

JERI TELSTAR



Competition P3 Young Writers' Prize FOR HONG KONG-BASED CHILDREN AGED 7 TO 12



The Prize

2 winners will be chosen, one aged between seven and nine and a second aged between 10 and 12. Each winner will receive: for their school — a complete set of p3 children's books. For themselves — a **\$500 dymocks voucher** and **20 bound copies of their fiction story**. Details of the winners will be published in the December issue of *Playtimes*.

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The Competition

You may choose to complete any of the three Jeri Telstar stories that appear on the opposite page. All entries must be in English and should not exceed 300 words.

How to Enter

Please send your typed or handwritten entry to: **P3 Young Writers' Prize**
PPP Company Limited
19A, Carfield Commercial Building
75-77 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong

Your entry should be accompanied by a letter stating your name, your address, the name and address of your school, your current age and your date of birth.
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS 22 OCTOBER 2010. For more information, visit our website at www.ppp.com.hk.

Below you'll find excerpts from three new Jeri Telstar adventures. Choose one and write up to 300 words telling us the rest of the story.

The children worked quietly on their exam papers

Suddenly, there was a rumbling noise from below. Several of them looked up, surprised. The teacher, Mrs Suklemon said: "Don't be distracted. It's just somebody making a noise downstairs." Jeremiah Lee put up his hand. "Excuse me, Mrs Suklemon," he said. "There IS no downstairs. We're on the ground floor." Before the teacher could reply, the rumbling sound become much louder. The desks began to vibrate. The ground shook. "Run," said Jeremiah, leaping from his desk and urging his classmates to do the same. The teacher was cross. "I hope this is not some sort of trick to escape from doing your test," she said. The floor burst open.

Jeremiah Lee ran home

His favorite TV show, Captain Heroman, was on TV at 4 o'clock. He was tempted to use his superhero costume to speed up his journey. The rockets in his boots would have flown him home in seconds. But his guardian, Grandma Nan, did not allow him to use any of his superhero equipment until he had finished all his homework each day. So he ran just like any other kid, puffing along the pavement, his school backpack jiggling behind him. At last he reached his road and slowed down as he approached the home he shared with his grandmother. Jeremiah opened the gate, looked up and stopped dead in his tracks. The house had disappeared.

Two girls unexpectedly turned left as they walked out of the school gates instead of right

Jeremiah Lee, walking behind them, asked: "Where are you going?" One of the girls was his friend, Merry Weather. "Oh, hi, Jeremiah," she said. "The village bank is allowing children to open special savings accounts this week. Why don't you come with us?" Jeremiah joined them. But he wasn't just being friendly. His police friends had tipped him off that a supervillain may be planning to rob the bank that afternoon. Five minutes later, they stepped into the bank. Everything seemed normal. But just as the three children reached the counter, they heard heavy footsteps behind them as someone huge entered the bank.

The Author

Comic novel author **Nury Vittachi** is one of Asia's best-known writers. Chief judge of one of the world's largest literary prizes, he co-founded the Hong Kong International Literary Festival and is founding editor of the *Asia Literary Review*. His novels are published around the world in many languages. But this author of more than 30 books insists that children's literature is his biggest love. He has visited more than 100 schools around the world, where his talks range from "How to write stories teachers will love" for small children to "How to create a Nintendo game" for middle schoolers and "The Shakespeare rap" for older students. He was keynote speaker at a recent international storytellers' conference. His columns (which can be seen at www.misterjam.com) are read by more than a million people a month. If you ask your teacher nicely, he may be able to come and visit your school. Please see the website above or contact P3 Publishing, **2973 6281** for more details.

