

# Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Linda Howard Award of Excellence

## Series/Short & Long Contemporary

*Final Judge: Susan Litman, Editor, Silhouette*

- 1 Tina Joyce Butts - THE GOBLIN AND MS. FITZPATRICK - full requested!
- 2 Gwendolyn Lucas a.k.a. Kelsey Browning - THE TWISTED CHAIN - full requested!
- 3 Kathy Coatney - DEFINING MOMENTS
- 4 Mary Oldham - THE HOTEL BARON'S MISTRESS
- 5 Robin Weaver - DESIGN FLAW

## Historical

*Final Judge: Alicia Condon, VP, Editorial Director, Dorchester*

- 1 Sally Orr - RAKE BY ANY OTHER NAME - full requested!
- 2 Robyn Enlund - A WHIFF OF SCANDAL
- 3 Pamela Bolton Holifield - THE RAVEN'S HEART
- 4 Christine E Johnson - THE AVIATRIX
- 5 Joanne Barnaba - FATAL FLAW

## Romantic Suspense

*Final Judge: Megan McKeever, Associate Editor, Pocket Books*

- 1 Sarah Andre - LOCKED, LOADED AND LYING - full requested!
- 2 Liz Rafferty - IN PLAIN SIGHT
- 3 Haleigh LaChance - NOWHERE TO RUN
- 4 Susan Lanier-Graham - SHATTERED
- 5 Adrienne Maynard - MAN LAW

## Single Title

*Final Judge: Selina McLemore, Editor, Grand Central*

- 1 Leslie Lynch - HIJACKED
- 2 Deborah Pfeiffer - STARSTRUCK
- 3 Bev Pettersen - COLOR MY HORSE
- 4 Laurie DeSalvo - FOR LOVE OR RAVIOLI
- 5 Leslie Lynch - UNHOLY BONDS

## Inspirational

*Final Judge: Tina Colombo, Editor, Steeple Hill*

- 1 Tina Radcliffe - PROMISES TO KEEP
- 2 Stacy Monson - FINDING GRACE
- 3 Lee Duncan - THE PATH
- 4 Cara Slaughter - LOVE ON ASSIGNMENT
- 5 Anita Draper - WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

## Young Adult

*Final Judge: Jennifer Heddle, Editor, MTV Books*

- 1 Celeste Gleason - HEART ON FIRE
- 2 Sheryl Carpenter - PIPER'S KISS
- 3 Mary Karlick - HORSE PLAY
- 4 Deborah J. Pfeiffer - GIRL ON ICE
- 5 Liz Eliot - SPAZ

## Unique Genres

*Final Judge: Melissa Singer, Editor, Tor*

- 1 Cate Rowan - THE OCEAN BETWEEN US
- 2 Shereen Vedam - BETH AND THE BEAUMONT MURDER
- 3 Sharon K. Bills - THE TARNHELM PROJECT
- 4 Robin Haseltine - THE CURSE OF THE DRAGON'S SPELL
- 5 Sandra De Taranto - THE SHADOWS OF TIME

