



Dear 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher,

We hope you'll join us this year for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest!

Presented by the Kendallville Public Library and open to all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, this is the opportunity your students have to make their writing shine!

Many of you have completed this contest a number of times, and are familiar with the rules, while others may be new to the game. Here are the rules and some things to look for or look forward to!

1. You **DO NOT** need to do a special piece or writing JUST for this contest—have students pull a current work out of their writing folders to develop, edit, and revise.
2. Books can be created electronically, using the program of your choice, but remind students that neatness still counts. Books need to be printed and turned in by the deadline.
3. The Contest can be used as a class project (meeting a LARGE number of standards in one project!) incorporating the writing, editing, and illustrating of the books into the curriculum. Classes with 100% participation receive a special **PRIZE** for your classroom.
4. Please include a class list with your class entries. This will help us check spelling of names.
5. Every participant and teacher is invited to an **awards ceremony on April 20 from 5:30-7:30** at the Community Learning Center.

Want to know more? I have enclosed the rules and entry form. If you'd like a copy of the information packet for each of your students, or would like to schedule classroom visits, I encourage you to call 260-343-2022 or send me an email at [mgraber@kendallvillelibrary.org](mailto:mgraber@kendallvillelibrary.org).

**All books are due March 17, 2023 at the Kendallville Public Library or Limberlost Branch.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Graber'.

Mary Graber  
Youth Services Manager  
Kendallville Public Library

# 2023 Kleiman Creative Writing Contest

Open to Students in the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades

Sponsored by the Kendallville Public Library

## Contest Rules:

- Students write and illustrate their own original book.
- The book must include:
  - front cover (illustration, title, student's name)
  - title page (illustration, title, student's name, date)
  - back cover (free choice, just can't be blank)
  - Story pages with page numbers on each page (no minimum or maximum required pages.) \*see page layout illustration.
- Books should be made using 8 ½" by 11" sheets of paper. Text should be set within 1" margins.
- There must be text on every two page spread (ask for samples if needed). Typed text needs to be at least 12 point font and written text needs to be clear and easy to read. Be creative with your text, play with size and color. Please do not color over text.
- There must be at least one illustration on every two page spread. **Art must be original, but can be created using a computer or tablet. Please do not use clipart or google images as they are not allowed. Drawing art and importing it into a computer or tablet program is encouraged.**
- Please turn in a paper copy of your book: Put the book together in the correct order with the **required entry form** on top. Use a **paper clip** to hold the book together. **\*\*If creating an electronic copy of the book, please have teachers/parents print a copy to turn in. Your teacher may print the entire classes books and turn in to the library.**
- **The deadline for all entries is March 17.** They must be received by closing time (5pm) and may be delivered to either the Kendallville Public Library or its Limberlost Branch.
- Entries will be displayed and picked up at the Awards Ceremony.
- See attached sheets for more information.

# 2023 Kleiman Contest Entry Form

## Kendallville Public Library

Please type or print legibly

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fourth Grade

☐ Male

☐ Fifth Grade

☐ Female

☐ Sixth Grade

Category for judging

☐ Poetry

☐ Non-fiction

☐ Graphic Novel

☐ Fiction Story book

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that this entry is an original work and was developed and constructed by the student named above. If this book is found not to be the work of the student named above any prize will be forfeited.

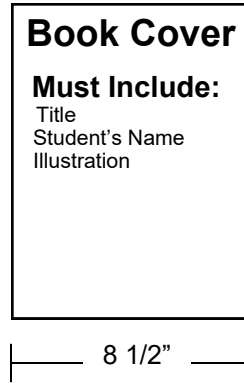
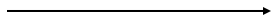
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Author/Illustrator Signature

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Parent's or Teacher's Signature

