

Romance Writers of America (RWA) RITA Awards and Golden Heart Awards

The purpose of the RITA award is to promote excellence in the romance genre by recognizing outstanding published romance novels and novellas.

RITA Awards Winners – 2018

Historical Romance (Long):

DB 87289 *Between the Devil and the Duke: Season for Scandal, Book 3* by Kelly Bowen

Mainstream Fiction:

DB 89960 *Now That You Mention It* by Kristan Higgins

RITA Awards Winners – 2017

Contemporary Romance (Long):

DB 89550 *Miracle on Fifth Avenue: From Manhattan with Love, Book 3 (From Manhattan with Love Anthology)* by Sarah Morgan

Historical Romance (Short):

DB 85198 *A Duke to Remember: Season for Scandal, Book 2* by Kelly Bowen

Mainstream Fiction:

DB 85494 *The Moon in the Palace: Empress of Bright Moon, Book 1* by Weina Dai Randel

YA Romance:

DB 85735 *The Problem with Forever* by Jennifer L. Armentrout

RITA Awards Winners – 2016

Contemporary Romance (Mid-Length):

DB 92709 *Him* by Sarina Bowen

Historical Romance (Long):

DB 83138 *Tiffany Girl* by Deeanne Gist

RITA Awards Winners – 2015

Contemporary Romance (Mid-Length):

DB 81836 *One in a Million: Lucky Harbor, Book 12* by Jill Shalvis

Historical Romance (Short):

DB 78316 *Romancing the Duke: Castles Ever After, Book 1* by Tessa Dare

Romantic Suspense:

DB 78480 *Concealed in Death: An Eve Dallas Mystery, Book 38* by J.D. Robb

YA Romance:

DB 82819 *Boys Like You* by Juliana Stone

RITA Awards Finalists – 2015

Best First Book:

DB 80280 *A Bollywood Affair* by Sonali Dev

DB 80701 *The Smuggler Wore Silk: A Spy in the Ton, Book 1* by Alyssa Alexander

Contemporary Romance (Long):

DB 79500 *Somebody Like You* by Beth K. Vogt

Paranormal Romance:

DB 79267 *Bitter Spirits: Roaring Twenties, Book 1* by Jenn Bennett

RITA Awards Winners – 2014

Best First Book:

DB 80348 *The Sweet Spot: Sweet on a Cowboy, Book 1* by Laura Drake

Contemporary Romance (Long):

DB 80142 Crazy Thing Called Love: The Crooked Creek Ranch Trilogy, Book 3 by Molly O'Keefe

Historical Romance:

DB 77949 No Good Duke Goes Unpunished: Rules of Scoundrels, Book 3 by Sarah MacLean

Inspirational Romance:

DB 80141 Five Days in Skye: The MacDonald Family Trilogy, Book 1 by Carla Laureano

Paranormal Romance:

DB 77034 The Firebird: Slains, Book 2 by Susanna Kearsley

RITA Awards Finalists – 2014

Contemporary Romance:

DB 79195 Beach House No. 9: Beach House No. 9, Book 1 by Christie Ridgway

DB 78649 Home to Whiskey Creek: Whiskey Creek, Book 4 (Whiskey Creek Anthology) by Brenda Novak

DB 77147 Homecoming Ranch: The Pine River Trilogy, Book 1 by Julia London

DB 76904 It Had to Be You: Lucky Harbor, Book 7 by Jill Shalvis

DB 77948 Rumor Has It: Animal Magnetism, Book 4 by Jill Shalvis

DB 76576 Whiskey Beach by Nora Roberts

Historical Romance:

DB 77410 Any Duchess Will Do: A Spindle Cove Novel, Book 4 by Tessa Dare

DB 77732 Duke of Midnight: Maiden Lane, Book 6 by Elizabeth Hoyt

DB 77716 The Luckiest Lady in London by Sherry Thomas

Paranormal Romance:

DB 77034 The Firebird: Slains, Book 2 by Susanna Kearsley

DB 77076 His Clockwork Canary: The Glorious Victorious Darcys, Book 2 by Beth Ciotta

Romance Novellas:

DB 76536 "Too Fast to Fall" (Be Mine Anthology) by Victoria Dahl

RITA Awards Winners – 2013

Best First Book:

DB 77359 The Haunting of Maddy Clare by Simone St. James

Historical Romance:

DB 74329 A Rogue by Any Other Name: A Fallen Angel Novel, Book 1 by Sarah MacLean

