



One Maryland / One Book

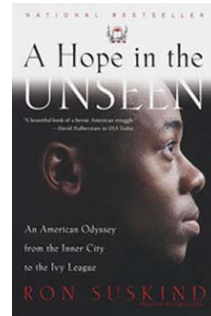
Teen Writing Contest

Topic:

***A Hope in the Unseen*, by Ron Suskind.**

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, September 15, 2008

- **Category 1 – Grades 6-8 Runner up**
Award: \$100 gift certificate
- **Category 2 – Grades 9-12 Runner up**
Award: \$100 gift certificate
- **Category 3 – Grand prize (Grades 6-12)**
Award: \$500



Rules:

- You must read the book and respond with a personal essay or a collection of poems on the same topic or theme.
- The essay or the collection of poems should be between 500 and 1000 words long.
- Your entry should explore your own experience with one or more of the themes of the book, including, but not limited to, race, class, education, loneliness, and perseverance.
- Your entry is not required to mention the book, but it should be clearly related to the book's content.

Judging:

Representatives from each of the public libraries on the Eastern Shore, plus Eastern Shore Regional Library.

All entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Language skills
- Incorporation of one or more of the book's themes.
- Style and originality

**Awards Ceremony: Teen Read Week (October 12-18) 2008,
location to be determined.**

The contest has the following goals:

- To use the book as a starting point to explore themes of race, class, loneliness,, perseverance and education.
- To encourage teens on the Eastern Shore to explore these themes through the written word.
- To share the results with the rest of the region and the state.

Submission Information:

- The contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6-12, or young adults between the ages of 11 and 18.
- Entries should consist of a collection of poems or a personal essay. The collection or the essay should be between 500 and 1000 words long.
- Entries should be saved in the .doc or .txt format and emailed, as an attachment, to rachael@esrl.org.
- Limited to one entry per person. The entrant's name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, school and grade level (if applicable) should appear in the email.
- All entries will become the property of the Eastern Shore Regional Library.
- **Deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2008.**

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