

**ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER  
ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA®**



**2017 BOOK BUYERS BEST CONTEST FOR PUBLISHED AUTHORS**

**This award will showcase the shining excellence of published authors in novella and novel-length romance fiction and mainstream fiction with a central romance.**

Categories for the contest are:

- **Contemporary Series Romance**
- **Contemporary Single Title Romance** (*Over 70,000 Words*)
- **Mainstream Fiction with a Central Romance**
- **Historical & Regency** (*Both Series and Single Title*)
- **Romantic Suspense & Mystery with romantic elements** (*Over 70,000 Words*)
- **Paranormal/Time Travel/Fantasy/Futuristic Romance** (*Both Series and Single Title*)
- **Young Adult**
- **Inspirational**
- **Erotic Romance**
- **Novella** (*Specify Category*) (*Over 15,000 to 40,000*)

GLBT entries: Authors are to place their entries in the appropriate category.

**JUDGING**

Preliminary round will be judged by Booksellers, Librarians and Romance Readers. First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each category. Highest score in each category will advance to the Final Round to be judged by Top Pick Judge.

## 2017 CONTEST ENTRY RULES

1. The contest is open to all Romance Writers of America® members who are in good standing with RWA National with current membership paid. The BBB Contest is accepting e-published and self-published entries.
2. Entries may be novel-length or novella-length. Novel-length will have 40,000-word minimum, novellas will have between 15,000 and 40,000 words. All novellas will be entered in the Novella category regardless of genre.
3. The first copyright date must be 2016 between January and December regardless of the method of publication, first electronic publishing date between January and December 2016, or the first North American release date between January and December 2016.
4. Entries must be postmarked/time-stamped by April 15, 2017. Contest limit: 150 entries.
5. The Contest Committee reserves the right to add or drop categories depending on the number of entries received. Any category receiving less than five (5) entries will be transferred to another category from the one in which the author originally entered.
6. Finalists in each category will be the three (3) highest scorers. Finalists will be announced on July 8, 2017 at OCC/RWA's monthly meeting.
7. The highest scoring entry in each category will advance to the final round to be judged for the "Top Pick."
8. Winners of each category and the "Top Pick" will be announced on October 14, 2017 at OCC/RWA's Birthday Bash.
9. Finalists and Winners will receive certificates or plaques, lapel pins and BBB logo image file for authors' website.
10. Finalists and Winners will be announced in a full-page advertisement in the December 2017 or January 2018 Romance Writers Report and on the OCC/RWA website.
11. Author to mail entry fee(s) or copy of PayPal receipt, completed entry form(s) printed from either the on-line or PDF entry form and five (5) autographed copies of each book entered. Books will not be returned. E-published books must be submitted in book format, printed and bound, or in PDF readable format. Only E-published books may be submitted in PDF readable format. It is the author's responsibility to check that PDF file can be opened and read. Entries that come with unreadable PDF files will be disqualified. No ARCs will be accepted. It is also the author's responsibility to select the category for their entry.
12. Entry fee is \$30 for each entry. The non-refundable entry fee may be paid by PayPal through chapter's website.
13. An optional self-addressed stamped postcard may be included for Contest Committee to mail and confirm receipt of your entry.
14. Send entry form, including check, money order or PayPal receipt, and books to:  
BBB Contest Coordinators  
c/o Nikki Prince  
P.O. Box 20821  
Riverside, CA 92516

All questions should be directed to Contest Coordinator at [bbbcontest@occrwa.org](mailto:bbbcontest@occrwa.org)



**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

*(2 pages)*

Official Entry Form (**one per entry**) must be completed and accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee made payable to OCC/RWA or copy of PayPal receipt/s.

**OCC/RWA and Other RWA Members \$30.00 per Entry**

<b>Author's Name:</b>		<b>RWA National Member Number:</b>
<b>Pseudonym:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Title of Entry:</b>		
<b>Publisher Line &amp; Imprint:</b>		
<b>Category Entered:</b>		
<b>Category Second Choice (if needed due to low entries)</b>		

**RELEASE FORM**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

- Entry in the Book Buyers Best Contest for Published Authors constitutes agreement by the author/entrant to conform to all contest rules and abide by the decision of the judges. Entry in the Contest also constitutes an agreement by the author and/or

the entrant to hereby release and discharge OCC/RWA, its board, its members, and its judges, and their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all rights, claims and actions which the entrant now has or may hereafter have against OCC/RWA, its board, its members, and its judges in regard to or arising from the said contest, including the submitted book and covenants not to sue on any said rights, claims and actions.

1. I(we) warrant and represent to OCC/RWA that I(we) am(are) member(s) in good standing in Romance Writers of America®. I(we) am(are) sole owner(s) of, and have the exclusive right to the published novel submitted hereunder and the copyright free and clear of any liens, encumbrances, licenses, or claims of whatsoever nature; and
2. I (we) am (are) desirous of entering the Book Buyers Best Contest for Published Authors. I(we) understand that contest judging is totally subjective. I (we) understand that judges' decisions are final. Accordingly, I (we) agree to abide by all decisions made by the judges and contest officials. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless OCC/RWA, its board, its members, and its judges, and their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from liability for its/their actions arising from or relating to judging and handling of the entry and conducting, sponsoring and advertising the contest.
3. In consideration for said judging services, the undersigned agrees to pay forthwith a nonrefundable entrance fee of \$30.00 for OCC/RWA and RWA members per entry. Check made payable to OCC/RWA, or online via PayPal.
4. OCC/RWA reserves the right to add, drop, or combine categories, dependent upon the number of books received. The Contest committee will disqualify any entry that does not meet all the rules as outlined.
6. This release is fully and voluntarily executed by the undersigned. The undersigned has read this Release and the official rules of the contest and agrees to be bound thereby.

Signature	Date
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