

The Phoenix Desert Rose Chapter of RWA®

Golden Quill 2011 Contest Rules

Judged by Romance Readers

1. Entries must be book length fiction with a minimum of 40,000 words (except for the romantic novella category, which accepts stories of less than 40,000 words). The copyright date must be between January and December 2010, or first North American printing/release date between January and December 2010, or first electronic publish date between January and December 2010—if submitting in electronic format.



2. The Contest Committee reserves the right to add or drop categories, depending on the number of entries received. The Contest Committee reserves the right to place a book in a different category from the one the author originally entered.

3. Entry must be received not later than January 10, 2011.

4. Once a book is accepted for entry in the contest, there will be no refund.

5. Priority mailing of entries is preferred, with **NO signature required for receipt.**

6. Membership in Romance Writers of America is required. Entrants must be members in good standing with current membership paid.

7. Category winner will be the highest scoring book in its category, providing the score is in the upper 25% of scores of all contest entries received. If none of the entries in a given category scores in the overall top 25%, there will be no finalist in that category.

8. Finalists will be announced on or about April 30, 2011.

9. Winners will be announced in a full page advertisement in the July 2011 issue of *Romance Writers Report*.

10. Entry in the Golden Quill Contest constitutes agreement by the author to conform to all contest rules, abide by the decision of the judges, and hold blameless the Desert Rose Chapter, the Golden Quill Contest Coordinators and all judges. In entering, the author agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Chapter, its officers, members and all judges of the Contest from liability for its/their actions arising from or relating to judging and handling of the entry and conducting, sponsoring and advertising the event.

11. The Contest Committee reserves the right to disqualify an entry if rules are not fully met.



Contest Rules cont.

12. Author must enclose:

A. Five (5) copies of each book entered. (If a book is entered in two categories, please enclose 5 copies for each entry. Books will not be returned. **Please Autograph your books**, as they will be donated after judging is completed. E-published books must be submitted in either book format, printed and bound format, or in the following electronic format. **(NEW THIS YEAR)—electronic books for any category may be submitted in PDF readable format on five (5) separate CD discs. Discs need to come in separate hard plastic disc cases and must include a copy of the autographed cover inside the case. Please note: It is the author's responsibility to check that each CD can be opened and read. Entries that come with unusable or unreadable files will be disqualified. No ARCs (advanced reader copies) will be accepted.**

B. A completed entry form for each book entered. Please print out Entry Form PDF from the website. If a book is entered in two categories, then two entry forms must be included. Entry forms may be photocopied.

C. The entry fee of \$30.00 for each book and/or each category entered. The total entry fee should be paid by check or money order made payable to Desert Rose RWA #60, or by using PayPal. Click the button on the entry form or visit www.paypal.com and send payment to paypal@desertroserwa.org.

D. An optional self-addressed stamped postcard on which the contest coordinator will confirm receipt of your entry.

13. Send entry, marked with category on outside of package, to:

Sonya Parsons 21356 N. 83rd St. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A SIGNATURE FOR DELIVERY

For additional information, please contact: Sonya Parsons, goldenquill@desertroserwa.org or online at www.desertroserwa.org/goldenquill/goldenquill.htm

Contest Categories:

Best First Book
Erotic Romance
Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Futuristic
Historical
Hot, Sexy, Sensuous
Inspirational
Inspirational—Romantic Suspense (New Category)
Long Contemporary
Mainstream Single Title

Novella
Paranormal, Time Travel
Regency Period Historical Romance
Romantic Suspense
Short Contemporary
Traditional

