# STRANGER SAGAS

Independent Information Guide

**Enter the world of Stranger Sagas, where mystery meets creativity. From suspenseful to funny, futuristic to fantastical, you can write in any genre to create an unforgettable tale about something weird or wonderful happening. Explore the strange, the unexplained, the mysterious and turn your reader's world upside down. Your story could be published in a book, and there are also fantastic prizes to be won!**

WORD LIMIT: **100 words or fewer**

Check out the video: **https://youtu.be/POMJEp3VAJs**

## STORY STARTERS

**You can use one of these to start or inspire your story:**

- Every time I looked away, it moved closer...
- From the shadows, a voice called my name...
- That door wasn't there yesterday...
- Instead of blood, there were wires...
- My name was on the missing person's list...
- Something hovered in the sky...
- They said I'd be safe here...
- The experiment was a failure...

## EXAMPLE STORY

### Leviathan

There's a reason it's called the Great Barrier Reef. Barriers set limits, but limits can be broken. When the Reef died, the sea unlocked. We didn't know what it was protecting us from, but now...

Deep beneath the ocean, the Leviathan awoke with a rumble. He erupted from the ocean, with his mission to destroy the people his tsunamis had failed to kill.

He's hunting us all, and there's no escape. He's a beast from the sea and there's no escaping the certain death he brings. We messed with the supernatural. Now we'll die because of it.

**By Maggie McCormick (16)**

## PRIZES

**$50 Amazon gift card for the top 3 published writers.**

**PLUS** every entrant receives a bookmark and everyone chosen for publication receives a certificate of merit.




## HOW TO ENTER

1. Download the Graphic Organizer/Entry Form or the Word doc entry form (no printer needed)
2. Write/type your story.
3. Email to **contests@youngwritersusa.com** including your name and address.

## RESULTS

If you are chosen for publication, we will write to you between Dec-Jan. At this point we will ask your parents to give their permission for your work to be published. Winners will be chosen from published entries and announced in the spring semester.

To find out more about Young Writers, go to **www.youngwritersusa.com**

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