

Hello all,

Always Writing 4 U and owner Kristy Thomas are looking to release a special collection this summer. We want to showcase young writers of color and get their perspective on the topic of the time, Diversity Issues in America.

The project: We will be taking submissions of prose and poetry under the prompt:

My 2020 experience as a young adult person of color

This prompt could be addressed in a number of ways:

1. This is a creative writing publication, your prose/ poetry does NOT have to be reflections of your true experience, it could be perspective.
2. You may creatively tell stories of: your thoughts of this time, how you viewed a specific moment or event during this time, your experience, a dramatization of what you saw on television, a narrative, fiction or nonfiction, your conversations with friends or family or within classes.
3. Think outside the box of what you want to focus on. From BLM protests to a hilarious and tear-jerking conversation I had with my father over a rack of ribs and fries about him being a driving force in the creation of my Diversity business because he was the first person to show me that representation matters.
4. Tell your story in only the way you can.

The work: We want each submission to be written as either a prose (short story) or a short poem or collection of poems.

1. If a prose, the short story (prose) should be a MAXIMUM of 800 words.
2. If a poem, it can be a single poem, it can be a collection of poems, it can be written in any poetic style including spoken word, but the total MAXIMUM word count of the submission is 800.
3. ***Words will be counted and if you go over the count the submission will automatically be removed from consideration. ***
4. Word count does not include title and author.

Submission Requirements:

1. Person submitting must be no younger than 19 and no older than 24 years old as of December 31, 2020.
2. Person submitting must be a member of the BIPOC community. (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
3. SUBMISSIONS SENT TO: kristy@alwayswriting4u.com
4. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: APRIL 18, 2020**

5. **TIMELINE:** Writers will be announced in May and the publication will be released in June.

What's NOT accepted: No haikus. No previously published works. No works from authors other than the person submitting. No team submissions.

What your submission MUST look like. Please read the below instructions thoroughly and make sure you follow them fully. NOT following instructions will disqualify you automatically.

1. The subject line of your e-mail must be in this format: first name, last name, (and identify your submission) prose or poetry
2. In the body of the e-mail you will give us the following information: your full name, your e-mail address and a good contact number
3. Your submission needs to be an attachment as a Word Document ONLY.
4. On the document at the top of the document: title, underneath your name, underneath the submission.
5. Anonymous submissions are not permitted.

Winners of the submission process:

1. Will be notified via e-mail that they have been selected and will be informed of next steps.
2. Each winner will be published in an Always Writing 4 U collection to be released early summer.
3. This publication does come with a writer's contract and a small compensation.
4. Each writer featured within the collection will also have a short bio included.

Finally, the forward of the collection will be written by Nathan Louis Jackson. Some of his notable successes include:

As a colligate speech competitor he was the 2002 & 2003 AFA Prose Champion and 2003 AFA Poetry Champion with Kansas State University.

He now works as a television writer in Los Angeles, CA where he has written on shows such as ***Southland, Shameless, Thirteen Reasons Why*** and most recently ***Luke Cage***.

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*We are excited to work with you.*

*Always Writing 4 U  
Kristy Thomas- Owner/ Writer/ Educator/ Consultant*