



Welcome to the **KWEST** Contest:

Kids **W**riting an **E**xciting **S**tory with a **T**wist!

Hosted by Children's Author **Rosie J. Pova**

Guidelines:

The contest is open to elementary school students nationwide in grades 3-5. This competition is for creative writing with a theme, a twist and, of course, PRIZES! Here's how it works:

1. Write a short story of no more than 160 words with a title, a beginning, middle and end. (Title not included in the word count.)
2. The story **MUST** have a twist of some kind (like an unexpected, shocking or unusual ending).
3. The story must be related to the theme announced for each competition. And the current theme is . . . **PETS!** Any type of pet -- real or imaginary. You can make your story funny, sweet, scary, clever, gross etc. Just remember to have a twist at the end.

Judging:

Judging will be handled by children's author, Rosie J. Pova along with a panel of other professional writers and educators. Stories will be evaluated based on craft, execution, originality, use of literary devices, and how clever and surprising the twist is.

Prizes:

Prizes awarded will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Speaking of prizes . . .

Third place will get one of Rosie J. Pova's books of the winner's choice (valued between \$10.99-\$16.99). Second place prize is a boy or girl Lego set (valued at \$15-\$20). First prize is a **\$25 Amazon or Toys R Us gift card** (winner's choice)! The three winning stories will be posted on Rosie J. Pova's blog and bragging rights awarded with a special certificate :)



Are you excited yet? Ready! Set! Go!

Deadline to turn in your entry to your teacher or librarian: _____

To learn more about Children's Author Rosie J. Pova visit her at: www.rosiejpova.com