

## WINNERS of the 2020 YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

PERSONAL NARRATIVE – 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		
<a href="#"><u>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Madeleine Roytfeld:</b> <i>Under the Waves</i> Teacher: David Wright Charlotte Woods Middle School, Danville	<a href="#"><u>HONORABLE MENTION</u></a>  <b>Duke Coats:</b> <i>Breaking Point</i> Teacher: Mrs. Dessoye Charlotte Woods Middle School, Danville  <b>Vishesh Verma:</b> <i>The Melancholic ‘Mastiff</i> Teacher: Rebecca Ten Elshof Ironhorse Middle School, San Ramon
<a href="#"><u>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Ananya Raghu:</b> <i>When the Truth Washed Over</i> Teacher: Caresse Nguyen Windemere Ranch Middle School, San Ramon	
<a href="#"><u>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Ananya Raghu:</b> <i>Where it all Lies</i> Teacher: Caresse Nguyen Windemere Ranch Middle School, San Ramon	
PERSONAL NARRATIVE – 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		
<a href="#"><u>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Kate Wang:</b> <i>Freedom of Speech</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon	<a href="#"><u>HONORABLE MENTION</u></a>  <b>Sofia Ahrens:</b> <i>America: The Land of the Immigrants</i> Teacher: James Flowers Joaquin Moraga Middle, Moraga  <b>Tiantian Yang:</b> <i>The Green Fish Net</i> Teacher: Jason Ahn Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon
<a href="#"><u>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Emma Wong:</b> <i>Jin’s Gift</i> Teacher: Sue Ellen Thomas Orinda Middle School, Orinda	
<a href="#"><u>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Joel Abbot:</b> <i>Malentine’s</i> Teacher: Matthew Williams Prospect Sierra School, El Cerrito	
PERSONAL NARRATIVE – 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		
<a href="#"><u>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Sanjana Selvarah:</b> <i>Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2</i> Teacher: Randal Hart Windemere Ranch Middle School	<a href="#"><u>HONORABLE MENTION</u></a>  <b>Maya Bhatt:</b> <i>The Year that Changed My Life</i> Teacher: Kimberly Simpson Diablo Vista Middle School  <b>Rhea Shetty:</b> <i>The End of My World</i> Teacher: Mitchell Jensen Windemere Middle School
<a href="#"><u>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Nethra Dhamodaran:</b> <i>The Hidden Jewel</i> Teacher: Randy Hart Windemere Ranch Middle School	
<a href="#"><u>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Yu Xin (Kylie) Wang:</b> <i>Home Across the World</i> Teacher: Ben Wayne Joaquin Moraga, Moraga	
POETRY – 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		
<a href="#"><u>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Sonya Sharma:</b> <i>Absent Miracles</i> Teacher: Mrs. Bonnie Meyers Diablo Vista Middle School, Danville	<a href="#"><u>HONORABLE MENTION</u></a>  <b>Isabel Lim:</b> <i>Free</i> Teacher: Ms. McKenna Doris-Eaton School, San Ramon  <b>Sienna Wong:</b> <i>The River, the Log, and You</i> Teacher: Danielle Montgomery Diablo Vista Middle School
<a href="#"><u>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Liesel Yun:</b> <i>Look at the Light</i> Teacher: Katherine Palmer-Collins Orinda Intermediate School, Orinda	
<a href="#"><u>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</u></a>	<b>Cameron Choy:</b> <i>Light</i> Teacher: Ms. McKenna Doris-Eaton School, San Ramon	
POETRY 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE		

