

ALASKA CHAPTER of the ROMANCE WRITERS of AMERICA presents:



CONTEST INFORMATION

CONTEST RULES:

1. Submitted manuscripts must be unpublished. (See Categories and Heat Levels below)
2. Enter your best break-up or darkest moment scene. Entry must not exceed 10 pages. Please include a set-up scene (1-3 pages) to assist judges in understanding entry selection.
3. You may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be separate and complete with appropriate fees.
4. All submissions will be judged by AKRWA trained judges, RWA PRO members, and published authors. Final winners will be judged by Laurie M. Rauch, Executive Editor of Samhain Publishing. Winning entry will receive a reading by Elizabeth Pomada of Larsen-Pomada Literary Agency.
5. All submissions will be returned to author with judges' comments.
6. Submissions must be accompanied by signed agreement (below) and payment or PayPal order for payment.
7. Winners will be announced on the AKRWA Web site by July 1, 2010.
8. Entries received after May 1, 2010 will be disqualified and returned unopened.
9. See Submission Guidelines below for details on how and where to submit entries.

CATEGORIES:

Contemporary

Historical

Inspirational

Romantic Suspense

Fantasy/Paranormal

Erotica

Young Adult

Chick Lit

HEAT LEVELS:

1. Sweet - Stories do not have consummated love scenes.
2. Sensual - Stories have consummated love scenes without explicit graphic content.
3. Ultra Sensual - Consummated love scenes with graphic explicit language and adult themes.
4. Erotic - Explicit love scenes with high usage of graphic language and varied adult themes and can contain varied uses of erotic stimuli, including fetish behaviors.
5. Highly Erotic - Stories with this heat rating have a higher number of explicit love scenes, extremely graphic in nature - including language with varied adult themes and may or may not contain themes of alternative lifestyles.

PRIZES:

Winning manuscript will be submitted to:

Elizabeth Pomada

Larsen-Pomada Literary Agency

- All entrants will receive a beautiful certificate of participation.
- All judges are trained, PRO members and/or published authors.
- All authors will receive at least three score sheets with valuable judges' comments.
- To see examples of the score sheets, visit the contest page on our Web site at:

<http://www.akrwa.org>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Manuscript Requirements:

- Entries must be prepared in accordance with common publisher's standards (double spaced, one inch border, 12 point type e.g., Courier/Times New Roman/Arial).
- Header on each document shall include title, category and page number.
- Please *do not* include author's name anywhere on the actual entry.
- Your entry must represent a break-up or darkest moment scene.
- All entries must meet the RWA standards of *romance* writing.
- Entries that do not comply with the listed requirements will not be scored.

Submit:

- 1) Mail submissions: Four copies of your contest entry and synopsis along with completed entry form and entrant's agreement.
- 2) Electronic submissions: manuscript and synopsis in one RTF or MS Word document. In addition, snail-mail your completed entry form and entrant's agreement to address below.
- 3) Send one check, money order, or PayPal order per entry for \$30.00.

Make checks or money orders payable to: *Alaska Chapter RWA*

Submit PayPal orders to: *treasurer@akrwa.org*

Entries must be received by May 1, 2010

Mail submissions to:

Alaska Break-up Contest
Carolyn Ellis, Contest Coordinator
3001 E. 42th St., Apt. 102
Anchorage, AK 99508

E-mail submissions to:

contest@akrwa.org