

2012 Golden Palm Contest Score Sheet

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Category	Information	Notes
Entry Number		
Entry Title		
Judge	(Last)	(First)
Point Total (Max 100)		5—Excellent. Send it in. 4—Almost there 3—Moderate revisions needed 2—Substantial revisions needed 1—Major revisions & rethinking needed

Judge Experience	Yes/No
Published in Fiction	
Published in Non-Fiction	
Unpublished PRO Status	
Unpublished	
Judge Training	
RWA Contest Winner	
RWA Contest Finalist	
GH/RITA Winner	
GH/RITA Finalist	

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Judges: Please comment especially on any score given lower than a 3.

Category	Question	Comments	Points
Presentation	Entry is professionally presented		
	Grammar, spelling & punctuation meet acceptable standards		
Max Points 10			
Opening Hook	Opening hook grabs your attention right away & pulls you into the story		
	Beginning conflict and tension are clear or hinted		
Max Points 15			
Characters	Lead character(s) are likeable. If not, are lead(s) redeemable enough that you wished to continue reading more of the story?		
	Lead character's goal, motivation & conflict are clear		

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	Emotions and action/reactions are realistically motivated		
	Characterization shows well through actions, dialogue, mannerisms, etc.		
	Dialogue sounds realistic and natural?		
Max Points 25			
Writing Style	Story was well-written and easy to read		
	Good balance of dialogue & narrative		
	Background information is used to move the story forward without being an info dump		
	Point of view changes are easy to follow		
	Writing is tight & pace holds your interest		
	Story shows more than it tells		

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Category	Question	Comments	Points
	Use of senses are adequate for the story		
Max 35 points			
General Impression	Entry progresses logically and ends on a note of emotional satisfaction		
	Romance & chemistry is established between the hero & heroine		
	If this book was available, would you like to read more of the story?		
Max Points 15			
Total			

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (not scored):

Please list one or two strengths of this entry?

Please suggest one or two areas that could be revised to improve this story?