

The Latest Writing Contest Winners
First Quarter

Here's what you've been waiting for! Our latest winners of our Spring Quarter Contest are...

1st Place
"Bleeding Doorknobs" by Natasha M. Heck

2nd Place
"The French Quarter" by Sherman Waters

3rd Place
"The Retail Action Handbook" by Darla Stein

Here's the winning entry in its entirety. Look for our next contest in two months! Look for our writing guidelines on our website and see how you can win! Thank you to all entrants, and remember, keep trying! You never know when you will see your name in our latest newsletter!

Bleeding Doorknobs

In my childhood, I had played in semi trucks, on cranes, and even in deserted churches. The church in my hometown was abandoned around the time that the post office closed the year I was born. Since I could go riding around the town by myself on my bike, this church had been the subject of much fascination between my best friend Misty and myself.

The church used to loom over us, its chipping white paint sticking out against the contrast of the greenery of the grass and trees that cocooned it in a corner of our town. The doorknobs were rusting and the rust bled down like blood. I used that rust as a story, saying that it was the Devil's church. I would frighten the younger children and friends with that story and somewhere down the road, before I grew enough to know better, I started to believe it too. I always made up scary stories because they were the most fun, but I always solved the problems of getting rid of the Devil or the enemy in my stories. In this case, we would have to throw rocks that look similar to hardened plum jelly at the church before entering and to hold onto a few extra just in case.