



Romance Slam Jam Aspiring Author Contest Winners

Though the RSJ Aspiring Author Contest has been going on for years, we just started saving the record of winners in 2008. The previous winners are presently being tracked down and will be added to this page.

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2011 Winners

- 1st: Crazy In Love by Bridget Midway
- 2nd: The Winged Serpent by Tiffany Howard
- 3rd: The Heat Between Us by Roben Rasheed-Hernandez
- 4th: Trust Fall by Savannah Frierson

The winners complete submission is considered for publication by one of the below publishing houses. This year we did things a little different and allowed the first place winner to decide which house suited her manuscript best, then that house was taken from the list. Then the second place winner then chose from the remaining houses... and so on and so forth. All four houses are EXCELLENT. Good luck authors.

The winner's submission will be considered by:
Editor Esi Sogah from Harper Collins Publishers (Avon)
Editor Latoya Smith from Grand Central Publishing
Editor Monique Patterson from St. Martin's Press
Editor Selena James from Kensington Books

2010 Winners: We did not hold the competition in 2012

2009 Winners

- 1st: The Master Plan by T. Rhythm Knight
- 2nd: Out of Hope by Lynette Curtis
- 3rd: Angel on the Back Pew by Dee Stewart

1st Place: Manuscript reviewed by Editor Esi Sogah from AVON/HarperCollins for possible publication

2nd Place: Manuscript reviewed by Editor Selena James from Kensington Books for possible publication.

3rd Place: Manuscript reviewed by Editor Theresa Stevens from Red Sage Publishing for possible publication.

2008 Winners

1st: Dragon Heart by LaVerne Thompson

2nd: Death of an Island Tart by Janice Croom

3rd: Second Thoughts Second Chances by Veronica Fields Johnson

1st Place: Manuscript reviewed by Editor Hilary Sares from Kensington Books for possible publication.

2nd Place: Manuscript reviewed by Agent Michelle Grajkowski from Three Seas Literary Agency for possible representation.

3rd Place: Manuscript received the Book Cents Critique Package, which includes a critique of a Query and Partial (the same story), notes and suggestions from Literary Agent Christine Witthohn and a 5-10 minute conversation with Christine about the 3rd place winner's story.