**Judge #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **NJRW Golden Leaf Contest** **PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

 **Judge Scores**

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| **Book #, Title and Author** | **Overall Score** | **Additional Questions (for tie-breaker)** |
| **This book held my interest** | **I’d recommend to a friend/customer** | **I’d read another book by this author** |
|  | 5 | 4.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 5 | 4.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 5 | 4.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 5 | 4.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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|  | 5 | 4.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

**Explanations for scores of 2 or below (e.g. heat level was misstated; lacks a central love story; contains an abusive relationship; persistent editing/proofing errors:**

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**Directions:**

1. After reading each book, please circle or underline 1 (one) score in the above chart. The list in the following column gives the score meanings. If you give a book a score of 2 or below, please explain why in the space provided.

1. Books are NOT rated against one another. You may give more than one book the same score.
2. The score should be a reflection of your opinion of the book’s quality.
3. Answer the three tie-breaker questions honestly.
4. 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:**

**5** – Keeper: This book should be on everyone’s keeper shelf!

**4.5** – Excellent! I couldn’t put this book down.

**4** – Great: I’ll be buying this author again.

**3.5** – Good: I enjoyed this book.

**3** – Above Average: This book is well written, but I wouldn’t buy this author again.

**2** – Average: This book was just ‘okay’ with me.

**1** – Below Average: I did not enjoy this book.