

Big Read Poem Contest

In conjunction with the Big Read program from the Locust Grove Arts Alliance, the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry is conducting a poetry contest associated with the book the town will be reading: Joy Harjo's *How We Became Human*. Winners will be awarded and announced at the

Joy Harjo Big Read Performance

April 27, 2019

To enter, write an original poem that is a companion piece to one of Harjo's poems in her book *How We Became Human*. The poem can be a response to the poem, a second part to the poem, a poem in the same style, etc. The poem must be clearly inspired in some way by a specific poem in her book. Books are available by contacting ROMP director Shaun Perkins.

Guidelines: CASH PRIZES totaling \$900 will be awarded

1. All Locust Grove residents and LG students are eligible to enter.
2. Poems will be judged in 4 categories: K-4th, 5th-8th, 9th-12th, and Adult
3. Cash awards will be given in each category.
4. Poems must be 10-24 lines long, no shorter and no longer.
5. Poems can be rhymed or unrhymed.
6. The poem must be clearly based on a specific poem from *How We Became Human*.
7. A signed Entry Form must be filled out and turned in with the poem to be eligible.

Contest Evaluation Criteria:

Poems will be judged based on these criteria: imagery, creativity, language, and theme

To Submit: DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2019

1. Email or mail your poem by **April 15, 2019**.
2. Fill out all information on the entry form, which can be located at ROMPoetry.com.

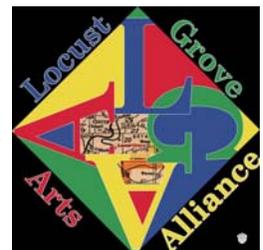


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Big Read Poem Contest Entry Form

Note: All information must be filled out in order to be eligible.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Circle Category: K-4th 5th-8th 9th-12th Adult

School (unless adult):

Phone or Email Address:

Title of Your Poem:

Title of the Harjo Poem Yours is Inspired By:

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This must be signed in order to enter the contest.

I, _____ (Print Your Name),

confirm that the attached poem was written solely by me and is original to me.

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Date)