

# First Coast Romance Writers 2011 Beacon Contest for Unpublished Authors

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Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge #: \_\_\_\_\_ (check all that apply)

Published Author   
  RWA PRO   
  Contest Finalist   
  Trained Judge

**JUDGES:**

Please make comments on the entry itself using "Comments", "Track Changes" or {{Brackets, CAPS, and a different font color}}. Remember: specific, constructive feedback is important, for both revision and encouragement. Feel free to comment on the Score Sheet as well.

Please score the following categories using a scale of 1 to 9. **The questions are not to be answered individually, but are a general guideline for assessing a numerical score for each category.**

Scoring Key:    9 = Outstanding, ready for submission                      7-8 = Very Good, needs minor revisions  
                          5-6 = Average, shows promise, but needs work                      4 = Below Average

	<p><b>HOOK:</b> Did PAGE 1 capture your attention? If you read page 1 in a bookstore, would you be compelled to turn the page?          Comments:</p>
	<p><b>PLOT:</b> Within the selection, was the groundwork laid to build the story world / draw you INTO the story? Were the &lt;&lt;paranormal / inspirational / historical / YA&gt;&gt; aspects and themes smoothly woven into the fabric of the story? Is information revealed in an interesting manner? Is the setting clear?          Comments:</p>
	<p><b>CHARACTERIZATION :</b> Do the characters come alive? Behave and react in a realistic (for the character / genre) manner? Is the dialog natural and unstilted, moving the story forward? Is there a good balance between dialog and narrative? Are actions and emotions shown, not told? Is Point of View clear?          Comments:</p>
	<p><b>TECHNIQUE:</b> Is the author's voice used to effectively create a compelling story? Is the writing tight and easy to read? Did the writing evoke emotion from you, the reader? Do grammar, punctuation, and spelling generally meet accepted standards?          Comments:</p>
	<p><b>OVERALL APPEAL:</b> Did you find the selection compelling? Do you want to read more? If the book were published, would you recommend it to a friend?          Comments:</p>
	<p><b>TOTAL SCORE (45 MAX)</b></p>

Overall Judge's Opinion:

Please write a paragraph (or 2) to let the author know what you enjoyed, what needed improvement, and your overall impression.