

the tall tale challenge

What's a tall tale?

It's a story that is obviously untrue or impossible. But this doesn't mean that it must be simply nonsense. A tall tale encourages readers to suspend disbelief for the sake of a good read!

Some ways to suspend disbelief:

- create an extraordinary happening for an ordinary character in a normal setting
- create an extraordinary character in a normal setting
- surprise the reader, but don't bamboozle!
- create a plot that makes some kind of sense, even if it's not normal sense
- try to convince your readers that the story could possibly be true
- tall tales can be funny, scary, sad, happy, entertaining or instructional
- think of an ending that is subtle and clever

Make it fun for your readers!

And to make it fun for the judges, please

- type your work in Times New Roman on white A4 paper
- use paragraphs and "double quotation marks" and check your spelling properly!

School year groups

Years 4–6: 500 words maximum.

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Tall Tale Challenge

PO Box 21120, Christchurch 8143

Deadline 30th June, 2017

ENTRY FEE PER ENTRY:

Three (3) unused Kiwi Stamps

Only Kiwi Stamps will be accepted.

Results will be published in the Winter 2017 edition of *Write On*.

If you would like the results to be sent personally, enclose a stamped-addressed envelope with your entries.

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Fill in and sign this form and staple it to your story.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Landline telephone number (0) _____

Family email address _____

Contact parent's name _____

Name of your school _____

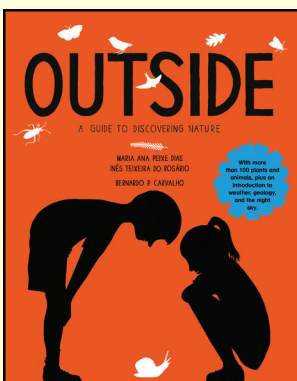
Age ____ Date of birth _____ Year level at school (2017) _____

Agreement: I have entered my own original work. It is not copied from any other source. It has not been and will not be entered for any other competition. The School for Young Writers reserves the right not to award a prize if the standard of writing is poor.

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Signed: _____

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