



MANUSCRIPT CONTEST ENTRY AGREEMENT

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OPTION 1: By entering this contest, I hereby agree that should my manuscript be judged as one of the winners of the Mayborn Manuscript Contest (the "Contest"), then upon announcement of the prize, I shall grant to UNT Press the exclusive option to acquire the publishing rights to my manuscript on terms to be negotiated in good faith. During the exclusive option period I shall not submit my manuscript to any other publishers. If I and UNT Press have not reached a publishing agreement within sixty (60) days of the announcement of the prize, then neither party shall have any further obligation to each other. I warrant that the manuscript is an original work of mine; that the entire manuscript has not been published elsewhere; that no rights to the manuscript have been previously assigned to any publisher or other third party; that the manuscript is not written as a work-for-hire and owned by a third party; and that I possess the sole and exclusive authority to grant the publishing rights to my manuscript.

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