

Young Alberta Book Society...

... is committed to creating arts opportunities for young Albertans.

The arts are fundamental to a healthy, productive rich life and, we believe, should be available to all regardless of where you live or what your socioeconomic status.

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.

This year 50 or more authors, illustrators, and storytellers will visit over 150 communities in every part of Alberta, and give over 700 readings.

Contact us for more information at 780-422-8232 or info@yabs.ab.ca.

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

The Small Print

Winners will receive a trip to the 2009 children's writing camp in Bragg Creek, Alberta and a half day visit from a literary artist to his/her school during **Taleblazers 2009**. The camp portion of the prize will consist of the camp 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 1-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 2009

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Martyn Godfrey Young Writers' Award Rules

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 22, 2009.

Is there a prize?

There are 2 prizes of a trip to the children's writing summer camp program at Bragg Creek, valued at up to \$1000 (see The Small Print, over).



1. All entries must be received by May 22, 2009 at the YABS office, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3K6.. Faxed entries are acceptable provided they are legible. Fax number is 780-422-8239.

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.

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 the cover page, please provide the following information:

- Your name, complete mailing address and telephone number.
- Your age and date of birth.
- The title of your piece.
- 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 an **easily readable font**.

7. Entries will not be returned. Please keep your original copy.

8. As a contestant in this competition, you agree that 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 (www.yabs.ab.ca) and that the **Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association** members may also print your entry in their newspapers.

9. Winners will be notified by June 8, 2009.

10. Entrants must be in grade 7, 8 or 9 in Alberta at the 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.

