



Sample NJRW 2024 Golden Leaf Scoresheet

For 2024, judges will be able to fill out a Google form for each scored book. Below is a transcript of that form.

Please score the book from 1-10, with 10 being the best/highest score and 1 the lowest. Below are the score meanings. If you give a book a score of 3 or below, please explain why in the space provided. Books are NOT rated against one another. You may give more than one book the same score.

The score should be a reflection of your opinion of the book's quality.

Answer the three tie-breaker questions honestly, using the 1-10 scoring.

If you feel you cannot judge the book fairly, please let your coordinator know IMMEDIATELY so we can re-assign the entry. Remember that the following are NOT reasons to give a book a low score.

- LGBTQIA+ protagonists or protagonists from traditionally marginalized groups
- More than 2 lovers (ménage)
- A story that does not end in marriage.

Score Meanings:

10 -- Keeper: This book should be on everyone's keeper shelf!

9 -- Excellent. I couldn't put this book down. I'll be buying this author's next book.

8 -- Great: This book held my attention.

7 -- Good: This book is well-written.

4, 5, or 6 -- Average: This book was just 'okay' with me. Adjust score up or down based on how strongly you feel.

2 or 3-- Below Average: This book had enough issues that I could not enjoy it. Please give reasons in the space provided.

1 -- Serious issues: This book has serious thematic/plot/grammatical issues. Please give reasons in the space provided.

For more information on scoring, visit <https://www.njromancewriters.org/golden-leaf-judges-page.html>

Judge #:

Title:

Book #:

Author:

Overall Score (1-10)

Tie-Breaker Questions:

Please give a numerical score for the following tie-breaker statements.

This book held my interest. (1-10)

I'd recommend to a friend/customer. (1-10)

I'd read another book by this author.

Explanations for scores of 3 or below (e.g. heat level was misstated; lacks a central love story; contains an abusive relationship; persistent editing/proofing errors)

Housekeeping Question: Is there anything we could do to make your judging experience better?