

Great Beginnings Score Sheet

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Judge No:

Entrant No:

Entry Title:

Category:

Judges Credentials:

- **Agent/Editor** _____
- **Contest Finalist** _____
- **Published Romance** _____
- **Published Other** _____
- **Unpublished** _____
- **Reader** _____

Judging Criteria: Rank each section below between 5 and 10 using half steps like 8.5. A ranking of 5 is the lowest possible score and 10 the highest. Please remember that these writers are people and your critique of their work should be honest, positive, and constructive.

Category	Score	Comments
Hook Is conflict described in a compelling way? Does the narrative inspire the reader to want to read more?		
Storyline Is the plotting clear and understandable? How are the characters developed? Does the story engage the reader?		

<p>Writing Mechanics Are grammar and word choice correct? Are there proofreading mistakes?</p>		
<p>Voice How are diction, tone, syntax, word choice, and dialogue, used to reveal the “writer’s personality” in the story?</p>		
<p>Overall Score How would you rate this piece in general?</p>		

Suggestions for improvement: