



ROMANTIC  
NOVELISTS'  
ASSOCIATION®

**CELEBRATING  
ROMANTIC  
FICTION SINCE  
1960**

# SUPPORTING & CELEBRATING ROMANTIC FICTION

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The Romantic Novelists' Association was founded in 1960 to provide a voice for romantic authors and a network for writers.



The association continues to welcome members from any background writing any type of romantic fiction. We offer our members networking through local chapter meetings, our national conference and our parties. Our conference also includes opportunities to pitch directly to agents and publishers. We present annual Romantic Novel Awards to the very best fiction in the genre and annual Industry Awards to professionals who have supported and championed romantic fiction.

The RNA is proud to be a welcoming and supportive organisation. Our New Writers' Scheme supports unpublished authors and our bursaries offer opportunities to authors from under-represented groups. The RNA supports the creation and publication of a diverse range of romantic fiction and is working to be ever more inclusive.



## **AWARDS**

For over sixty years the Romantic Novelists' Association has recognised, celebrated and awarded excellence in romantic fiction. The Romantic Novel Awards are presented each year and honour the best in romantic fiction across multiple sub-genres, including Contemporary Romance, Historical Romance, Romantic Comedy and Fantasy Romantic Fiction. The awards are judged by a panel of romantic fiction readers.



### **JOAN HESSAYON AWARD**

Authors who become published after graduating from the New Writers' Scheme may be eligible to be entered into the Joan Hessayon Award. This award honours debut authors and celebrates the achievement of getting published.



### **THE RNA INDUSTRY AWARDS**

These awards are highly respected in the UK publishing industry and provide an opportunity for the RNA to recognise and thank the many professionals who work to promote the genre of romantic fiction and support our organisation. The winners are nominated by members of the RNA and the awards are presented in November at the winter party.

# WHO ARE WE?

The RNA was founded in 1960 with the aim of celebrating and demanding respect for romantic fiction.

We now represent over 1,000 authors, agents, editors and other publishing professionals. We are working to be a diverse and inclusive organisation. We welcome new members, and offer bursaries for new and mid-career authors from under-represented groups.

**To apply for a bursary or for more information please email**

**[bursary@romanticnovelistsassociation.org](mailto:bursary@romanticnovelistsassociation.org)**



## MEMBER BENEFITS

- Awards for romantic fiction
- Networking events
- New Writers' Scheme for unpublished authors
- Support and advice
- Talks by bestselling authors
- Annual conference
- Exclusive member magazine
- Member website
- Social media groups
- Local chapter meetings
- Online groups for members including the Rainbow Chapter for LGBTQIA+ authors and allies
- Continuing education opportunities online and in person
- Discounts for members from other organisations and vendors
- Membership of the RNA runs for one year from the date of joining

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you would like to join the RNA or would like further information please email



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