

# 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Child Category

## By Julia Randolph

Just on the outskirts of town  
an Old abandoned building can be found  
Built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century  
known as the Old Idaho State Penitentiary  
Over 13,000 people have been locked inside  
and not all of them left alive  
Some say that inside these walls  
There are ghosts that roam the halls  
Some were reformed then set free  
others were not so lucky you see  
If murder was the crime with which you were caught  
The gallows there would be your last stop  
Much can be learned and found  
by taking a tour and looking around  
so come see all of the rich history  
of the Old Idaho State Penitentiary

# 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up-Child Category

## By Sarah Cruz Salum

The black and white stripes on their backs.  
And walking through the fog.  
And stabbing the cold air.  
How they back talk the cops.  
And take foolish risks.  
How they sharpen the end of their toothbrushes.

If you dare.  
That is at the old pen,  
Just remember what I say is true.  
If you don't believe me.  
You will know when you go.

# Honorable Mention-Child Category

## By Morgan Schultz

### **“Lady Bluebeards” Famous Apple Pie**

A lady named Lyda Anna Mae Trueblood was born,  
a very infamous wife  
once you hear her killing life.

She killed four of her husbands for money.  
so don't become her honey.  
Make sure you don't eat her soup or apple pie,  
then you may die!

“Lady Bluebeard” went to prison, twenty years hard time.  
She escaped from the Idaho State Pen,  
by befriending to special men.

While she was free,  
she continued her killing spree.  
“Lady Bluebeard” was caught and sent back to finish her time.  
Her next husband disappeared. Did she commit another crime?

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## By Morgan Wolfe

### **Before**

I was here before,  
I served less time, before  
I had hope, before.

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## By Alex Borge

Prisoner, Prisoner, you should have been a better listener. Living in that little cell, oh how you wish you were not in jail. All those things you did that were wrong, you wish would go away with one happy song. Well that is not going to happen Harry Orchard, all you can do is look forward. Then there was Lady Bluebeard, who killed all her husbands, that is just weird. Taking someones life is wrong, and for money, that is just not funny. The Old Penitentiary operated for nearly 103 yrs. Hopefully when the prisoners got out they found some better peers.

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## By Elise Batten

### Horrible days

WHISTLE

Get up, sweep cell, make bed, and empty night bucket.

So many things to do as #5122 in the Penitentiary,

How can I pass this horrible time?

Working in the kitchen with #588.

I cross off the day on the calendar,

Then start cutting the meat off the bone.

WHISTLE

Time to check for to see if we are here.

Now to the slop shop for dinner,

We all eat in silence.

WHISTLE

Horrible whistle,

We line up to go to our cells,

And I fall asleep,

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