Gadsden Reads 2011 Short Story Contest: Tales From the Bottom of My Glass
Jimmy Buffet's Tales From Margaritaville

Short Story Contest Guidelines

Participants must be 18 or older in order to enter this contest.

Short story contest timeframe: April 1-May 20.

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 20.

Short stories will be judged by a qualified Gadsden Reads-appointed panel.

Winners will receive a three-day, two-night package at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville resort in Pensacola, Florida. Winning story will be announced at the Gadsden Reads 2011 Finale Concert on the evening of June 3.

Guidelines (please follow carefully):

- Each contestant may submit only one short story, which must be original, unpublished, and must not have won a previous award.
- Short story may be submitted by mail or in person to the address below. No email submissions will be accepted.
- Short story must be written to address the following topic: **Write a short story that is based upon a Jimmy Buffett song.**
- Short story must fall within the range of 500-700 words.
- Entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 20.
- Entries must be typed or computer-generated. No hand-written submissions will be accepted. Short stories that take up more than one page must be stapled. No artwork, graphics, or unusual type fonts.
- Submit two copies of the short story.
- On the first copy, put the name of the song upon which the short story is based. Do not include any personal information such as name, address, or place of employment, as this is the judges' blind copy.
- On the second copy, put the name of the song upon which the short story is based, your name, address, and phone number.
- Also on the second copy, the contestant MUST COPY AND SIGN THIS STATEMENT: "This is my original work and has not been copied in whole or part from any other author's work, including works posted on the Internet."

Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification. Short stories will be judged by qualified judges. No short story will be published or returned.

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