

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

Entry # : _____ **Title:** _____

Category: Single Title

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. If hero or heroine isn't introduced, does the exclusion detract from the story?

Comments: _____

_____ **2. Goals, Conflict, Motivation**

Is the potential for conflict (internal and external) established? Strong enough to support story? Are Goals and/or Motivation introduced? If not, does their exclusion detract from the story?

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 the potential for a relationship established? Is there chemistry beyond sexual attraction? Are the romance and the plot interwoven so one cannot exist without the other?

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- Unpublished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) _____