



WHAT'S MISSING FROM THIS COVER?

YOUR NAME!

Introducing a new contest from
White Rose Publishing.

“HEARTS CROSSING”

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, we're giving you a picture *plus* a synopsis—and that's worth 20,000–25,000 words *plus* a publishing contract.

All you have to do is fill in the synopsis blanks to create your own unique plot, and then write the story to go with it.

THE RULES.

- Finished word-length must be between 20,000 and 25,000
- Story must be have a contemporary setting
- Must be an original, never-before published work, and you must own the rights to it.
- Entries must not stray from the synopsis except where blanks are left for you to fill in.

- Your hero and heroine must look like the couple on the cover
- Entries must arrive on or before 30 September 2009
- Manuscripts must be formatted per standard formatting rules (Times, 12 pt, double-spaced, 1-1 ½ in. margins, numbered pages)
- Your name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript.
- Contest is open to both published and unpublished writers
- White Rose Publishing and The Wild Rose Press authors are eligible to enter
- White Rose Publishing and The Wild Rose Press employees are not eligible to enter
- Story content must adhere to posted White Rose Publishing guidelines (as posted at 19 May 2009)

WHAT YOU CAN CHANGE:

- Anywhere there's a blank in the synopsis you are free to be creative.
- The title on the cover is Hearts Crossing—You are free to leave it that way or to make it Heart's Crossing or Hearts' Crossing
- Although the setting must be contemporary, your story can be any romance sub-genre (e.g. Romantic suspense, comedy)
- You may choose your own characters' names.
- With the exception of the hero's and heroine's ages, which must fall within the age-range dictated in the synopsis, you may decide the ages of your characters.

THE SYNOPSIS

Hero: **Joe Hero** is an English teacher who teaches _____ grade. He is the ____th of eight children. He has four brothers and three sisters. He is ____ years old (must be between 25 & 35). Joe Hero has a sad story. He lost his faith in God because _____, and he doesn't desire ever to get it back again. Until he meets Jane Heroine, that

is. He falls head-over-heels, but he's afraid because he harbours _____ secret that he's sure will tear them apart if she ever finds out.

Heroine: **Jane Heroine** is _____ years old (must be between 22 and 32). She's an only child and is a landscape architect. She's always been a strong Christian, but recently she's begun to doubt her faith because _____ and now she must overcome that obstacle in order to help Joe Hero regain his.

When Jane and Joe meet for the first time at _____ and for _____ reason, sparks fly because _____. They begin to fall in love, but there's more than Joe Hero's secret waiting for them in the wings. Much to the chagrin of both Joe and Jane, **J.Villain** shows up. J.Villain is an Ex-_____ of (insert either hero or heroine)'s and J.Villain shows up because s/he _____. This really throws a kink into Joe Hero and Jane Heroine's relationship, but they overcome that, by _____, and so with Joe's and Jane's faith restored, J. Villain's conflict all cleared up, Joe proposes to Jane and they live happily-ever-after.

HOW TO ENTER.

Email your entry as a single Word .doc or .rtf attachment

NMartinez@WhiteRosePublishing.com

Put: "**Contest Entry: Hearts Crossing: YOUR NAME** in the **subject line.**"

In the body of the email, include

- A copy of the synopsis (the one provided with this contest) with the blanks filled in to accommodate your story.
- Your Real name
- Pseudonym, if applicable
- Your contact Email
- The title (If using one of the alternates with the apostrophe)

- Word-count

Entries received that do not follow these guidelines will be discarded without notice. White Rose Publishing is not responsible for entries lost in cyberspace and not received.

Upon receipt, you will receive a confirmation email. If you have not received a confirmation email within three working days of emailing your entry, please send us an email.

Direct questions regarding the contest to: NMartinez@WhiteRosePublishing.com. Individual entries will not be discussed.

Winner will be announced on the White Rose Publishing website and blog on or before 31 December 2009. If you have received receipt of your entry, please do not enquire about the contest until after that date. Only the winning entrant will be contacted directly.

Winner will receive a standard “**Miniature Rose**” publishing contract, and the story will be released in 2010.



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