

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA®



2018 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 Romance** (*Novel Length*)
- **Mainstream Fiction with a central romance** (*Novel Length*)
- **Historical & Regency** (*Novel Length*)
- **Romantic Suspense & Mystery with romantic elements** (*Novel Length*)
- **Paranormal/Time Travel/Fantasy/Futuristic Romance** (*Novel Length*)
- **Young Adult** (*Novel Length*)
- **Inspirational** (*Novel Length*)
- **Erotic Romance** (*Novel Length*)
- **Novella** (*All Works of Romance Fiction at or above 20,000 and less than 50,000 words regardless of subgenre*)

LGBT entries: Authors are to place their entries in the appropriate category listed above.

All novel-length entries must be at or more than 50,000 words.

JUDGING

Preliminary round will be judged by booksellers, librarians, romance readers, published authors and writers. First, second and third place will be awarded in each category. Highest score in each category will advance to the final round. The final “Top Pick” will be selected by the Top Pick Judge.

2018 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 a 50,000-word minimum, novellas will have between 20,000 and 49,000 words. All novellas will be entered in the novella category regardless of genre.
3. **All contest entrants are asked to read and judge a minimum of one (1) entry (not in their entry category) for each book entered. Entrants must select a minimum of two (2) judging categories in which they will read.**
4. The first copyright date must be 2017 between January and December regardless of the method of publication, first electronic publishing date between January and December 2017, or the first North American release date between January and December 2017.
5. Entries must be postmarked/time-stamped by April 15, 2018. Contest limit: 150 entries.
6. 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.
7. Finalists in each category will be the three (3) highest scorers. Finalists will be announced on July 14, 2018 at OCC/RWA's monthly meeting.
8. The highest scoring entry in each category will advance to the final round to be judged for the "Top Pick."
9. Winners of each category and the "Top Pick" will be announced at the annual OCC/RWA Birthday Bash to be held October 13, 2018.
10. Finalists and winners will receive certificates or plaques, lapel pins and BBB logo image file for authors' website.
11. Finalists and winners will be announced in a prominent advertisement in the December 2018 or January 2019 Romance Writers Report and on the OCC/RWA website.
12. 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. All entries must 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.
13. Entry fee is \$30 for each entry. The non-refundable entry fee may be paid by PayPal through chapter's website.
14. An optional self-addressed stamped postcard may be included for Contest Committee to mail and confirm receipt of your entry.
15. Send entry form, including check, money order or PayPal receipt to:
BBB Contest Coordinator
c/o Joyce Ward
P.O. Box 3718
Mission Viejo, CA 92690-3718

All questions should be directed to Contest Coordinator at 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

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

RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

1. 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.
2. I(we) warrant and represent to OCC/RWA that I(we) am a(are) member(s) in good standing in Romance Writers of America®. I(we) am the (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
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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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