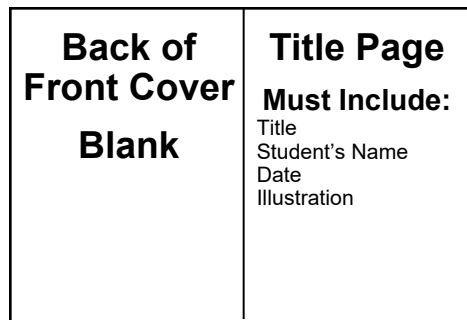
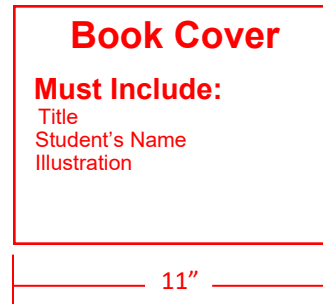
# Sample Book Layout

## Kleiman Creative Writing Contest

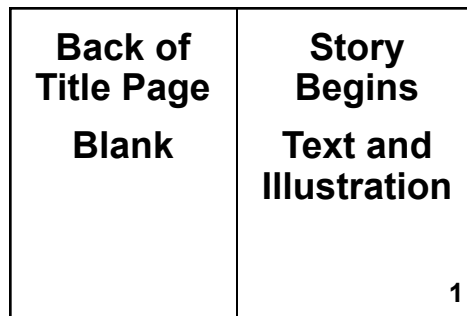
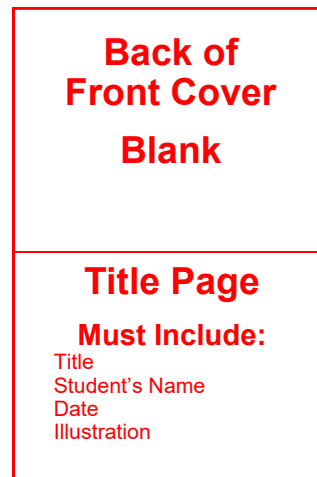
\*Page Layouts  
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or horizontal  
depending on how  
you want to  
design the book



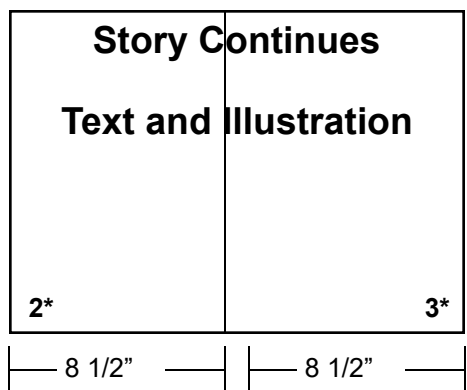
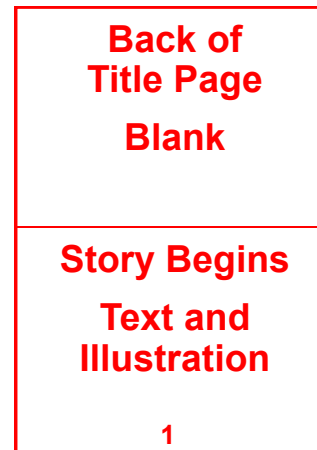
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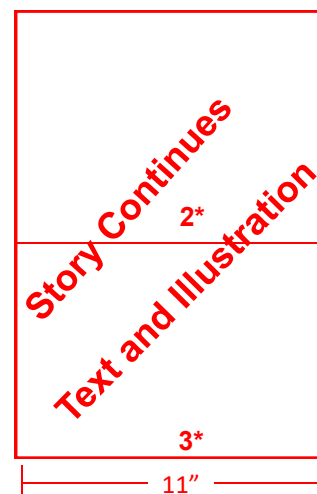
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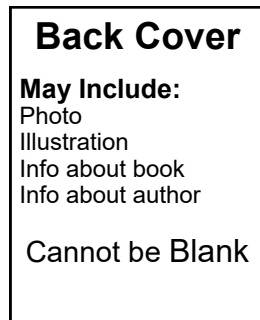
2\* or 2\* =  
any even numbered page

3\* or 3\* =  
any odd numbered page

# Sample Book Layout

## Kleiman Creative Writing Contest - Page 2

Story continues. If the book ends on an even number, that final page will be on the left side of the two page spread, with the opposite side of the back cover on the right.



or

