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## 2004 Chusma House Publications 1st Annual Short Story Contest



CHUSMA HOUSE PUBLICATIONS

### This year's theme is: **The Woman**

Chusma House Publications is currently seeking narratives for an anthology entitled "**Holding Up the Sky.**" We seek non-fiction short stories written by women, currently living in the United States, of all ethnic backgrounds that reflect the every day challenges and obstacles presented by the societies in which they live. Topics may include stories of efforts to uphold your dignity, faith and/or individuality in the face of race and gender discrimination, responsibility of family, religious and/or cultural values conflicting with daily life and/or experiences in the work place. It is our goal to share, educate and celebrate the successes and struggles of women in the U.S.

### Contest

- All writers welcome. Open to U.S. residents only, regardless of legal status.
- Stories must be related to this year's theme.
- Winners and special merit stories will be notified by December 31, 2004 and the final results will be posted on our website at [www.chusmahouse.com](http://www.chusmahouse.com)
- All winners and special merit stories will be included in our anthology to be available in stores. The selected published writers will each receive two copies each of the published book.
- There will also be cash prizes:
  - one first place prize of **\$125.00** (U.S.)
  - one second place prize of **\$75.00** (U.S.)
  - one third place prize of **\$50.00** (U.S.).

**Entry Guidelines:** *To have your submission qualify for the top prize, all rules must be followed. Due to the number of entries expected; we will not be able to contact you of disqualifications.*

- One story per entry
- All stories must be non-fiction (true stories only)
- All submissions must be in English
- Typed, double spaced, (12pt font preferred)
- Unpublished, original stories only
- No simultaneous submission
- No excerpts will be accepted
- Minimum 2 pages, maximum 6 pages
- Attached a cover to the front to each story. Cover must include the following information: name, address, email, phone #, title of story, and a short biography
- Electronic submissions not accepted
- No entries returned

### Optional:

- Include a #10 SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) for contest results. Results will also be posted on our website by Dec. 31, 2004 at [www.chusmahouse.com](http://www.chusmahouse.com).
- Include a SASP (self-addressed stamped postcard) for confirmation that we've received your entry.

**Deadline: Postmark by June 30, 2004**

### Fee:

- The reading fee of each entry is \$6 (U.S. Dollars). Entry fees are non-returnable
- Maximum of 5 entries per writer at \$6 each
- Please send only check or money order, please do not send cash
- Make your payment to **Chusma House Publications**
- **Special offer:** send an additional \$10 to receive one copy of the anthology when it's published

### Send your entries to:

**2004 Short Story Contest**  
c/o Chusma House Publications  
P.O. Box 467  
San Jose, CA 95103

### Formatting Your Biography

To assist you in writing a short bio consistent with our format, we suggest:

Name  
City/State  
Major Awards  
Book/Chapbook titles  
Recent/Pending Publications

If you have any further questions regarding the contest guidelines or subject matter, we can be contacted at [chpubcontest@chusmahouse.com](mailto:chpubcontest@chusmahouse.com)

For more information about Chusma House Publications, please visit us at [www.chusmahouse.com](http://www.chusmahouse.com).