Christian Authors Guild — 2010 Catch the Wave Writers' Conference

NON-FICTION ARTICLE CONTEST

CONTEST & WRITING GUIDELINES

ENTRY FEE: $10.00 PER ENTRY

PRIZES FOR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE

Ten (10) Bonus Points will be awarded for entries that adhere to all of the Contest/Writing Guidelines.

- **Deadline for Eligibility**: ***Entrants must be registered and conference fee paid for the 2010 Fall Conference by August 10, 2010 to be eligible***.
- Contest Entry Fee: **$10.00 per manuscript entered**. Enclose a personal check or money order with your entry.
- **Deadline for Entries**: ***Entries must be post-marked no later than August 14, 2010***
- Winners will be announced and awards presented during the Closing Session at the 2010 Fall Conference—must be present to win.
- Articles must be written by the author and are not required to have a Christian theme.
- Typed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch white paper
- Separate Cover Page stapled or paper clipped to top of manuscript labeled Non Fiction Article contest. Include title, author's name, and word count only
- Do not put author's name on the manuscript
- Title and Page Number only in the footer on all pages (title at left margin; page number centered or right)
- Double-spaced (lines and paragraphs)
- Single-spaced between sentences
- Title in all caps
- Word count: 800 to 1,500 words (use computer word count)
- See the Contest Judging Criteria for a list of how the submissions will be judged
- Submit two (2) copies of each manuscript—stapled or paper clipped. Enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard if you want confirmation your entry was received. Entries received that do not contain the correct amount of postage will be returned.
- Manuscripts will not be returned to the authors, so keep a copy for your file

** Before submitting your entry, take time to ensure that you have followed the Guidelines. **

Mail your entry to: Christian Authors Guild, Attn: Non-Fiction Article Contest, P. O. Box 2673, Woodstock, GA 30188
Don't forget to enclose the entry fee.

SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORMAT:

COVER PAGE
Non-Fiction Article Contest
TITLE
By B. A. Writer

word count: _____

TITLE

TITLE Pg. 1

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2010 CATCH THE WAVE WRITERS' CONFERENCE

NON-FICTION ARTICLE
CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

Maximum ten (10) points per category

1. OPENING: grabs reader's attention.

2. CORRECT GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

3. PROPER PUNCTUATION

4. PUBLISHABILITY:

    - author has unique voice or style
    - voids clichés or redundancy
    - almost ready to submit
    - similar to published material, yet has unique viewpoint that makes it relevant.

5. READER APPEAL: is there an audience for this work?

6. CONTENT:

    - holds interest
    - offers valuable information
    - anecdotes, if possible to illustrate
    - exhibits credits
    - uses appropriate paper, margins, spacing, indentions

7. READABILITY:
    - smooth transitions
    - varied sentence length
    - use of figurative language
    - sentences have appropriate flow and rhythm
    - exhibits expertise in word choice

8. VERB TENSES:
    - maintain one verb tense throughout.

9. STRONG CLOSING:
    - leaves no loose end
    - ties into the opening, if possible
    - leaves reader with a sense of satisfaction or completion

10. FOLLOWED THE GUIDELINES: