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**2025 Official Rules**

**Open for Entries July 1, 2025**

***Fee: \$35.00 per entry***

A maximum of 50 entries will be accepted so enter soon!

**Deadlines:**

Registration and contest fee must be submitted by 11:59pm CT August 1, 2025.

Electronic or hard copies of books must be received by August 21, 2025. If submitting an electronic copy, a **PDF** version must be emailed to [thecarla@marakc.com](mailto:thecarla@marakc.com). If submitting hard copies, **three (3)** copies of each title entered should be mailed to:

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**Romance Categories:** (Entry must have a minimum length of 40,000 words)

Contemporary Romance  
Historical Romance  
Romantic Suspense  
Paranormal/Sci-Fi Romance  
Erotic Romance  
Young Adult Romance/New Adult Romance  
Inspirational Romance

**Eligibility:**

Open to any traditional/self- published author with an original copyright date of 2024. All hard copy books must be perfect bound. Multiple entries allowed.

First round will be judged by readers. Final judging will be judged by a bookseller.

**Awards:**

First place book will receive a trophy, \$50.00, as well as publicity on the Mid-America Romance Authors website and social media sites.

All finalists will receive a Finalist Certificate and will be announced on the MARA Website and social media sites.

Finalists will be notified by the last week of October. The winner will be announced on or about November 30, 2025.

Registration should be done online at  
<https://webmaster5378.wixsite.com/marakc/contests>.

Payments can be made by check or with PayPal to treasurer@marakc.com.

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