

POETRY CONTEST
CNY READS 2006-2007
THE KITE RUNNER BY KHALED HOSSEINI

Respond in poetry to Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*. You may write about a specific incident or person in the book, or you may respond to an idea or theme (such as the morality of silence, parent-child relationships, guilt and redemption or any other theme you find) presented in the book.

Submission Guidelines: This contest is for students through 12th grade. Poems of any length and style are acceptable. Poems will be judged on their originality and their ability to elicit a response in the reader.

A cover sheet should include the writer's name, phone number, grade, age, school, and sponsoring teacher's name if applicable. Send print copies to CNY Reads Poetry Contest, c/o Elizabeth Loftus, Administrator for Branch Services, Onondaga County Public Library, The Galleries of Syracuse, 447 S. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13202.

Prizes: The winning poem (and essay) will be published in the Syracuse Post-Standard. Winners will be invited to participate in a reading of their work to be held at the downtown Onondaga County Public Library. Winners will receive a gift certificate from Barnes and Noble, along with other prizes.

Deadline: Postmarked by March 1st , 2007