



# First Page Contest

Presents  
**The  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
FIRST PAGE CONTEST**

*You only get thirteen(13) lines to make them turn the page.*

We have thirty-three choices to compete in.  
Pick one or pick several, format your submission, and enter.

See the attached Submission Form for description, categories, and rules.  
Print it, fill it out, and mail it in with your entry.  
**GOOD LUCK!**

Young Adult	Paranormal
YA - Mystery/Suspense	
by	
Author	
They had no clues, no witnesses, no bodies, no murder weapons, and no motive. What they did have was a room full of blood, screams heard throughout the neighborhood, three missing persons, and more policemen and detectives than could fit in a school bus. Oh, and they had Jake.	
Jake was my friend, probably my best friend.	
Detectives donned shoe covers and swarmed through the house, buzzing around like huge flies with large white feet. Policemen strung up about a mile or so of yellow "Police Scene - Do Not Cross" tape. It was everywhere and looked like a crazy spider-monster had gone nuts. Officers threw up barricades blocking the gasbers, the martial rubbertrickers, and the curious passers-by. Reporters ganged up on the police spokesman, writing their microphones, snapping pictures, and throwing questions.	
The crime scene hummed with activity for most of the day. Three CSI vans remained parked in the driveway after most of the circus left and the remaining officers struggled out.	
Jake was released late that day. They had no case, no evidence, and no leads. Then again, no one ever asked me.	
Mystery/Suspense 1/1	

This contest will be *absolutely* fun and exciting.

**BEGINS:** 01 April 2010  
**DEADLINE:** 23 April 2010, post-marked no later than  
**AWARDS:** Announced at May Monthly Meeting and by E-Mail  
**COST:** Just \$2.50 per entry

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Enter by mailing your formatted thirteen(13) lines  
with the attached submission form to  
Absolutely Write at P.O. Box 12757, Ogden, UT 84412



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## Submission Form

Mark Entry

**Main Category    Sub-Category**

### 1st Annual 'First Page Contest'

Write an absolutely awesome query letter. Send it to an Agent/Editor who reads it, turns the sheet to the first page of your manuscript --- *then they never turn the page again.* What went wrong? What can be done better? HELP!  
*You only have thirteen(13) lines to make an impression or to entice the reader to want to go on --- to see what's next.*  
 Enter now to see how the beginning of your manuscript fares. Place and get bragging rights to include in your query letter.

### Contest Rules

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place certificates depending on number of entries received. Sub-Categories may be combined if necessary. Limit of three(3) entries per category. Enter as many categories as you like. \$2.50 per submission.

All submissions must be original work of contestant. Only un-published works. Standard submission formatting with 1" margins, 12 pt font, double-spaced manuscript, only thirteen(13) lines. Title about 1/3 down. No author's name. Place Main Category on the upper left corner. Place the Sub-Category in the upper right corner or blank if none.

Print this page, mark category in right column, fill in form below, include your writing group affiliation (group or chapter name). Attach one to each entry. One payment for total amount is OK. Payable to Absolutely Write.

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 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Main Category \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub-Category \_\_\_\_\_

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	Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	General Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Historical Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Horror	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Science Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>CHILDREN'S</b>	Picture Book	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Chapter Book	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Middle Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tweens	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>NON-FICTION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>SHORT STORIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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