

## TOUCHED BY LOVE 2008

The purpose of the TOUCHED BY LOVE Contest is to inspire, motivate, and reward unpublished authors of inspirational romance. TOUCHED BY LOVE is the premier inspirational contest for the unpublished.

**Eligibility:** Participation is open to all unpublished authors and to any author not published in the past three years. All work must be the author's original work. Entrant must retain all rights to the entry and not have granted any of them to a publisher or other party by the contest entry deadline. The official entry form and fee must accompany each submission.

Inspirational Romance Categories: Contemporary (under 75, 000 words), Contemporary (over 75,000 words) and Historical.

Definition of an inspirational romance is stories written by writers whose worldview, influenced by their faith in the God of the Bible, is woven into the fabric of the book or manuscript. Entries in FHL's contest should not include inappropriate or gratuitous demonstration of sin, whether in language, violence, or sexual situations.

**Entry fee:** \$20.00 for members of the Faith, Hope and Love (FHL) chapter. \$25.00 for non-FHL members. Non-members can elect to join FHL and pay the member entry fee. Any checks must be made out to the FHL Chapter of RWA.

**Prizes:** The overall winner chosen from the three winners of the categories will receive a critique of their entry by an editor and \$100 toward any writing related expense paid within one year of the end of the TBL contest. The remaining two First place category winners will receive \$75 toward any writing related expense paid within one year of the end of the TBL contest. Second place winners will receive \$50 toward any writing related expense paid within one year of the end of the TBL contest. Third place winners will receive \$25 toward any writing related expense paid within one year of the end of the TBL contest. Writing expenses include the Golden Heart or other writing contest entry fee, conference fees, National RWA dues, etc. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

## TOUCHED BY LOVE CONTEST RULES FOR 2008

**DEADLINE:** Entry Form, nonrefundable fee (checks made out to FHL or by paid by Paypal) and manuscript must be **received** no later than **April 1, 2008** (so mail early to ensure it arrives on time). Entries and fees received after contest is officially closed will be returned. Send entry form, fee and manuscripts to appropriate Category Contest Coordinator:

### **Historical Romance Category:**

Kelly Ann Riley  
1330 Center Springs Road  
Somerville, AL 35670

Emailed Entries: RileyK1@aol.com

**Short (under 75,000 words) and Long Contemporary Romance (over 75,000 words):**

Gina Welborn  
4921 Sadler Glen Court  
Glen Allen, VA 23060-6171

Emailed Entries: [gina@gabcrush.com](mailto:gina@gabcrush.com)

Any questions contact the Contest Chairman: Kelly Ann Riley at [RileyK1@aol.com](mailto:RileyK1@aol.com).

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**ENTRY FORMAT:**

An entry consists of a synopsis (no more than two pages single-spaced) and up to the first 30 pages of an unpublished manuscript.

One inch margins all around for paper and electronic entries. A standard professional font should be used with at least a 12 point font size. Entry must be double-spaced. Synopsis may be single-spaced.

Header must have manuscript title on the left and page number on right. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript.

**PAPER ENTRIES:**

Send **three** copies each of a synopsis (no more than two pages single-spaced) and up to the first 30 pages of an unpublished manuscript. Two copies will be judged in the first round. Contest coordinators will use the third copy to make clean copies for the entries going on to the final round.

**\*\*THE TOTAL SUBMISSION IS TO BE NO MORE THAN 30 DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES PLUS A TWO- PAGE SYNOPSIS (NOT JUDGED)\*\***

Paper entries must consist of good quality originals or photocopies and typed on one side of white, 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, double-spaced. Follow formatting guidelines listed above.

Entries shall have one title page with the author's name, phone number, address, manuscript title, projected length, and category entered listed. Your name appears only on the title page, which is kept by the contest coordinator.

Use small binder clips only to hold entry together. Do not bend or staple. Make sure the envelope you send the manuscripts in is sturdy (suggestion the free Tyvec envelopes from the Post Office) because of the possibility of damage in transit.

Include a SASE business letter size envelope for the return of the judges' score sheets --  
\*\*\*\*NO METERED MAIL\*\*\*\*

Include one self-addressed, stamped postcard for verification of receipt of entry. Please no signatures required for delivery. Use the delivery confirmation receipt instead, which can be tracked on the USPS website.

Enter as many manuscripts as you wish. Each entry must be accompanied by both an official

entry form (or facsimile) and entry fee OR entrant must complete online entry form and pay the entry with Paypal.

**\*\*Entrants who do not comply with the above rules will be disqualified and entry fee will be forfeited.\*\***

#### **ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:**

Entrant may complete an entry form online and pay entry fee using Paypal OR mail an entry form and a check to the appropriate category coordinator.

Address the email to the appropriate Category Coordinator. Please put TBL Contest and the contest category in the subject line.

In the email body include the author's name, phone number, address, manuscript title, projected length, and category entered. Your name appears only in the email body, which is kept by the contest coordinator.

Attach to the email a copy of entry and synopsis in one file in **.doc or .rtf format only**. The file name should contain the title of the manuscript and the entrant's last name. Send the email and attached file to the appropriate category coordinator before the deadline. Follow formatting guidelines listed above.

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Email entries to:

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#### **JUDGING:**

Preliminary judging begins April 10, 2008. All manuscripts will be judged by two judges. The two scores will be averaged for the preliminary score.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, finalists will be notified no later than May 16, 2008. Finalist scores must be in the top 25% with an overall possible point total of 155.

Finalists will receive the opportunity to have their entry judged by five published inspirational authors. Scores will be averaged in order to establish a winner. The winner will be announced at the 2008 RWA National Conference. There will be three finalists in the three categories. There will be a winner in each category and an overall winner from the three categories.

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2008 TOUCHED BY LOVE Entry Form  
Faith, Hope & Love Chapter RWA

Each form must be complete and accompanied by a nonrefundable entry fee.  
One form required for each entry. FHL members: \$20.00 --- Others: \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

RWA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Contemporary (under 75,000 words)

\_\_\_\_\_ Contemporary (over 75,000 words)

\_\_\_\_\_ Historical

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry will be emailed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

I hereby request that the enclosed manuscript, which I certify is my original work, be entered in the Touched By Love 2008 Contest. I understand the contest judging is subjective by nature and that I may receive feedback from contest judges with which I do not agree. In consideration of the Faith, Hope and Love Chapter's acceptance of my entry, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Chapter, its officers, members and all judges of the Contest from liability for its/their action arising from, or relating to, judging and handling my entry and conducting, sponsoring and advertising this contest.

Any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at [www.HisPeace.org](http://www.HisPeace.org)). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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