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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.

BOOK SUBMISSION

SCORE

BOOK TITLE:

Lest Darkness Prevail: Dare to Live the Light

AUTHOR NAME:

Sandra Valencia

PLOT:

4 / 5

CHARACTER:

4.5 / 5

THEME:

4 / 5

STYLE:

3.5 / 5

APPEAL TO TARGET AUDIENCE:

4 / 5

FEEDBACK: In Sandra Valencia's, *Lest Darkness Prevail*, a couple must find the strength to bear the loss of family and friends, and keep their love from fading into oblivion as throes of war threatens to tear them apart. A story of resilience and strong ancient beliefs, the novel is populated with characters whose political interests are as important as the love they have for their family and friends. The saga that takes Sandra on the path of bravery and strength to the shores of battle and war; and her husband, who will do anything to keep his wife and family safe. Both are strong, faithful and resilient, but when Zeteron enemy forces arrive with war vessels and battleships, the entire Chikondra's faith is tested, and the Child Of Light must take charge to fulfil the legend. Cross-genre elements—including the incorporation of ancient beliefs into a modern lifestyle, spirituality, lost love, and suspense—result in a thrilling adventure where faith prevails.

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