

## **Multiples NZ Young Writers Competition**

### **“On Being a Teen Twin/Triplet”**

*Your chance to explore the complexities of being a twin/triplet navigating the path from childhood to adulthood.*

An open-genre competition for all New Zealand twins, triplets or higher order multiples currently in Years 7-13.

#### **DETAILS**

**Submission Deadline:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**Entry Fee:** Free

**First Prize** \$100 Prezzy Card, entry published in Multiple Matters Magazine, an Ecostore Gift Pack, and free subscription to Multiples Matters Magazine for one year.

**Two Runners Up Prizes (each):** \$50 Prezzy Card, entry published in Multiple Matters Magazine, an Ecostore Gift Pack, and free subscription to Multiples Matters Magazine for one year.

**Award Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to coincide with Multiples Awareness Week.

**Topic/Genre:** Open to all genre of fiction on the topic of “on being a teen twin/triplet”. Your chance to explore the complexities and special bond of being a twin/triplet navigating the path from childhood to adulthood. 4000-word maximum.

**Entry Conditions:** Open to all multiples currently residing in New Zealand and in intermediate/secondary school Years 7-13 inclusive. You will be required to send in proof of identity, age and multiple birth status. Winners may be interviewed by press. By entering you agree that your photos and details may be used for promotional purposes by Multiples NZ and that you grant consent to be interviewed by Multiples NZ Magazine and press covering this competition.

**Judge:** Marion Day (Author, sibling of twin brothers).

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSION**

Please email your entry to [marketing@multiples.org.nz](mailto:marketing@multiples.org.nz) alongside the following information:

- ✓ Copy of Birth Certificate
- ✓ A current photograph of yourself

- ✓ A photograph of yourself with your multiple birth sibling(s)
- ✓ A short one-paragraph bio

Any questions can be emailed to [marketing@multiples.org.nz](mailto:marketing@multiples.org.nz)

### **Bio - Marion Day**

Marion lives in the Marlborough Sounds, New Zealand. She has been writing for seven years, and has four published books – a children's chapter book, two pre-teen action and adventure, and *Injun Joe: The Legend of Smoking Joe Collins*, The Halcyon Press NZ, a biography which made the Nielsen's New Zealand bestseller and Whitcoulls top five sports books list. She has children's stories included in anthologies, such as *The Best of Christmas Twisty Tales* and *Magic in the Air*. *The Chestnut Mare*, an e-book for pre-teens was awarded the Reader's Choice 5 star medal. Marion also writes for NZ magazines such as *Rod and Rifle* and regional magazines. She has won adult and children's story competitions, including being shortlisted in the annual Joy Cowley Awards, New Zealand's highest award for picture book manuscript. One of her pre-teen stories has been included in the ESA's New Zealand textbook for secondary school students – Level 1 Literacy Learning Workbook. Her latest success was as winner of the New Zealand Rural Women's/MPI short story and photographic competition, which saw her in Parliament to accept her award. She has just completed her second biography, *Blood Brothers*, presently being published by The Halcyon Press NZ and to be released 1 November 2016. *Spiny Sebastian Starfish*, a children's picture book has now been released. This is the first of a run of picture books by Marion. *Sebastian* has been accepted by Scholastic Publisher's Book Club for its book fairs.

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