



*The Carla
Crown Jewel of Books*

2024 Official Rules

Open for Entries June 10, 2024

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 July 10, 2024.

Electronic or hard copies of books must be received by July 31, 2024. If submitting an electronic copy, a **PDF** version must be emailed to thecarla@marakc.com. If submitting hard copies, **three (3)** copies of each title entered should be mailed to:

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Kansas City, MO 64155

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 2023. All hard copy books must be perfect bound.

Multiple entries allowed in same or different category (separate fees apply); however, the same entry may not be entered in more than one category.

Contest will have no more than five finalists from all categories. First round will be judged by readers. Final judging will be judged by a bookseller.

Awards:

First place book will receive a trophy, \$100.00, 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, 2024.

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

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

Checks can be mailed to:

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