

# MAINCREST MEDIA

## 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.

### BOOK SUBMISSION

### SCORE

#### **BOOK TITLE:**

Whispers from Prophecy: Love Bear the Challenge

#### **AUTHOR NAME:**

Sandra Valencia

#### **PLOT:**

4 / 5

#### **CHARACTER:**

4.5 / 5

#### **THEME:**

3.5 / 5

#### **STYLE:**

4.5 / 5

#### **APPEAL TO TARGET**

3.5 / 5

#### **AUDIENCE:**

**FEEDBACK:** A story of love and politics, *Whispers from Prophecy: Love Bear the Challenge* follows lovers from two completely different worlds as they fall in love and do everything in their power to remain unified, despite challenges from their families. The journey which took Sandra from her Terran world to Chikondra with a different culture and religion; and her husband, who will do everything in his power to make sure that his wife's life is not hindered by their family's negligence, shows how strongly the characters' interests are in protecting their relationship. So, when enemy forces infiltrate Chikondra, it will take everything they have to conquer, and with the birth of Morcai, Nadana is left to wonder if the prophecies she's read about her entire life are indeed true. Themes of politics, spirituality, and suspense result in a fascinating adventure where love prevails. Filled with emotional displays and surprising revelations, *Whispers from Prophecy* examines the price of love as the unknown becomes significant.

With a score of **20** out of 25, this book has been selected for a Maincrest Media Book Award in the Fantasy category.