

Central Florida Romance Writers Judge #: _____
2008 Touch of Magic Contest Scoresheet

Entry # : _____ **Title:** _____

Category: Series Contemporary

Rate each element accordingly: 10 = Publishable 1 = Needs Serious Revision

Please give reason/make comment for scores of 5 or below.

_____ 1. Characterization
Three dimensional characters, well-drawn.

Comments: _____

_____ 2. Goals, Conflict, Motivation
Is conflict (internal and external) established? Strong enough to support story? Motivation / Goals apparent?

Comments: _____

_____ 3. Plot
Appropriate for the genre? Believable/logical? Complex enough for length?

Comments: _____

_____ 4. Hook, Pacing
Story starts in right place? Catches your attention? Too fast/slow? Appropriate for word length and type of story.

Comments: _____

_____ 5. Dialogue
Sounds natural. Dialogue tags do not intrude. Characters have distinct voices. Moves the plot forward.

Comments: _____

_____ 6. Narrative (Internal and External)
Sounds natural. Showing, not telling. Not too much back story. Moves the plot forward.

Comments: _____

_____ 7. Author's Skill / Voice / Style / Craft
Tone / Avoids clichés, appropriate use of metaphors, similes, etc. / Unique? Correct punctuation, grammar, typo-free. Transitions handled well.

Comments: _____

_____ 8. Relationship
Believable? Sustainable? Is there chemistry beyond sexual attraction?

Comments: _____

_____ 9. Setting
Good imagery? Five senses used? Sets Mood? Supports the story?

Comments: _____

_____ 10. Point of View
Handled skillfully? Are switches clear and appropriate?

Comments: _____

_____ Total points:

Feedback:

What I liked MOST about this story

Where the author can improve.

Judge's information:

- Published in romance
- Published - Other
- Unpublished

Any other information? _____

Judge's name/signature (optional) _____