



# Talkin' 'Bout My Generation

Young Writers' 17th Annual Poetry Competition



## INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

### ENTRY RULES

- Poems must be accompanied by a completed entry form
- Poems should be handwritten, or typed, on one side of A4 paper
- Only one poem per pupil may be submitted - but there is no limit to the number of entries per school
- Poems must be no longer than 30 lines
- Poems must be the young writers' own work

Young writers whose work is selected for publication will be notified by letter. Parents of accepted entrants will be asked to sign a copyright form to give permission for publication and to confirm that the poem is their child's own work. They will also be invited to purchase copies of the book, but this is **not** a condition of publication. Copyright will remain with the author at all times. Schools will also receive notification of successful entrants along with any unused work.

### ENTRY FORMS

- The entry forms provided in this pack may be photocopied or you can send in the enclosed postcard requesting more forms. Alternatively, give us a call or email us and we will send the number you require.
- Each individual poem must have a completed Young Writers entry form attached to it, and each envelope of entries you send must have a school entry form enclosed. If you have lost your school entry form please use a sheet of your school's headed paper. You'll also need to include a contact name and the number of entries you are enclosing in each envelope. You can also download both pupil and school entry forms from our website [www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)





Home address information

Home address information is requested because our editorial schedule often coincides with school holidays, causing problems with delivery of both copyright information and book orders. Before providing this information however, we recommend that parental consent is obtained. We do accept entries with only school addresses provided as long as the school is willing to accept responsibility for any correspondence/orders. (Delivery addresses can be changed at acceptance/permission stage.)

### HOW TO ENTER

Please staple a completed entry form to the front of each poem, with the young writer's name and address showing. Put all the entries into an envelope along with one completed school entry form and send to us by **31st October 2007**. Send to:

Talkin' 'Bout My Generation Competition,  
Young Writers,  
Remus House,  
Coltsfoot Drive,  
Peterborough PE2 9JX.



### PRIZES

All schools who participate will receive a free copy of the anthology for their region. If over 100 entries are submitted they will also receive an additional free copy. All young writers, for whom entries are sent in for, receive a free bookmark, and those who are selected for publication receive a Certificate of Merit to mark their achievement. **School Prizes are awarded when all books in the series have been published.**

**School Prizes (Awarded nationally):** 1st prize of £1,000; five 2nd prizes of £250; ten runners-up prizes of £100.

**Young Writers' Prizes (Awarded for each book):** 1st prize of a Creative Writing Set for the best poet.

Winner announced in book and prize awarded upon publication.

### EDITORIAL POLICY

Young Writers' aim is to encourage children to read, write and enjoy poetry. Our editorial team take a range of criteria into account when selecting poems: perception, imagination and the 'spirit' of the poem are given as much importance as expression, interpretation of poetry and good use of language. The age of the young writer is also taken into consideration along with any learning difficulties we are made aware of. The young writer's name, age and school are printed alongside poems selected for publication. We view **Talkin' 'Bout My Generation** as a creative writing experience and will endeavour, where possible, to include as many poems as we can.

