



## Contest Guidelines

TAG Publishing is looking for the next Great American Novel! Our contest seeks the best unpublished work in 7 different areas of fiction and will award a top prize of \$300 to the Best of Show and prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 to first, second and third place in each category.

Upon completion of the contest and after all prizes are awarded, full manuscripts may be requested by TAG Publishing from some or all finalists. Based on the merits of each book requested, a publishing contract may be extended by TAG Publishing to the most outstanding authors. Authors are not required to send their full manuscript or accept any contract offered.

Authors retain all rights to contest entries and no entry will be used in any form by TAG Publishing without the author's express written consent. This contest is completely electronic so please follow the guidelines carefully.

- Deadline: Electronic timestamp of submission email no later than midnight October 31, 2011.
- Entry fee: \$35 per entry. Authors may enter as many categories as they wish as long as a separate email with submission attached and category noted is sent and additional entry fee paid.
- Total monetary awards: \$1,350 which includes: one \$300 Best of Show, and three prizes in each of the seven categories: \$75 1st Prize; \$50 2nd Prize; \$25 3rd Prize.
- Winners will each receive a written critique from the Editors at TAG Publishing.
- Categories:
  - o Literary
  - o Mainstream
  - o Young Adult (YA)
  - o Science Fiction/Fantasy
  - o Romance
  - o Suspense/thriller
  - o Historical
- Manuscript must have black 12 point font, preferably Times New Roman. Pages should be formatted to 8.5 x 11 size and text double spaced with no additional spaces between paragraphs.
- Word count is limited to a 750 word synopsis followed by no more than 7500 words from the beginning of the book manuscript.
- Each page should have a page number and title in the upper right hand corner – no identifying author information should appear on the manuscript.
- Each entrant must fill out the contest form on the website [www.tagpublishers.com](http://www.tagpublishers.com) for each entry and pay a separate fee.
- All fees must be paid via Pay Pal or credit card at time of submission.
- All files must be submitted via email ([GAN2010@TAGPublishers.com](mailto:GAN2010@TAGPublishers.com)) and must be in Word 2003, Word 2007 or higher, or Adobe PDF. No other formats will be accepted. Please include your full name and address in the email.
- Entries exceeding word count or that do not follow these guidelines may be disqualified and entry fee forfeited.
- All authors authorize that by submitting to this contest that their manuscripts are completely original and unpublished works created and owned solely by the author.
- Winners will be announced on December 20th on our web site and all winning authors notified via email and/or by phone.
- Visit our web site at: [www.TAGPublishers.com](http://www.TAGPublishers.com) for more information about our contest.