SASSY'S YOUNG WRITERS ADVENTURE CONTEST

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YOUNG WRITER

Child’s first name: _____ Age: _____

Writer’s pen name (optional): _____

ANIMAL CHARACTER

Animal species: _____

Character name: _____

Special talent: _____

Three words describing the character: _____

ESSAY

Essay title: _____

Word count: _____ Quarterly deadline: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

PERMISSION AND CREATIVE USE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing, I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the entrant, authorize this entry, and have read the Contest Rules and Creative Use Permission on pages 2–3. I understand that the child must write the essay without AI-generated text or adult writing or editing. I grant the permissions stated on page 3 on behalf of the entrant, to the extent permitted by applicable law. I understand that entry does not guarantee a prize or publication.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

EMAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY TO: hello@brindlebookco.com

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ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS & CONTEST RULES

Your Imagination. Your Animal. Your Chance to Join the Adventure!

Create an original animal character and write an essay explaining why Sassafras should choose that animal to join a future adventure.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

• 500–750 words; typed or handwritten entries are accepted.

• Give the animal a name, personality, strengths, quirks, and a reason to join Sassy.

• The child must write the essay independently. No AI-generated writing, parent-written text, or parent editing.

• One entry per child per quarterly contest period; no purchase necessary.

ENTRY DEADLINES

March 31 • June 30 • September 30 • December 31. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the applicable deadline.

HOW TO ENTER

A parent or guardian must email the signed application and essay together to **hello@brindlebookco.com**, with the subject **Sassy Young Writers Contest Entry**. Attach a document, PDF, or clear photographs/scans of handwritten pages. Do not send photographs of the child, home addresses, school names, or other unnecessary identifying details.

JUDGING & AWARDS

Entries will be evaluated for originality, creativity, character development, and suitability for a Sassafras adventure. Brindle Book Co. will select first-, second-, and third-place winners for each contest period, subject to sufficient eligible entries. **Certificates will be issued only to first-, second-, and third-place winners.** No other entrants will receive participation certificates. Placement does not guarantee that a character will appear in a book.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION & PRIVACY

A child's name, photograph, identifying details, essay, or profile will not be publicly posted without separate parent/guardian permission. Brindle Book Co. will use guardian contact information for contest administration and related winner communication.

IMPORTANT

Eligibility ages, how winners will be notified, and any additional prizes must be finalized and published before entries open. Contest administration is subject to applicable law. For questions: hello@brindlebookco.com.

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CREATIVE USE PERMISSION

Please read carefully before signing the application. This permission applies to the animal character, its name, description, personality, story concepts, illustrations (if submitted), and other creative material included in the contest entry (collectively, the “Submission”).

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FUTURE APPEARANCES

Brindle Book Co. expressly reserves the right to **reuse, further develop, and feature a submitted or selected animal character in multiple future books and other related works**, without requesting new approval for each use, subject to applicable law and any separate written agreement. Creative decisions, including characterization, plot, illustrations, changes, and whether or when to publish, remain at the publisher’s discretion.

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ORIGINALITY & GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

The parent/guardian confirms, to the best of their knowledge, that the Submission is the child’s original work and that they have authority to grant this permission on the child’s behalf. Do not submit third-party copyrighted characters, artwork, or writing.

CERTIFICATES

Only first-, second-, and third-place winners receive contest certificates. The publisher may communicate privately with other entrants but does not issue certificates to other participants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The parent/guardian’s signature on page 1 confirms acceptance of these creative-use terms. If any permission is unenforceable under applicable law, the remaining provisions apply to the extent allowed.

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