

"Writers dream stories, awake and asleep."

— Linda Bailey, MARY WHO WROTE FRANKENSTEIN

TUNDRA GHOST STORY CONTEST FOR KIDS

On a stormy night in Lake Geneva in 1816, poet Lord Byron challenged his friends to write a ghost story. One of those people was eighteen-year-old Mary Shelley, and the story she wrote was *FRANKENSTEIN*. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of *Frankenstein* and the publication of *MARY WHO WROTE FRANKENSTEIN*, Tundra Books is holding a ghost story writing contest for kids age 8–12.

HOW TO ENTER

Contest is open to kids age 8–12. Stories must be between 800–2,000 words in length and contain at least one ghost. They will be judged on originality and readability by an expert panel, including *MARY WHO WROTE FRANKENSTEIN* author Linda Bailey as well as an editor and a marketing professional from Tundra Books.

PRIZE

The winning story will be posted on the Talking with Tundra blog on November 19th, 2018. The winner will also receive a letter from author Linda Bailey, a copy of *MARY WHO WROTE FRANKENSTEIN* and \$50 worth of PRH Canada Young Readers books.



TO ENTER AND FOR FULL DETAILS PLEASE VISIT
penguinrandomhouse.ca/tundra-ghost-story-contest.

Entry forms and stories must be uploaded on this website by October 31st, 2018 to be considered.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Enter between August 28, 2018 and October 31, 2018. Open to residents of the U.S. and Canada [excluding Quebec] who have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence at time of entry. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. See Official Rules at <https://penguinrandomhouse.ca/tundra-ghost-story-contest> for full details.

WRITING TIPS

FROM LINDA BAILEY



- **Read the kind of story that you want to write.**
Read lots of those stories! See what other writers have done. Look for inspiration and techniques to write a story that is completely your own.
- **Try to get “inside” your important characters.**
Imagine that you actually are that character. How do you feel? What do you want? What do you care about?
- **Take time to daydream.**
Focus on your story, but allow your mind to wander too. Try daydreaming just before you go to sleep or just after you wake up. Your imagination may be especially active then.



LINDA BAILEY is a bestselling and award-winning children's writer with more than 30 books to her credit. She is the author of *Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein*, *If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur*, *When Santa Was a Baby*, *Seven Dead Pirates* and the beloved Stanley the Dog series. She has won awards across North America, including the California Young Readers' Medal, the Georgia Storybook Award, the Ontario Blue Spruce and Silver Birch Awards, the Oregon SMART Award and the Arthur Ellis Award. Visit her online at www.lindabaileybooks.com.

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