**NJRW Golden Leaf Contest Judge Scores** **PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

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| **Judge #:** | |  | | | |
| **Book #:** | |  | | | |
| **Book Title:** | |  | | | |
| **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** |
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**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. Please score the book with one of the following scores: **5, 4.5, 4, 3.5, 3, 2, 1**. 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.
2. Books are NOT rated against one another. You may give more than one book the same score.
3. The score should be a reflection of your opinion of the book’s quality.
4. Answer the three tie-breaker questions honestly.
5. 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:**

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| **5** – Keeper: This book should be on everyone’s keeper shelf! | **3** – Above Average: This book is well written, but I wouldn’t buy this author again. |
| **4.5** – Excellent! I couldn’t put this book down. | **2** – Average: This book was just ‘okay’ with me. |
| **4** – Great: I’ll be buying this author again. | **1** – Below Average: I did not enjoy this book. |
| **3.5** – Good: I enjoyed this book. |  |