please keep your original copy.
8. As a contestant in this competition, you agree that the Young Alberta Book Society may print your winning entry (with full acknowledgement of you as the author) in its newsletter and on its website and that the Alberta Canola Producers' Commission may print your entry in its promotional materials or annual report.
9. Winners will be notified by May 31, 2011.
10. Entrants must be in Grade 7, 8 or 9 in Alberta at time of entry.
11. There will be TWO prizes awarded. Prizes must be accepted as awarded; please see over. The decision of the judges is final.