

FINDING CONTESTS

A **non-exhaustive** list of links compiled by Silvia Acevedo, representing Wisconsin in THE HAUNTED STATES OF AMERICA (Macmillan, July 2024) and author of the award-winning [GOD AWFUL](#) series of books
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The below organizations and websites keep lists of contests for writers, illustrators, and other creators. These links generally take you directly to their contests page. **Inclusion in this document does not constitute an endorsement or avowal of any sort from me.**

Writers/illustrators Associations

Many host their own awards *plus* post lists of reputable awards from outside groups.

Wisconsin Writers Association
Click below and log in to see this members-only list
wiwrite.org

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
Offers many generous contests and awards to members. Its robust membership also often shares contest/industry information.
www.scbwi.org

Romance Writers of America
www.rwa.org

Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers Association
www.sfwaweb.org

Industry Associations

Individual publishers, such as:

- Penguin UK — www.penguin.co.uk
- Astra Publishing House — www.readinglife.com
- Abrams Books — www.abramsbooks.com
- Cherry Lake Publishing — cherrylakepublishing.com

Niche anthologies and e-/magazines

- Poets & Writers magazine — www.pw.org
- The Writer magazine — www.writermag.com

American Library Association/Public Library Association — www.ala.org
We Need Diverse Books — diversebooks.org

Heads Up

Check every (Every.) (Are you paying attention?) (Check EVERY.) publisher, contest, and industry “expert” against the Writer Beware consumer protection site. This comprehensive, well updated, and beloved site is run by champion of creators Victoria Strauss and sponsored by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

Writer Beware — www.sfwaweb.org

In particular, look at their “Thumbs Down Publishers List”

<http://www.sfwaweb.org/other-resources/for-authors/writer-beware/thumbs-down-publishers/>

Preditors and Editors

<http://pred-ed.com>

“Close the door. Write with no one looking over your shoulder. Don’t try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say. It’s the one and only thing you have to offer.”

~ Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer Prize winning American novelist, essayist, and poet

