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Writing competition

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Write a short story about a wonderful world filled with colourful characters. (Limit of 3 pages per entry.)

Once upon a time in Stone Brook (New York) there lived a 10 year old girl. Her name was Poppy and she lived with her stepmother. Her parents had died in the Lebanese War and she was given to her stepmother. If you don't know her stepmother, you will be happy to know that you don't want to meet her, she is terrible!

Poppy loves school because she can learn and read. Poppy wants to read but doesn't know how to. Her teacher (Ms Rosie) says "practise makes perfect", but perfect has never happened to her. She tries days, months, years and even two years. By the time she is in year six she is still trying, but it is no use. Soon she asked Ms Rosie for help, and as all teachers do when their child is asking for help, is help. Soon she is learning the word "because". Ms Rosie taught her the song "Bees Eat Candy And Use Smelly Eggs". Now that is Poppy's favourite song ever. Poppy is young for her year, so she isn't that behind but still needs to catch up.

On the last day of primary school Poppy is so close to finishing the learn to read challenge with Ms Rosie that she decided to go to hearing

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School so she can spend more time learning how to read. Luckily for her she also would not have to spend time with her stepmother. She went home happily and started packing.

In a few days she is in her boarding school with her own luxurious bedroom. She spent all her spare time trying to read. One morning she started practising her reading, and guess what: she just read a full book for the first time! She runs down the hall to tell Miss Permenter (Her new teacher) the good news! "Hooray!" "Hooray!" "Hooray!" They both shout. "Poppy can read! Poppy can read!" shouted Miss Permenter. Poppy and Miss Permenter were so excited and so were all the other teachers.

That night when Poppy was reading the map in her bed she saw that there was a library in her boarding school. She ran down the hall again but now stopped at a very different place, the library. She spent the whole night in there. From stories about lions to stories about unicorns, everything came to life. She went to Africa, to Wonderland and even Fiji.

Poppy became the smartest kid in the school because she had

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This story still can be found in the library today!

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