

# The 2017 Phoenix Rattler Writing Contest

Does your story have bite?



*Entries Accepted August 1<sup>th</sup>- August 31, 2017*

*Sponsored by Christian Writers of the West (CWOW)*

*Arizona affiliate of American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW)*

**CATEGORIES** (Note: the Rattler categories are simplified)

- Contemporary Fiction (includes Contemporary, Women's, Romance)
- Historical Fiction (before 1960, includes Historical Romance)
- Mystery/Thriller/Romantic Suspense
- Young Adult (for under 18)
- Speculative Fiction

**FINAL-ROUND JUDGES** (see the website)

**ENTRIES:** 10 pages plus synopsis; (required synopsis does not count in page total); See formatting guidelines and contest rules available on contest website.

**REWARDS:** The opportunity for your entry to be read by talented writers/authors in the preliminary round and a prominent agent/editor as a category finalist. Prizes specified on the website.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The 2017 Phoenix Rattler writing contest is open to all unpublished novelists. Published authors may enter if at least five years have passed since their last novel publication. Self-published and e-published manuscripts okay, if not printed or for sale in last five years.

**FEE:** \$25 fee per entry (via website PayPal)

**ENTRIES DUE:** August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31, 2017 at 5:00 pm, AZ Time (email only)

**FINALISTS ANNOUNCED:** September 29, 2017

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED:** November 1, 2017

**General questions, contact (contact info on website):**

Pamela Tracy, CWOW President

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**Details and entry forms:**

[www.ChristianWritersoftheWest.com](http://www.ChristianWritersoftheWest.com)