

Announcing for 2010 The Tenth Annual Faith, Hope and Love, RWA Chapter's Inspirational Reader's Choice Contest

The contest is open to all published inspirational writers whether they are members of RWA or not. These authors must be published by RWA approved publishing houses. We will not be accepting POD or self published books. Novels/novellas entered shall be inspirational romances or inspirational novels with romantic elements and published in standard book form (no e-books at this time). An author may enter as many inspirational novels as she/he desires; however, they must have a 2009 copyright. In order to maintain the professionalism of the IRCC all entrants are required to enter new unread copies of their books to be sent to the reader judges.

As defined in our chapter's bylaws, the purpose of Faith, Hope & Love, Inc. is to promote excellence in romantic and women's fiction that glorifies God and promotes biblical principles; to provide continuing support for writers within the publishing industry; and to preserve a spirit of unity within FHL and RWA®. **For the purposes of our contests, FHL defines "inspirational fiction" as follows: 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.**

Categories:

- **Short Contemporary (40,000-75,000 words) Inspirational** fiction where the love story is the main focus of the novel.
- **Long Contemporary (more than 75,000 words) Inspirational** fiction where the love story is the main focus of the novel.
- **Short Historical (40,000-75,000) Inspirational** novels or sagas set in an historical time period in which the love story is the main focus of the novel.
- **Long Historical (more than 75,000) Inspirational** novels or sagas set in an historical time period in which the love story is the main focus of the novel.
- **Romantic Suspense (over 40,000 words) Inspirational** fiction where suspense plot is blended with a love story.
- **Women's Fiction (over 40,000 words)** Inspirational fiction not belonging in another category that contains a strong romantic element, such that one or more romances contained in the story form an integral part of the story's structure, but in which other themes or stories may also be significantly developed. The romantic elements, while not the primary focus of the story, should be an integral and dynamic part of the plot or subplot.
- **Novella (18,000 to 40,000 words) Short** pieces of Inspirational fiction that have a strong romantic theme throughout.

Entry Fee: \$20 for FHL chapter members, and \$25 for non-members per entry. Entry fees must be paid in U.S. funds by either check or money order, made payable to "Faith, Hope, and Love Chapter," or on the internet using PayPal.

After entry fee is received, you will submit **four (4)** autographed copies of your inspirational romance/novella. Books entered must have a year 2009 copyright date, first printing date, or first North American printing date. Should there be a tie; finalists will be asked to submit an additional **three (3)** copies for final round judging. All books entered will be donated as a gift to the judge/readers.

Judges: Inspirational Readers nationwide.

Prizes: Finalists in all categories will receive certificates. The winner in each category will receive an engraved box. Winners will be announced at the 2010 National RWA Meeting.

Deadline: Entries must be received no later than March 1, 2010. Books must be received by March 15, 2010. You will be notified by e-mail where to send your books, depending on which category you enter. We recommend mailing books first class or priority mail. Media mail is very unreliable.

Submission: Each entry must include the following:

Entry form (available from contest coordinator or visit <http://www.faithhopelove-rwa.org>)
E-mail address
Entry fee

Please DO NOT INCLUDE BOOKS WITH THE ENTRY FORM.

Mail forms to Nancy Farrier, contest coordinator, 15716 Pohez Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307

2010 FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE READER'S CHOICE CONTEST
Recognizing the best of Inspirational Romance/Inspirational Fiction with romantic elements

AUTHOR'S NAME _____
PSEUDONYM _____ E-mail _____
MAILING ADDRESS (Street or PO Box) _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE (____) _____ FAX (____) _____
TITLE OF ENTRY _____
PUBLISHER & LINE OR IMPRINT _____
CATEGORY (mark one)
 Short Contemporary (40,000-75,000) Short Historical (40,000-75,000)
 Long Contemporary (over 75,000) Long Historical (over 75,000)
 Romantic Suspense (over 40,000) Women's Fiction (over 40,000)
 Novella (18,000-40,000)

If not entered by author, please enter the name, address, and phone number of person entering this book:

Contest Waiver: I have read and understand the rules for the FHL Reader's Choice award. I realize that contest judging is, by its nature, subjective, and I will accept and abide by the decisions of any judges and/or contest officials regarding the finalists or winners of this contest.

In consideration of the chapter's acceptance of my entry, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless its officers, members, and all judges of the contest from liability for its/their actions rising from, or relating to , judging and handling of my entry, and conducting, sponsoring, and advertising the 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). 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Please submit a separate form for each entry. Send **this form (do not include books)** and the entry fee (U.S. funds only) made payable to Faith, Hope and Love Chapter, to: Nancy Farrier, 15716 Pohez Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Please direct any questions to Nancy @ (760) 242-6912 or email her at nancyfarrier@gmail.com

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received Date Mailed

Date Received; _____ **Fee:** _____ **E-mailed** _____ **Books Received** _____.