



SCORING GUIDELINES – WFWA STAR AWARD

Please use the following points as a guide for judging the novels you receive.

How well does this novel meet WFWA's definition of women's fiction?

Does this novel have layered stories? Is the plot driven by the main character's emotional journey?

Story - Is the plot original and engaging?

Did you want to know what would happen next? Do the characters face obstacles to achieving their desires? Do the stakes involved for the protagonist impact whether they do, (or don't), achieve their goals?

Characterization - Are the characters interesting and multi-faceted?

Do the characters learn and grow over the course of the story? Are the characters real within the context of this story? Does the dialogue represent the characters appropriately and serve the story well?

Writing - Does the writing style match the narrative? Does the dialogue represent the characters? Is there an overall command of the language?

Are chapters and scenes constructed well? Do transitions flow with ease and compel you to keep reading? Are the descriptions interesting and original? Are there adequate proportions to the "showing" and "telling" or is it too heavy on one or the other?

Overall Impression - How likely would you be to recommend this book to someone else?

Did it stick with you after you finished? Do you feel it is special?