

**ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
ROMANCE WRITERS OF AMERICA**



2009 CONTEST FOR PUBLISHED AUTHORS

***This award will showcase the shining excellence of published authors in novel-length romantic fiction.
Overall winner chosen by an Industry Book Buyer.***

Categories for the contest are:

- Series Short Contemporary** (*Under 70,000 Words*)
- Series Long Contemporary** (*Over 70,000 Words*)
- Single Title Romance with Romantic Elements** (*Over 70,000 Words*)
- Historical & Regency** (*Both Series and Single Title*)
- Romantic Suspense/Mystery with romantic elements** (*Over 70,000 Words*)
- Paranormal/Time Travel/Fantasy** (*Both Series and Single Title*)

Preliminary round will be judged by Booksellers, Librarians & Romance Readers. Final overall round judged by book buyer Sue Grimshaw from **Borders Group, Inc.**

CONTEST ENTRY RULES

1. Entry forms (one per entry), fees and books must be received by **January 10, 2009**. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entries, fees and books received after contest is officially closed will be returned.
2. The contest shall be open to all RWA members who are in good standing with RWA National. An author may enter as many books as he/she likes, but each book can only be entered in one category.
3. E-books can be entered as long as the author has a signed standard royalties agreement and the manuscripts are submitted in ARC or galley form and spiral or perfect bound. Loose pages will be disqualified.
4. The Contest Committee reserves the right to add, drop, or combine categories, dependant upon the number of entries received. Finalists will be the top three entries in each category.
5. The Contest Committee will disqualify any entry that does not fully meet with all the rules. The OCC Board of Directors will resolve any disputes which may arise, and their decision will be final.
6. Books must have a **2008** copyright date, first printing date, and/or first North American release date.
7. Entry Fee is \$25.00 per entry for OCC/RWA members; \$30.00 for other RWA members. The fees are non-refundable. Each additional entry must include a separate entry form. Entry fees may be paid by PayPal through the chapter website www.occrrwa.org or a check or money order, made payable to **OCC/RWA**.
8. Entry fee/s or copy of PayPal receipt, official entry form/s and five (5) autographed copies of the entered title/s and a self-addressed stamped postcard must be sent to BOOK BUYERS BEST CONTEST, c/o Pat Wright, Contest Assistant, 2325 E. North Redwood Drive, Anaheim, CA 92806. No books shall be returned.
9. Finalists will be announced at the May 2009 OCC/RWA meeting. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the **July 2009** RWA National Conference in Washington, D.C.
10. All questions regarding the contest should be directed to Jann Audiss, Contest Coordinator, 391 S. Sonya Street, Anaheim, CA 92802, (714) 809-0024, email: **bbbcontest@occrrwa.org**.

BOOK BUYERS BEST CONTEST



2009 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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

OCC/RWA Members \$25.00; \$30.00 Other RWA Members

AUTHOR'S NAME: _____ RWA NATIONAL MEMBER NO.: _____

PSEUDONYM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TITLE ENTRY: _____

PUBLISHER & LINE IMPRINT: _____

CATEGORY ENTERED: _____

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 warrant and represent to OCC/RWA that 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
3. I (we) am (are) desirous of entering the Book Buyers Best Contest for Published Authors and thereby receiving valuable judging and services provided thereunder of my (our) published novel; and
4. In consideration for said judging services, the undersigned agrees to pay forthwith a non-refundable entrance fee of \$25.00 OCC/RWA members, \$30.00 Other 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, dependant upon the number of books received. The Contest committee will disqualify any entry that does not meet with all the rules.
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: _____