

SOUTHERN MAGIC PROUDLY CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS

## Linda Howard Award of Excellence

2010

### Series Short/Long Contemporary

*Final judge Susan Litman, Editor, Silhouette  
Special Edition*

- 1st- THE TYCOON'S MARRIAGE DEAL by Louise D Cobb & Karen Daughtry \*full requested
- 2nd SECOND CHANCE MOM by Jennie Moening w/a Jenna Rutland \*full requested
- 3rd LOVES FUGITIVE by Kathy Hind w/a Kaily Hart
- 4th HEAD GAMES by Denise Cychosz
- 5th COMING HOME by Jennifer Lou Harris

### Romantic Suspense (series & single title)

*Final judge Megan McKeever, Associate Editor,  
Pocket Books (Simon & Schuster)*

- 1st THE LAST MAGICIAN by Linda Baxter and Ann Fischer w/a E.J. Brighton \*full requested
- 2nd DEATH OF AN ISLAND TART by Janice Croom \*full requested
- 3rd GAMES OF TRANCE by Sherrie Super
- 4th THE YARD MAN by G. Jillian Stone
- 5th THE GAVEL'S ECHO by Anne-Marie Carroll

### Single Title

*Final judge Latoya Smith, Editor, Grand Central  
Publishers*

- 1st VERDICT by Jean Mason
- 2nd PASSION by Jeanell Bolton
- 3rd NONI'S VISION by Shelia Tenold
- 4th AND HE COOKS, TOO by Barbara Kroon
- 5th A DIFFERENT BEAT by Susan Breeden
- HM: GETTING LUCKY by Katie Graykowski

### Unique Genres (Paranormal, Futuristic, Fantasy, and Time Travel)

*Final judge Heather Osborn, Acqs Editor, Tor*

- 1st DEAR HEART by Alison Leake \*full requested
- 2nd RED MOUNTAIN by Heather Leonard \*full requested
- 3rd DEMONS IN DIXIE by Alexandra George
- 4th SHADOW WORLD by Rashda Khan
- 5th MOONLIGHT by Lisa Kessler

### Historical Romance

*Final judge Alicia Condon, VP, Editorial Director,  
Dorchester*

- 1st WHEN A HEART DARES by Kathleen Bittner Roth \*full requested
- 2nd THE BLACK DAGGER by Barbara Huddleston
- 3rd THE SPY ON THE ORLEANS ROAD by Elizabeth McCord
- 4th DEFENSIVE MEASURES by Alyssa Fernandez
- 5th THE STORM AFTER by Gina Hooten Popp

### Inspirational

*Final judge Tina James, Editor, Steeple Hill*

- 1st HOPE FOR THE FUTURE by Pam Mantovani
- 2nd FAITH, FAMILY AND THE GIRL NEXT DOOR by Susan Johnson
- 3rd BEACH RENTAL by Grace R. Greene

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### **Young Adult**

*Final judge Natashya Wilson, Senior Editor,  
Harlequin Teen*

- 1st MAGIC SCHOOL DROP-OUT by Liese Sherwood-Fabre
- 2ne LOVE AND SALT by Elizabeth Langston
- 3rd SUGAR HIGH by Bethany Cunningham
- 4th REAL GUYS LIKE PINK by Micki Gibson
- 5th MAIL ORDER BOYFRIEND by Denise Hale

### **Romantic Sensual and Sizzling (Erotica)**

*Final judge Raelene Gorlinsky, Publisher & Editor,  
Ellora's Cave*

- 1st THE SILKIE'S SALVATION by Laura L. Webb \*full requested
- 2nd THE VISCOUNT'S PLEASURE HOUSE by S.N. Webb
- 3rd THE LOVING OF LORD LOXLEY by Madeline Smyth

### **The Write Magic (For Southern Magic Members only)**

*Final judge Sara Megibow, Associate Agent, Nelson  
Literary Agency*

- 1st RED MOUNTAIN by Heather Leonard
- 2nd SHADOW WORLD by Rashda Khan
- 3rd DEMONS IN DIXIE by Alexandra George