

ENTRY CODE:

JUDGE #:

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Category: Paranormal

Single Title

Historical

Romantic Suspense

Mechanics:	Correct grammar correct, spelling, and punctuation?	
Plot:	Is there an intriguing and believable situation that captures The reader’s interest, avoids cliché’s, and is skillfully developed?	
Motivation:	Are the character’s actions and reactions appropriate and well-motivated?	
Dialogue:	Natural, and realistic, moves the story forward without overwhelming the reader with information?	
Setting:	Can the reader easily see and feel the story without being intrusive?	
Point of View:	Properly used, changes are handled well and don’t bounce between characters excessively or inappropriately?	
Research:	Accurate, non–intrusive, interesting, important?	
Conflict:	Good use of internal and external conflict?	
Pace:	Does the scene(s) flow smoothly without jarring the reader so the forward momentum of the story will continue?	
Development:	Are the actions and emotions shown, not told? Does the writer use two or more of the five senses to create a vivid picture?	
Narrative:	Is there a good balance between dialogue that’s interesting and necessary and progresses the story without overwhelming the reader with information?	
Relationship:	Believable and exciting from the initial attraction with <i>potential</i> emotions and physical awareness and/or attraction developing to a satisfying conclusion?	
Hero	Adequately developed, multidimensional, believable, interesting, good physical description, sympathetic, and likeable?	
Heroine:	Adequately developed, multidimensional, believable, interesting, good physical description, sympathetic, and likeable?	
Style:	Does the writer have a unique, fresh voice?	
Market:	Seems appropriate for the targeted publisher, sensual tension is correct with an appropriate plot?	
Secondary Characters	Were they necessary and non–intrusive? If not introduced, did the exclusion distract from the story?	
Hook	Does the scene(s) start at the right place and grab your attention?	
Overall Appeal:	Would you want to read more of this book, if published?	
	TOTAL SCORE →	