



**ENTRIES ARE INVITED FOR THE
ROMANTIC NOVEL OF THE YEAR 2010**

Administered and awarded by the Romantic Novelists' Association

**PLEASE READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY
THE CONDITIONS AND RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO**

1. The award is open to members and non-members of the RNA. Novels may be submitted by a publisher, agent or author.
2. Entries must be written in the English language. Only books **FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM** are eligible. Books must be published between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009 only. Novels may be submitted in hardback or paperback form, but the original version must have been published within the period stated.
3. Only **one novel per author** may be submitted, unless they are published by completely different publishers, in which case we will allow one from each.
4. Novels may be modern, period or historical.
5. Publishers should inform authors that their book has been entered for the award.
6. **ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE 1ST OCTOBER 2009**, which is, without exception, the closing date, **UNLESS PRIOR PERMISSION HAS BEEN SOUGHT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR DUE TO EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**. Each book will get three reads and a fourth if it gets high marks. **Four** copies of each book entered are required. It is in the interests of publishers to submit entries as early as possible.
7. Self published and vanity published novels are ineligible.
8. Each entry will go to a team of preliminary readers. A shortlist will be announced in early 2010. Novels on the shortlist will be read by three final judges to choose the winner.
9. Shortlisted authors will be expected to be available for publicity purposes and **SHOULD** undertake to attend the Award Luncheon and the Shortlist Breakfast. Failure to attend the Award Luncheon may disqualify the book in question.
10. The winner or the winner's agent and/or publisher will be expected to be available for media interviews. Publishers of shortlisted titles will be expected to supply details of a publicity contact for each author, together with an author photograph, digital image of the book cover, press release, AI sheet and author publicity questionnaire if available. Publishers should be prepared to provide a reasonable number of additional copies of each shortlisted title for PR purposes.
11. The winner will be announced and the award presented at the RNA's annual Awards Luncheon in 2010.

Please send **FOUR** copies of each entry with the attached entry form to:
Pia Fenton, Hon Award Organiser, Flat 2, 42 Lexham Gardens, London W8 5JE