Inspirational Romance:

DB 77493 Against the Tide by Elizabeth Camden

Novel with Strong Romantic Elements:

DB 77359 The Haunting of Maddy Clare by Simone St. James

Young Adult Romance:

DB 76214 The Farm: The Farm, Book 1 by Emily McKay

RITA Awards Finalists – 2013

Best First Book:

DB 75070 My Life Next Door by Huntley Fitzpatrick (YA)

Contemporary Single Title Romance:

DB 75207 Lucky in Love: Lucky Harbor, Book 4 by Jill Shalvis

DB 75430 Forever and a Day: Lucky Harbor, Book 6 by Jill Shalvis

Inspirational Romance:

DB 78153 Naomi's Christmas: Pleasant Valley, Book 7 by Marta Perry

Paranormal Romance:

DB 77391 Rogue Rider: Lords of Deliverance, Book 4 by Larissa Ione
Romantic Suspense:
DB 74424 Celebrity in Death: An Eve Dallas Mystery, Book 34 by J.D. Robb
DB 76253 Last Man Standing: Black Ops, Inc. Series, Book 7 by Cindy Gerard

RITA Awards Winners – 2012

Historical Romance:

DB 76154 The Black Hawk: Spymaster, Book 5 by Joanna Bourne

Novel with Strong Romantic Elements:

DB 76646 How to Bake a Perfect Life by Barbara O'Neal

Paranormal Romance:

DB 74620 Dragon Bound: The Elder Races, Book 1 by Thea Harrison

Regency Historical Romance:

DB 74458 A Night to Surrender: A Spindle Cove Novel, Book 1 by Tessa Dare

Romantic Suspense:

DB 73705 New York to Dallas: An Eve Dallas Mystery, Book 33 by J.D. Robb

Young Adult Romance:

DB 74167 Enclave: Razorland, Book 1 by Ann Aguirre

RITA Awards Winners – 2011

Contemporary Single Title Romance:

DB 72926 Simply Irresistible: Lucky Harbor, Book 1 by Jill Shalvis

Historical Romance:

DB 74561 His at Night by Sherry Thomas

Inspirational Romance:

DB 71471 Welcome to Harmony: Harmony, Book 1 by Jodi Thomas

Regency Historical Romance:

DB 72787 The Mischievous of the Mistletoe: A Pink Carnation Christmas; Pink Carnation, Book 7 by Lauren Willig

RITA Awards Winners – 2010

Contemporary Single Title Romance:

DB 69116 Too Good to Be True by Kristan Higgins

Historical Romance:

DB 74008 Not Quite a Husband: A Companion to Delicious by Sherry Thomas

Inspirational Romance:

DB 74009 The Inheritance by Tamera Alexander

Regency Historical Romance:

DB 69534 What Happens in London: A Bevelstoke Novel, Book 2 by Julia Quinn

Young Adult Romance:

DB 69609 Perfect Chemistry: Fuentes Brothers, Book 1 by Simone Elkeles

RITA Awards Winners – 2009

Best First Book:

DB 70013 Oh. My. Gods.: Oh My Gods, Book 1 by Tera Lynn Childs

Contemporary Single Title Romance:

DB 66997 Not Another Bad Date: Writer Friends, Book 4 by Rachel Gibson

Historical Romance:

DB 69955 *The Edge of Impropriety* by Pam Rosenthal

Inspirational Romance:

DB 71718 *Finding Stephanie: Noble Legacy, Book 3* by Susan May Warren

Novel with Strong Romantic Elements:

DB 67339 *Tribute* by Nora Roberts

Paranormal Romance:

DB 71238 *Seducing Mr. Darcy* by Gwyn Cready

Regency Historical Romance:

DB 70509 *My Lord and Spymaster: Spymaster, Book 3* by Joanna Bourne

Romance Novella:

DB 68050 *The Fall of Rogue Gerard (It Happened One Night Anthology)* by Stephanie Laurens

Romantic Suspense:

DB 71343 *Take No Prisoners: Black Ops, Inc., Book 2 (Show No Mercy and Take No Prisoners Anthology)*
by Cindy Gerard

RITA Awards Winners – 2008

Contemporary Series Romance:

DB 69320 *Snowbound* by Janice Kay Johnson

Contemporary Series Romance/Suspense/Adventure:

DB 69062 *Treasure* by Helen Brenna

Contemporary Single Title Romance:

