

America's Next Author Contest

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Grand prize of \$5,000.00 for a new type of writing contest! Submit your short story and get world-wide exposure and feedback from other authors. Read what other authors have written and cast your vote for the contest winner.

Press Release

eBookMall.com Thrilled to Announce America's Next Author Contest

First Social Writing Contest with Grand Prize of \$5,000 for Most Popular New General Fiction Author

PORTLAND, OR [September 13, 2012] -- eBookMall.com announced the first annual "America's Next Author" competition, a new competition that's reinventing the standard writing contest. This contest is the first to involve the general public in judging entries even before the official jury, and authors will get valuable feedback about their writing.

"This is not your average writing contest. In most writing contests, authors are left in the dark without ever knowing what other people entered or why they didn't win," said Martijn Leenders, Managing Director of eBookMall.com. "We wanted to change all that and make our writing contest a transparent and social experience. So instead of being boring and frustrating, America's Next Author is fun and exciting."

America's Next Author is now accepting entries for the world's first social writing contest. Unlike standard writing contests, the winning story will be chosen based on votes from fans and readers. Entering the contest is free and the Grand Prize is \$5000. Contestants can get started today at

<http://www.ebookmall.com/>

The competition will have eight nomination rounds in which the top-ranked author of each week will be nominated for the finals. Authors can join during any week of the competition, but joining sooner will increase their chances of winning. In this open system, even if an author's story doesn't get nominated during an initial round, it will remain in the competition until the final nomination round.

In addition to being judged by visitors, stories will be read by a panel of experienced professionals from the publishing industry who will be overseeing the contest. These judges will read entries and provide feedback to authors. They will also nominate four additional wildcard authors, adding them into the final rounds of competition.

"Getting feedback from the judges and readers will be a great learning opportunity for new authors. On top of that, while contestants are gathering votes online they will also be creating worldwide exposure for themselves, which will be a career boost whether they make it to the finals or not," said Leenders.

As in all writing contests, well-written, engaging stories are essential, but America's Next Author is different in one important way: contestants can influence their chances of winning by mobilizing their fans online. Encouraging friends and family to vote will be crucial to an author's success.

To enter the contest, writers will sign up at <http://www.ebookmall.com/americasnexauthor>

and enter a short story between 2500 and 5000 words. Participants can begin entering stories on September 13, 2012, and voting begins on October 9, 2012. A unique aspect of this contest is that people can join during any state of the competition, which gives authors plenty of opportunity to participate in America's Next Author even if they've missed the first deadline.

To see the complete official rules for America's Next Author, please visit <http://www.ebookmall.com/americasnexauthor/rules>
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