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FICTION BOOK AWARD JUDGING CRITERIA

PLOT: The story is original, engaging and well-paced. The book follows a clear, logical narrative arc. The writing is concise and includes just enough information to make a reader want to continue reading and stretch their imagination.

CHARACTER: The author's portrayal of the characters is memorable and believable. The characters have a strong reason for existence and their goals and motivations have been well established. The characters strengths, weaknesses, backstory and conflicts evoke a strong emotional response in the reader.

THEME: The book has a strong, unifying theme. The book presents new, original ideas or topics. The book appeals to the reader in an emotional or logical manner. The theme is relevant to the author's genre of writing.

STYLE: The author's word choice, sentence fluency, voice and tone have been well established. The author uses descriptive imagery where appropriate. The author's use of language enhances the overall reading experience.

APPEAL TO TARGET AUDIENCE: The target audience of the book is clear and the contents of the book is in line with other highly regarded books in its genre. The book has a professional interior layout, typeface and/or illustrations. The book includes relevant front and back matter to explain key elements of the plot, characters and setting to enhance a reader's overall experience. The book is free from grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation errors.

<u>BOOK SUBMISSION</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
BOOK TITLE: Guardian Redeemed: Perfect Place to Be	PLOT: 4.5 / 5
AUTHOR NAME: Sandra Valencia	CHARACTER: 4 / 5 THEME: 4 / 5 STYLE: 4.5 / 5
	APPEAL TO TARGET AUDIENCE: 3.5 / 5

FEEDBACK: *Guardian Redeemed: Perfect Place to Be* by Sandra Valencia is a compelling sci-fi romance that follows Sandra Warner and Minister Warnach Sirinoya as they work together as a part of the Dil-Terra Interplanetary Alliance. Sandra is a compelling role model that young readers will look up to and be inspired by. Her persistence, drive and understanding for others is to be admired. The writing is well-paced and immediate. The storyline is original and each chapter gives readers just enough information to want to keep reading. Valencia's world-building is what makes this novel a standout piece. Readers will be engulfed in the new dimensions of interplanetary space she has created. Themes of family, love and diplomacy tie the work together in a memorable way.

With a score of 21 out of 25, this book has been selected for a Maincrest Media Book Award in the **Fantasy** category.