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<u>1ST PLACE</u>	<b>Dylan Martin:</b> <i>Golf</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Doris-Eaton School, San Ramon	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	
<u>2ND PLACE</u>	<b>Chloe Chung:</b> <i>Mirrors</i> Teacher: James Flowers Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, Moraga	<b>Zoe Kim:</b> <i>Marketplace</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon  <b>Sydney Mielcarski:</b> <i>Glass</i> Teacher: Mari Mielcarski Homeschool, Walnut Creek	
<u>3RD PLACE</u>	<b>Kate Wang:</b> <i>The Legend of the Seaweaver</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon		
<b>POETRY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>			
<u>1ST PLACE</u>	<b>Yu Xin (Kylie) Wang:</b> <i>All the Little Things</i> Teacher: Ben Wayne Joaquin Moraga, Moraga	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	
<u>2ND PLACE</u>	<b>Mayukhi Katagadda:</b> <i>A Song Called Me</i> Teacher: Mary Blasquez Windemere Ranch Middle School	<b>Molly Schinnerer:</b> <i>Divorce</i> Teacher: Betsi Jamison Charlotte Middle School, Danville	
<u>3RD PLACE</u>	<b>Thai Ryan:</b> <i>Would You Give a Good Goddamn?</i> Teacher: Ernesto Minglana Sequoia Middle School, PH		
<b>SHORT STORY 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>			
<u>1ST PLACE</u>	<b>Liam Hancock:</b> <i>Wyum's Pen</i> Teacher: David Wright Charlotte Middle School, Danville	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	<b>Darya Inamova:</b> <i>What Lurks in the Obscure Sea</i> Teacher: Rebecca Thompson Stanley Middle School, Lafayette
<u>2ND PLACE</u>	<b>Aanya Ahlawat:</b> <i>Meat Pie</i> Teacher: Shauna de Silva Iron Horse Middle School, San Ramon	<b>Duke Coats:</b> <i>Oreo's Story</i> Teacher: Mrs. Dessoye Charlotte Wood Middle School  <b>Finnian Duggan:</b> <i>The Secondaries: The Leap</i> Teacher: Lynda Rush Diablo View Middle School, Clayton	<b>Jake Vensko:</b> <i>Life Throws Challenges at You</i> Teacher: Heather Still Sequoia Middle School, PH
<u>3RD PLACE</u>	<b>Aanya Ahlawat:</b> <i>Eight Legged Things</i> Teacher: Shauna de Silva Iron Horse Middle School, San Ramon		
<b>SHORT STORY 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>			
<u>1ST PLACE</u>	<b>Marilyn Jia:</b> <i>Background Girl</i> Teacher: James Flowers Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	
<u>2ND PLACE</u>	<b>Milena Wendler Luengo:</b> <i>My Closest Friend</i> Teacher: Nancy Vargas Pleasant Hill Middle School	<b>Connor Huard:</b> <i>Pirates, Diamonds, and Ceiling Plaster</i> Teacher: Shelley Sirmans Diablo Vista Middle School  <b>Sean Kwok:</b> <i>Dustnight</i> Teacher: Kathleen McCabe Charlotte Wood Middle School  <b>Sean Kwok:</b> <i>The Satebreaker</i> Teacher: Kathleen McCabe	
<u>3RD PLACE</u>	<b>Serafina Hwang:</b> <i>She Was My Light</i> Teacher: Sonja Wesser-Singh Foothill Middle School	<b>Franklin Liu:</b> <i>The Teddy Bear Traveler</i> Teacher: Jason Ahn Dorris-Eaton School  <b>Aiden Park:</b> <i>Goose</i> Teacher: Debra Atwood Gale Ranch Middle School, San Ramon  <b>Milena Wendler Luengo:</b> <i>The Little</i>	

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		Charlotte Wood Middle School	<i>Death Threat</i> Teacher: Nancy Vargas Pleasant Hill Middle School
<b>SHORT STORY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>			
<u>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE</u>	<b>Kush Rajesh:</b> <i>Living on the Edge</i> Teacher: Sara Opeyany Gale Ranch, San Ramon	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	
<u>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE</u>	<b>Meghan Boyle:</b> <i>The Greenhouse</i> Teacher: Lynette Gonzales Iron Horse Middle School	<b>Antong Cao:</b> <i>In This Silence Between Us</i> Teacher: Ben Wayne Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School	<b>Malena Mayell:</b> <i>Slowly Dying</i> Teacher: Brian Vedder Korematsu Middle School, El Cerrito
<u>3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE</u>	<b>Lyena Monis:</b> <i>Pops</i> Teacher: Brian Brown Adams Middle School, Brentwood	<b>Allison Fujikawa:</b> <i>Fragments in the Dark</i> Teacher: Mary Blasquez Windemere Ranch Middle School	<b>Sophie Mo:</b> <i>Time of Our Lives</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon
			<b>Yu Xin (Kylie) Wang:</b> <i>Fly</i> Teacher: Ben Wayne Joaquin Moraga
<b>HUMOR ALL GRADES</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<b>Kush Rajesh:</b> <i>Living on the Edge</i> Teacher: Sara Opeyany Gale Ranch Middle, San Ramon	<u>HONORABLE MENTION</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	<b>HENRY TAI:</b> <i>My Salute to the Colonel or: If You Love It, Then You Should Have Put a Wing on It</i> Teacher: Jason Ahn Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon	<b>Zoe Kim:</b> <i>Banderbon</i> Teacher: Melissa Parker Dorris-Eaton School	<b>Joshua Leung:</b> <i>Hold Your Horses</i> Teacher: Jason Ahn Dorris-Eaton School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	<b>Drew El-Sharif:</b> <i>Wild Goose Chase</i> Teacher: Ms. McKenna Dorris-Eaton School, San Ramon	<b>Luke Narido:</b> <i>The Chair</i> Teacher: James Flowers Joaquin Moraga Middle	