

CONSUMER SWEEPSTAKES

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. HOW TO ENTER

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void wherever prohibited or restricted by law. There are two ways to enter: Entry at a Laydown Date Event: enter by handing in your completed code card at the Laydown Date Event on August 23, 2005, at any participating bookseller. Code cards are available at participating booksellers and online at www.alagaesia.com/codecard. A list of participating booksellers is also available at www.alagaesia.com starting on August 16, 2005. Entrants who submit their code card at a Laydown Date Event are also eligible to win an autographed copy of ELDEST at the Laydown Date Event. One copy of the autographed book will be raffled off at each Laydown Date Event. Entry by mail: Mail in your completed code card to: Random House Children's Books, Publicity Dept., ELDEST Consumer Sweepstakes, 1745 Broadway, 10-1, New York, NY 10019. Entries must be mailed separately and received by Random House no later than September 2, 2005. LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. Random House is not responsible for lost, late, mutilated, illegible, stolen, postage-due, incomplete, or misdirected entries. All entries become the property of Random House and will not be returned, so please keep a copy for your records.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Sweepstakes is open to all legal residents of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia and Canada, excluding the Province of Quebec, who are 8 years or older on August 23, 2005. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Void wherever prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of Random House Inc. and their parent companies, assigns, subsidiaries or affiliates, and advertising, promotion, and fulfillment agencies; their immediate family members, and persons living in their household are not eligible to enter this sweepstakes.

III. PRIZE

There will be one (1) grand-prize winner selected. One winner will win a trip to meet Christopher Paolini during Christopher's publicity tour for ELDEST for him/herself and one other person (parent/legal guardian if the winner is under 18), including roundtrip coach airfare or railroad, ground transportation to and from the airport, and a hotel stay for two (2) nights (one room). (Approximate retail value \$4,900.00 U.S.; actual ARP may vary depending on the winner's city of departure.) No other expenses included. Travel and use of accommodation are at risk of winner, and Random House Inc. does not assume any liability. If for any reason prize is not available or cannot be fulfilled, Random House Inc. reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value, including, but not limited to, cash equivalent. Taxes, if any, are the winner's sole responsibility. Prizes are not transferable and cannot be assigned. No prize or cash substitutes allowed, except at the discretion of the sponsor as set forth above.

IV. WINNERS

Odds of winning depend on the total number of entries received. The grand-prize winner will be selected in a random drawing on or about September 9, 2005, from all eligible entries received within the entry deadline by Random House. By participation, entrants agree to be bound by the official rules and the decision of the Random House, which shall be final and binding in all respects. In the event the winner is a resident of Canada, winner will be required to correctly answer a time-limited arithmetical skill-testing question. Winner will be notified by mail on or about September 14, 2005 and winner will be required to execute and return within 7 days of notification an affidavit of eligibility and release. Any noncompliance within that time period or the return of any notification as undeliverable will result in disqualification and the selection of an alternate winner. In the event of any other noncompliance with rules and conditions, prize may be awarded to an alternate winner.

V. RELEASES

By participating, winner agrees that Random House, Inc. and its parent company, assigns, subsidiaries or affiliates will have no liability whatsoever, and will be held harmless by winner for any liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind to person, including death, and property resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the acceptance, possession, misuse, or use of the prize, or participation in this sweepstakes. By entering the sweepstakes the participants consent to the use of their name, likeness, and biographical data for publicity and promotional purposes on behalf of Random House, Inc. with no additional compensation or further permission (except where prohibited by law). The name of the winner will be available after November 1, 2005, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Random House Children's Books, Publicity Dept., ELDEST Consumer Sweepstakes Winners, 1745 Broadway, 10-1, New York, NY 10019. VT and WA residents may omit postage. Sponsor: Random House, Inc., 1745 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.