

# The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines

For Students in U.S. Grades 4-5 and 6-8, and Homeschool or International Students Ages 9-14

You are invited to follow The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines and enter a one-of-a-kind story from a past generation of your family. Your story can be humorous, tragic, or inspirational. It can be a story of courage, adventure, or anything you find interesting about your family's past.

Please read these submission details carefully before you begin to write:

- A story that is chosen for publication in *Grannie Annie, Vol. 4* will retell a one-of-a-kind story from a past generation of your family so that the reader appreciates it in the same way you do. The following criteria will also be considered: overall effectiveness, organization, development, use of language, and mechanical correctness — spelling, punctuation, usage, etc.
- Your story must be 275-500 words long and must be written in English or translated into English. For translated stories please submit the original story as well as the translation.
- Choose an interesting title for your work, including details from your story. For example, “Lost in the Blizzard” sounds more exciting than “My Great-Uncle Ted.”
- Your story ***must be written by you.***
- If possible, please type and double-space your story using a standard, easily readable 12-point font. Print your story on 8½” x 11” white paper, or copy and paste it into the body of an e-mail. Stories may also be neatly hand printed on standard-size notebook paper. **Please do not staple.**
- Do ***not*** write your name on the pages of your story.
- Stories will not be returned. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself.
- A completed Official Entry Form must accompany each story. **Please do not staple.**
- Entries must be sent by February 14, 2009. Entries may be mailed or e-mailed. Please see Official Entry Form for details.
- Stories published previously in *Grannie Annie* anthologies will not be considered for future volumes.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- You may include a black-ink line drawing (no wider than 4”, no taller than 7”) that illustrates your story. Illustrations will not be considered in selecting stories for publication. In addition, the selection of a story does not guarantee that an illustration submitted with that story will also be published. The illustration may be drawn by you or by someone else who meets the grade/age requirements of The Grannie Annie. If someone other than you illustrates your story, that person must submit an Official Entry Form completed and signed by the illustrator and his or her parent/guardian. All illustrators of published drawings will be credited. Illustrators who are not authors will receive a complimentary copy of *Grannie Annie, Vol. 4*.
- Because stories are meant to be shared, Thumbprint Press and Portico Books pledge to creatively pursue opportunities to share selected stories with a wider audience, in accordance with The Grannie Annie Mission. As a contest entrant, you will retain the copyright to your work while giving Thumbprint Press and Portico Books permission to share your story, as noted on the entry form.