DB 68034 *Catch of the Day: Gideon's Cove, Book 1* by Kristan Higgins

Historical Romance:

DB 69637 *Lessons of Desire: The Rothwells, Book 2* by Madeline Hunter

Novel with Strong Romantic Elements:

DB 68626 *Silent in the Grave: A Lady Julia Grey Mystery, Book 1* by Deanna Raybourn

Regency Historical Romance:

DB 65036 *The Secret Diaries of Miss Miranda Cheever: A Bevelstoke Novel, Book 1* by Julia Quinn

Romance Novella:

DB 68585 *Born in My Heart (Like Mother, Like Daughter (But in a Good Way) Anthology)* by Jennifer
Greene

Romantic Suspense:

DB 68031 *Ice Blue: Ice, Book 3* by Anne Stuart

RITA Awards Winners –Miscellaneous Years

DB 66384 *Revealed: Fountain Creek Chronicles, Book 2* by Tamera Alexander (*Best Inspirational
Romance 2007*)

DB 63137 *On the Way to the Wedding: Bridgerton Family, Book 8* by Julia Quinn (*Best Long Historical
Romance 2007*)

DB 63442 *Lakeside Cottage* by Susan Wiggs (*Best Contemporary Single Title 2006*)

DB 59821 *Survivor in Death: An Eve Dallas Mystery, Book 20* by J.D. Robb (*Best Romantic Suspense 2006*)

DB 61827 *The Texan's Reward: The Wife Lottery, Book 4* by Jodi Thomas (*Best Short Historical 2006*)

DB 69947 *Shadowheart: Medieval Hearts, Book 2* by Laura Kinsale (*Best Long Historical Romance 2005*)

DB 55869 *Birthingright* by Nora Roberts (*Best Contemporary Single Title 2004*)

DB 56898 *Remember When* by Nora Roberts (*Best Romantic Suspense 2004*)

DB 54462 *Three Fates* by Nora Roberts (*Best Romantic Suspense 2003*)

DB 56364 *The Christmas Basket* by Debbie Macomber (*Best Traditional Romance 2003*)

DB 56056 True Confessions: Gospel, Idaho, Book 1 by Rachel Gibson (*Best Contemporary Single Title 2002*)

DB 54007 The Surgeon: A Rizzoli and Isles Thriller, Book 1 by Tess Gerritsen (*Best Romantic Suspense 2002*)

DB 68549 Devilish: The Malloren World, Book 5 by Jo Beverley (*Best Long Historical Romance 2001*)

DB 54864 Patterns of Love: Coming to America, Book 2 by Robin Lee Hatcher (*Best Inspirational Romance 1999*)

DB 41122 Born in Ice: Concannon Family, Book 2 by Nora Roberts (*Best Romance and Best Contemporary Single Title 1996*)

DB 40588 Hidden Riches by Nora Roberts (*Best Romantic Suspense 1995*)

DB 73828 Getting Rid of Bradley by Jennifer Crusie (*Best Short Contemporary Series Romance 1995*)

DB 38882 Private Scandals by Nora Roberts (*Best Contemporary Single Title 1994*)

DB 67663 My Lady Notorious: The Malloren World, Book 1 by Jo Beverley (*Best Historical Series 1994*)

DB 61932 Divine Evil by Nora Roberts (*Best Romantic Suspense 1993*)

DB 36535 Outlander: Outlander, Book 1 by Diana Gabaldon (*Best Romance 1992*)

DB 35615 Candle in the Wind: Candle, Book 1 by Christina Dodd (*Best First Book 1992*)

DB 29013 Morning Glory by LaVyrle Spencer (*Best Romance 1990*)

DB 26153 The Gamble by LaVyrle Spencer (*Best Historical Romance 1988*)

DB 32370 Twice Loved by LaVyrle Spencer (*Best Historical Romance 1985*)

DB 61188 A Matter of Choice (From the Heart Anthology) by Nora Roberts (*Best Long Contemporary Series Romance 1985*)

DB 57108 This Magic Moment (Mysterious Anthology) by Nora Roberts (*Best Short Contemporary Romance 1984*)

DB 37522 Hummingbird by LaVyrle Spencer (*Best Historical Romance 1984*)

DB 32021 The Endearment by LaVyrle Spencer (*Best Mainstream Historical Romance 1983*)

Golden Heart Award Winners – Miscellaneous Years

DB 76681 The Irish Warrior AKA Wanting Finian by Kris Kennedy (*Historical Romance 2008*)