

SOUTHERN MAGIC PROUDLY CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS

Linda Howard Award of Excellence

2006

Long Contemporary/Series Final Judge:

Susan Litman, Editor, Silhouette

- 1st COMING HOME by Philine Tucker (full requested)
- 2nd A COWGIRL'S WAY by Tammy Johnson (full requested)
- 3rd CLOSE TO HOME by Suzanne Welsh
- 4th LETHAL MEDICINE by Victoria Wasserman
- 5th COOLING WATERS by Fran McNabb

Short Contemporary/Series--Final Judge:

Brenda Chin, Associate Senior Editor Harlequin

- 1st JESS' GIRL by Brenda Schetnan
- 2nd WILDFIRE by Julia Strapp
- 3rd BABIES IN THE BARGAIN by Mona Risk
- 4th FULFILLING HER FANTASIES by Danniele Worsham
- 5th BACK TO BEN by Kim S. Kerr

Single Title--Final Judge:

Abby Zidle, Editor, HQ

- 1st HIS WICKED SMILE by Connie Donlon
- 2nd WITHIN REACH by Kathy Altman
- 3rd MISSING by Mary Gardner
- 4th PLAYING FOR KEEPS by Stacey Lynn Riemer
- 5th GAY BY DAY by Anna Sugden

Romantic Suspense--Final Judge:

Devi Pillai, Associate Editor, Warner

- 1st SNOOPING IN STILETTOS by Kathleen Beaver (full requested)
- 2nd UNLOCKING REBECCA by Dani Collins
- 3rd DINOSAUR FLOWERS by Patricia S. Conavan
- 4th UNSEEN VOICES by Natalie S. Eggeman
- 5th DEADLY INTENT by Janine Toole

Historical--Final Judge:

Alicia Condon, VP, Editorial Dir, Dorchester

- 1st MUSTANG WILD by Stacey Lynn Riemer
- 2nd THE KING'S MAN by Donnell Epperson
- 3rd DEBT OF HONOR by Jane L. Robinson
- 4th EMMA'S HEART by Melinda J. Porter
- 5th SECRETS OF THE BLACKWOOD by Christine E. Johnson

Unique Genres--Final Judge:

Selena James, Editor, Pocket Books

- 1st SACRIFICIAL DAUGHTER by Dani Collins
- 2nd THE SHIELD by Denise Frost
- 3rd THE SOURCE OF MAGIC by Katey Coffing
- 4th OUT OF THE ASHES by Kristen Painter
- 5th TRUELOVE WEARS A TUTU by Kathy Shaw

Romantic Sensual & Sizzling--Final Judge:

Kate Duffy, Edit Dir, Kensington Publishing

- 1st A STRANGER'S BED by Julia Bennett
- 2nd THE LADY'S CHOICE by Francine Winkle
- 3rd THE KAMA SUTRA CHRONICLES by Kathleen Beaver
- 4th THE DARK SIDE OF DESIRE by Kira Bazzel
- 5th SHAMELESS by Jane L. Robinson