

Cadet Quest Themes List • 2009–2010

ISSUE	THEME	WHAT <i>CADET QUEST</i> IS LOOKING FOR
September/ October 2009	20/20 Vision	Luke 6:39–40 says, “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” The implication is that the teacher is not blind. The Cadet theme for the season, 20/20 Vision, is based on this verse. It’s also the theme for this first seasonal issue of <i>Cadet Quest</i> . We want boys to learn from Christ, and to become more like Him. The writer’s challenge is to get that point across in fictional form.
November 2009	In the World but Not of It	Christians are called to be a separate people. Jesus even warns His followers that in this world, they will be persecuted. We want to convince boys that they are citizens of the kingdom of heaven, and are called to be ambassadors for Christ on earth. They are in the world, but they are not of it.
December 2009	Giving and Getting	December is a time when most North Americans are focused on Christmas. Sadly, most of that focus is not on the birth of the Christ child, but on what presents they will buy for others, and what gifts they will get in return. Getting is nice, but giving is more important. Stories should address the selfishness and/or selflessness that we find in people.
January 2010	Witnessing	Not everyone will become a missionary or an evangelist, but all Christians are to be witnesses. A witness simply has to give testimony of what they have experienced, seen, or heard. Stories should make boys think about what they have experienced of Christ, and how they can witness about it.
February 2010	Spending Time	This issue will look at how a person decides among all the things competing for his attention. How much time does he spend on entertainment? On education? On personal devotions? And does God care how we spend our time?
March 2010	Obedience	Rules are for a person’s own good, and disobeying rules brings consequences. This might be a good issue to inject humor into.
April/May 2010	Cadets Around the World	It may be difficult to fit fiction into this theme, but the Cadet Corps has a presence in USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, and Spain. We want to celebrate the different cultures and the truths that we hold in common.

Themes for each new editorial season are chosen in January. Submit manuscripts before the end of April 2009, when all fiction selections will be made for this editorial season. Fiction manuscripts are normally not purchased between mid-May and December. Next season’s theme list will be made available (on-line or in your SASE) following their selection by the end of January 2010.