

CONTEST WRITING TEMPLATE



TEXT BLOCK WIDTH

Important note: The text block width for *Visions of Black Life: A Collection of Outstanding Short Stories and Poetry* is 4.25 inches wide. This is calculated from the the trim size of the book, that is 6 inches wide by 9 inches tall, and the inner and outer margins of .75 inches.

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You may create this column width in your word processing program by setting your left and right margins to 2.0 inches.

You should keep one line of verse within this dimension.

If you are writing short fiction, you do not have to shorten the length of your sentences.

7.5 inches

TEXT BLOCK HEIGHT

The text block height is 7.5 inches tall.

If you wish to create a unique visual look to your poetry, especially in free form verse, writing to the 4.25 inch width and 7.5 inch height, rather than to 8.5 inches by 11 inches, will help you achieve your artistic goal.

