



2021 Contest Entries

Alyse T., age 14, in Wisconsin

FEATURED:

It's finally here!
The book that comes after the
Awful Cliffhanger!

Some people think that
There is nothing important
In the prologue.

Jayel H., age 12, in Virginia

She cradles the frog.
"Oh," she sighs, "You are so cute!"
It leaps in her mouth!

Played with new pet cat.
O're head vultures are flyin'
Don't play with a lion!

Everett W., age 13, in California

Leaves fall from green trees
As the breeze sweeps them away
And the birds fly south

Playing Roblox games
I join an Islands server
My Wifi is gone

Elsie W., age 13, in Pennsylvania

“THE SHAKE SURPRISE”

She makes the shake
the lid flies off
the squeal came out
as it spattered
about
the kitchen cabinets
almost covered
let the scrubbing
begin

“SPLAT”

A man jumped off a high wall
And had a most terrible fall
He went back to bed with
A bump on his head
That’s why you don’t jump
off a wall

Susan C., age 13, in California

A flower sprouts up
but it doesn't know that green
can soon become brown.

FEATURED:

My scythe, no weapon,
carries the dead to their graves;
life begins again.

Eden P., age 11, in Florida

“The Lion”

The lion tromps out
Through the water past the
Setting summer sun

“The Kitten”

I am a kitten
In a jar, how I got here?
Wanted a cookie!

Madeline I., age 12, in Nebraska

I hear a shout
that breaks the silence
and holds me frozen.

FINALIST:

Brightly colored leaves
fall to earth, as a red monster
harvests the luscious crop

Rebekah W, age 14, in GA

“The Plummet”

On a windy day
Walking down the icy stairs
Hear the woeful SMACK

FEATURED:

The pump in the car
It does not stop when pulled out
Mom gets sprayed all over

Oliver A., age 12, in Utah

Long fields of green grass
Colors flying everywhere
Birds sing in the air

FEATURED:

My phone is missing
I call and I wait and wait
So that's where it went!

Lexi E., age 12, in Kansas

FINALIST:

“My Socks”

The Morning Dawns Bright
My Socks Drip Wet From The Dew
And From My Puppy

“Slippy, Slimy, Sap”

I Climb Up a Tree
I Am Stuck, What Is This Stuff
It Is Sticky Sap

Taylor H., age 13, in Pennsylvania

Our deep cove drained,
Missing melted snow and rain.
Now it's just muck.

I stand in the park.
The chilled wind blows on my face,
As vibrant leaves change.

Brooke T-B., age 12, in South Dakota

Blazing heat pours down
Crowd cheers and rough cone jolts up
Ice cream dripping down

Cupcakes come out
Golden cooling on the rack
Ready to be frosted

Peter L., age 12, in British Columbia

3RD PLACE:

“Pillbug”

The forlorn bug lies
Curled round an invading stick,
Its adversary

“Streaming”

Facts stride through my head
But disappear in my sleep
And out comes earwax

C. Bella Hazel J., age 13, IL

FEATURED:

“Cartoon Clouds”

The sky above us
Does not look like Toy Story
It is imperfect

“Winter Scars”

When the cold is gone
We are left with the slush and
“Dead” grass of winter

Kristy D., age 14, in Michigan

“Dramatic Horse”

A horse sees something scary
They flee from the dangerous object
It was a plastic bag

“Breath Deep”

I breath deep, the smell
Of new grass and exited horses
Softly fills my lungs

Zachary Keaton J., age 13, in North Carolina

FEATURED:

“Lego Minecraft Autumn”

The plastic torch burned,
Giving warmth to the growing
Beetroot in gardens.

Ben A., age 13, in Illinois

“Casting My Pole”

My line is thrown out.
Vibrations run through my hands,
I set hook, and reel!

“All Because of a Match”

My friend lights a match.
Falls on the very dry grass.
Flames begin to grow!

Sam K., age 15, in Illinois

Man at hardware store
Sees new lawn mower he likes
Spots price tag, walks away

Crack! the ball flies into
The outfield filled with leaves.
At second, I spit seeds. 😊

Joey K., age 12, in Illinois

Green stem, orange body.
His face glowed in candlelight
greeting dressed up kids.

Weightlifter at the gym
wearing his fitted muscle tee.
Can't resist his reflection, Grins.

Adam S., age 14, in Illinois

FEATURED:

Busy mom... fast food,
A full meal in a minute,
"Could have been faster!"

February's sunset,
cameras click at liquid to mist,
A molten imposter.

(Important: see picture of Yosemite Firefall)

Grace R., age 13, in Ontario

1ST PLACE:

Shining gold the bright
Sun reflects off the pale snow
Blinding me gently

The looming red line
It dooms me and frightens me
Suddenly black screen

Riley G., age 12, in New Hampshire

“The Best”

Which is the greatest,
Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall,
Better than them all?

“Oops”

Crash bang pow whirr,
Flying through the air so fast,
Good thing I’m not there!

Madison O., age 11, in Georgia

Beautiful white tree
Tree, how stinky can you be?
Bumblebees swarm thee

FEATURED:

Cleaning my room? Yuck!
I despise it very much.
It’s my room, NOT yours!

(Disclaimer—this is not how I really feel, it’s just a poem :))

Morgan R., age 11, in Nebraska

FEATURED:

When it becomes cold
The squirrels become greedy
And Charlie chases

Zoe V., age 13, in California

FEATURED:

Sun as a spotlight
Velvet petals open, birds sing
All act in nature's show

Back of the curtain
You step onto a dark stage
A single light shines

Marie G., age 13, in California

“Honey Bee”

A bee buzzes to
the sticky petal and sips
flowers sweet nectar

2ND PLACE:

“Music Lessons”

I begin to play
teacher squirms and cringes
dying elephants

Grace F., age 12, in Pennsylvania

“Clouds”

They float in the sky
All just so careless and free
O how high they fly