

**ALMOST FAMOUS**

# Lillie Stanley



GLEN CANNING

**AGE:** 15  
**GRADE:** Nine  
**SCHOOL:** Highland Park Junior High  
**HOMETOWN:** Halifax  
**PASSION:** Writing  
**CLAIM TO FAME:** Stanley is the first winner of the Write Your World contest sponsored by *Teens Now Talk* magazine. Her story, called *Today I Killed a Man*, is about the conflict a young soldier faces as he fights in the war.  
**THE BIG BREAK:** "I've always liked writing. Usually I just write poems, and I don't really show them to people, but I like writing for school," Stanley said.  
 "Teens Now Talk magazine came to our school a couple of times and talked about the contest, so I just decided to enter it.  
 A month later, people from *Teens Now Talk* returned to her school to tell her she'd won, and they came back a few days later to photograph Stanley receiving her \$100 cash prize.  
 "I was pretty excited," Stanley said.  
 Besides the money, she won the honour of having her story printed in the magazine's premiere issue, which could be for sale as early as June.  
**ON BEING PUBLISHED:** "I think it will be pretty awesome. I'll feel like a real author."  
**INSPIRATION:** She wrote her story about Remembrance Day, and was inspired by the idea of war.  
 "I don't even know where it came from, because it doesn't sound like a little girl wrote it, it sounds like it was written by somebody who was at war," Stanley said. "I usually write depressing stuff for some reason, so I just tried to imagine

what it would be like."  
**BABY STEPS:** "When I was like six or seven years old, my brother lost his teddy bear in Woolzies and they found it and gave it back, and I wrote a story about it and gave it to them," Stanley said. "They put it up in the store and I got my picture in the newspaper for that, too."  
**HANGING OUT:** Stanley likes to sing and act, so she's hoping to pursue that when she starts at Citadel High in September. She's also a budding photographer. "I like to take pictures of stuff outside, and people. I just have so many pictures."  
**STYLE:** "Oh man, the accessory that I can't live without is my white beads," Stanley raved. But don't go looking for them in a store — these beads will be hard to find. "My cousin won it at a dance she went to with my grandmother at an old age home."  
**READING:** She just finished *The Pretties* and *The Ugliers*, and can't wait to read the next book in the series.  
**ON THE TUBE:** *American Idol* and *King of Queens*  
**ON THE BIG SCREEN:** *The Notebook*, *Kill Bill*, and *High School Musical*.  
**IN THE CD PLAYER:** Nelly Furtado, Taking Back Sunday, Classified  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Poutine  
**GUILTY PLEASURE:** She loves to indulge in fast food, especially Jr. Bacon Cheeseburgers from Wendy's.  
**WORDS OF WISDOM:** "You should write for yourself, about what you want to write about," Stanley said. "If people don't like it, that's their own opinion."

— Heather Sawers

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**GALLERY LISTINGS**

**ANNA LEONOWENS GALLERY:** *Proof* by John Mathews, through March 17. Works by Aimee Brown, through March 17. Works by Valerie d. Walker, through March 17. 5163 Duke St.  
**ARGYLE FINE ART:** *Pattern Pieces* by Amber Mills and Amy van den Hoogen and NSCAD Emerging Artists show, through March 30. 1869 Upper Water St.  
**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** *Cities* by John Hartman, through April 23. 1723 Hollis St.  
**ART IN A BOX:** Works by Dozay (Arlene Christmas), Brad Hall, Jesse Harrod, Colette Fontaine, Carol Kennedy, Pat Loucks, Dawn MacNutt, Claudia Mannion, Zequirja Rexhepi, Donna Underwood and Monika Wright, through June 30. 1161 Hollis St.  
**CORRIDOR GALLERY:** Works by local artists. 1113 Marginal Rd.  
**CRAIG GALLERY:** *Merging Fading Realms* by Ryane M.I. Driscoll, through March 31. Alderney Landing. 2 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth.  
**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY:** *Material Transfer*. Works by Pail de Guzman, Laurie Ljubovic, Kristiina Lahde, Linh Ly, and Peter Schuyff, through April 29. *Affecting Presence*. Works by Claire Hodge and Melaine Lowe, through April 29. 6101 University Ave. [www.artgallery.dal.ca](http://www.artgallery.dal.ca).  
**EYE LEVEL GALLERY:** Works by local artists. 2128 Gottingen St.  
**FRED GALLERY:** New paintings by Michael Lewis, through April 14. 2606 Agricola St. [www.fredsalon.ca](http://www.fredsalon.ca).  
**JO BEALE GALLERY:** Works by Allyson Simmie. The village of Peggy's Cove.  
**LUX RESTAURANT:** *Generations*. Photography by Janet Couper and Miriam Beach. Opening reception March 22, 6:30 p.m. 5657 Spring Garden Rd.  
**MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** *George Steeves Photographs*, through April 7.  
**PAINTER'S PALETTE GALLERY:** Works by JoAnne Muise, through March 31. 1535 Dresden Row.  
**PEER GALLERY:** Opens March 15. 176 Lincoln St., Lunenburg.  
**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** *You Are Here* by Peter Dykhuis, through March 18. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.  
**SECORD GALLERY:** New paintings by Eve Hartling, through March 24. 6301 Quinpool Rd.  
**STUDIO 21:** *Paradis Terrestre* by Janice Leonard, March 16 through April 4. *Focus on Prints*. Work by David Armstrong, Christine Koch, and Anna Syperek, March 16 through April 16. 1223 Lower Water St. [www.studio21.ca](http://www.studio21.ca).  
**SUSAN HUDON, RCA:** Original handcrafted prints and paintings. 304 Pelham St., Lunenburg.  
**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** *Terezin Prague Berlin 2005*. Photographs and video by Karen Nieuwland, through April 1 2050 Gottingen St.  
**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by Charles E. Hannaford, Charles Heberer, Christopher Pratt, Anthony Law, and Jean-Claude Roy.

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