

SOUTHERN MAGIC PROUDLY CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS

Linda Howard Award of Excellence

2009

Series/Short & Long Contemporary

Final Judge: Susan Litman, Editor, Silhouette

1st Tina Joyce Butts - THE GOBLIN AND MS. FITZPATRICK - full requested!

2nd Gwendolyn Lucas a.k.a. Kelsey Browning - THE TWISTED CHAIN - full requested!

3rd Kathy Coatney - DEFINING MOMENTS

4th Mary Oldham - THE HOTEL BARON'S MISTRESS

5th Robin Weaver - DESIGN FLAW

Historical

Final Judge: Alicia Condon, VP, Editorial

Director, Dorchester

1st Sally Orr - RAKE BY ANY OTHER NAME - full requested!

2nd Robyn Enlund - A WHIFF OF SCANDAL

3rd Pamela Bolton Holifield - THE RAVEN'S HEART

4th Christine E Johnson - THE AVIATRIX

5th Joanne Barnaba - FATAL FLAW

Romantic Suspense

Final Judge: Megan McKeever, Associate Editor, Pocket Books

1st Sarah Andre - LOCKED, LOADED AND LYING - full requested!

2nd Liz Rafferty - IN PLAIN SIGHT

3rd Haleigh LaChance - NOWHERE TO RUN

4th Susan Lanier-Graham - SHATTERED

5th Adrienne Maynard - MAN LAW

Single Title

Final Judge: Selina McLemore, Editor, Grand Central

1st Leslie Lynch - HIJACKED

2nd Deborah Pfeiffer - STARSTRUCK

3rd Bev Pettersen - COLOR MY HORSE

4th Laurie DeSalvo - FOR LOVE OR RAVIOLI

5th Leslie Lynch - UNHOLY BONDS

Inspirational

Final Judge: Tina Colombo, Editor, Steeple Hill

1st Tina Radcliffe - PROMISES TO KEEP

2nd Stacy Monson - FINDING GRACE

3rd Lee Duncan - THE PATH

4th Cara Slaughter - LOVE ON ASSIGNMENT

5th Anita Draper - WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

Young Adult

Final Judge: Jennifer Heddle, Editor, MTV Books

1st Celeste Gleason - HEART ON FIRE

2nd Sheryl Carpenter - PIPER'S KISS

3rd Mary Karlick - HORSE PLAY

4th Deborah J. Pfeiffer - GIRL ON ICE

5th Liz Eliot - SPAZ

Unique Genres

Final Judge: Melissa Singer, Editor, Tor

1st Cate Rowan - THE OCEAN BETWEEN US

2nd Shereen Vedam - BETH AND THE BEAUMONT MURDER

3rd Sharon K. Bills - THE TARNHELM PROJECT

4th Robin Haseltine - THE CURSE OF THE DRAGON'S SPELL

5th Sandra De Taranto - THE SHADOWS OF TIME