

Booksellers' Best Award

A Published Authors' Contest for Books Published in 2009
Sponsored by Greater Detroit Romance Writers of America

AUTHOR'S ENTRY FORM

(Please read and copy "Entry Information" before mailing. One title per form, please; copy as needed)

Title of book being entered:		
Author's name as it appears on book:		
Author's real name:		
Publisher:		Line or Imprint:
Author Address:		
City:		State: Zip:
Daytime Phone:		Evening Phone:
Email:		

Does this book meet the criteria for Best First Book? (requires an extra \$6 fee) Yes No

Is this an e-pub book? Yes No

Category:

(please circle one)

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| 1. Traditional / Sweet Romance | 6. Erotic Romance |
| 2. Short Contemporary (under 65,000 words) | 7. Short Historical (up to 95,000 words) |
| 3. Long Contemporary (over 65,000 words) | 8. Long Historical (95,000 or more) |
| 4. Single Title / Mainstream | 9. Paranormal / Time Travel / Futuristic |
| 5. Romantic Suspense | 10. Inspirational (contemporary or historical) |

My signature below constitutes my full knowledge and acceptance of all rules and deadlines as outlined for the *Booksellers Best Award*, as well as my willingness to accept the decisions of the judges and the contest committee, and to hold harmless GDRWA, its Contest Committee and all judges.

Entrant's Signature:	Date:
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By Jan 15, 2010, mail this entry form and fee (check or money order payable to GDRWA) to:

**Patti Shenberger
6019 Mary Sue Street
Clarkston, Michigan 48346-3262**

Entry Fee: GDRWA Members - \$22.00 Non-GDRWA - \$27.00 Best First Book - \$6.00

You will receive instruction on where to send 5 autographed copies of each entry from category coordinators on or before February 1, 2010.

For questions, please email Patti Shenberger at pattishenberger@comcast.net

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Prizes & Perks:

- * Poster of winners' names and covers printed and mailed to booksellers nationwide
- * Uniquely designed pendant/pin to each winner
- * Reception for all finalists at National RWA conference where winners are announced
- * Winners' names listed in the RWR
- * Finalists' names, and winners' names and book covers posted on GDRWA site
- * Certificates to all finalists and winners

Rules:

- * Entry must have a 2009 copyright or first US printing 50,000 minimum word count
- * Entry in the Best First Book category must be the authors FIRST book-length release that meets the above requirements. This includes e-books.
- * Each title may only be entered in one main category, and Best First Book if eligible.
- * Complete a separate entry form for each title
- * Categories may be added or dropped depending on number of entries, but any books in that dropped category will still be eligible for Best First Book category.
- * No refunds after entry form is submitted
- * Author may not change categories after entry
- * Scores are not disclosed
- * Send entry form & fee **ONLY** to the address listed at the bottom of the entry form (no books to this address please!)
- * Failure to follow rules or meet deadlines may result in disqualification.

Entry Fees

GRDWA member: \$22.00

Non-GDRWA: \$27.00

Best First Book: \$6.00

Where to Send What:

Do Not send anything "**signature required**".

If you need confirmation of receipt, please send via USPS "**Delivery Confirmation**" mail.

Send entry form & fee **ONLY** to the address listed at the bottom of the entry form.

Shortly after the deadline you will be contacted by you your category coordinator with instructions on where to send 5 autographed books (not returned).

No additional books required for the First Book category **OR** the Final Round.

Deadlines:

Postmarked by 1/15/2010 – entry form and fee,
On or Before 2/1/2010 – Entrants will receive instructions to send 5 books to their category coordinator

Postmarked by 2/20/2010 – Books received by coordinators

On or before 6/10/2010– finalists will be notified

On or before 6/15/2010 – finalists' names posted on GDRWA website

In 7/2010 – Evening awards reception at RWA National Conference (date to be announced later)

By 8/15/2010 – winners' names will be posted on the GDRWA website

Judging:

All judges will be booksellers or Librarians.

Coordinators make every attempt to match an entry with a judge in a different region than that author's home state.