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## ~Summer Awards~

This round's results were really close once again, as it was a couple votes that separated each of the winners from each other as we've seen in previous rounds. This round you'll see some new winners and we do congratulate them.

So without further-a-do, here are your 2008 Summer Awards.....

### ASHLEY'S AUTHOR AWARDS

Story: *Your Thank You Present*

*Your Thank You Present* is a story written by Ashley McCubbin, based upon the 2008 Bud Shootout. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Bud Shootout, but in truth he couldn't had done it without a push from his teammate Jimmie Johnson. So now it's time for Dale Jr. to give Jimmie a little thank you present.

It was definitely that perfect touch of love that you're both referring too. It definitely had that content that's needed, yet added in that humor that made it even better. It had that definite serious side in which you can see in connection to real life, and yet gave that humorous side that you can also find. - 5fan4ever

Series: *Till Death Do Us Part*

*Till Death Do Us Part* is a series about the love between Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. in relation to the real world. This series won this particular author award during the 2007 Winter round

I really like how you're writing this series in relation with the real - 5fan4ever

Poem: *My Side*

*My Side* is a poem that basically explores what possibly Teresa Earnhardt's thoughts are about her step-son and everything that took place during last season.

Article: *Pit Lizzard or True Fan*

*Pit Lizzard or True Fan* is basically Ashley's rant towards the general public and how they think that all the female fans (or most) are just out there for the driver's money & their good looks.

I really like this article as it takes a good stance towards the female view of NASCAR. A lot of people look at the wives and say, "Oh, they are just pure money getters." Meanwhile on the inside, there are some that truly love the driver they're with, such as Delana Harvick and Katie Kenseth, and I applaud Ashley for writing this article to help back that up. WIG Ash! Once again you've made a statement here at the Palace and have made us proud. - CM Princess

Song: *Lonely*

Ashley's song *Lonely* basically looks upon the emotions of someone who is lonely.

The way she described the emotions in this song was incredible and that's why it still stands out for me. Her words and the way she wrote it fit the feeling of being lonely perfectly. - Lil Tigre's Angel

Love Connection: Dale & Ashley from *Ashy & Junebug*

*Ashy & Junebug* is the tale of two lovers and their journey through life and their different struggles, whether they're between themselves or their children. This'll be the sixth author award in a row for this pairing with this series. It was also the 2007 Summer best love connection.

It's the content that surrounds the actual love and that's what got it here for me. - Author

M/M Slash: Dale Jr. & Jimmie from *Idiot & Junebug*

*Idiot & Junebug* is a fictional series about Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. It is full of mysteries and strong love between two, giving it the win. This is the third m/m slash in a row for this combination from this series, and it was the 2008 Winter Award winner of this award. It just has that content around it that pulls you toward it. You definitely play off the lovey dovey moments well, and then when you look at the other side with the serious moments, they're done well too. Awesome job! - Lil Tigre

Evil Character: Jimmie Johnson from *Second Thoughts*

*Second Thoughts* is basically a love series that deals with Dale Earnhardt Jr. & Martin Truex Jr., and their love for each other. In truth, they both love each other, but are still unsure if they should get together.

Nice job with Jimmie here, Ashley! I absolutely love the evil character approach you took with him. When I first started reading the series, I never ever expected that there'd be an evil character behind anything; that's just how good Jimmie's character was. He was very secretly persuasive, while made him one of the best ever! Awesome job and I am definitely looking forward to seeing more evil characters like him! - Kitten

Sex Scene: Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. from *Your B-day Surprise* from *Till Death Do Us Part* - 2006 Lovers

*Your B-Day Surprise* is a story about how Jeff gives Dale a big surprise for his birthday, in a

sexual way, following their fun at Talladega. This exact scene has now won this two times in a row and did win this award overall in the 2008 Spring Awards.

Nice job Ashley! I definitely liked this scene for how it connected in with the storyline. It definitely was a good twist as it was post their first at Talladega and it really kept their love going. It definitely proved to me that this is a combination that's serious about each other and will always truly love each through thick and thin. Awesome job and I am definitely looking forward to reading more in the future! - Chrissy

## KRISTINA'S AUTHOR AWARDS

Series: Everlasting Love

*Everlasting Love* is a series about the fictional-ever-growing-love between Jeff Gordon and Kristina. This series is a past winner of this author award as it won it in the 2007 Summer Awards.

As far as building something really strong with love, this is the series right here! Kristina has done such a good job with this series building it up each step of the way. WIG Kristina! Looking forward to what you got planned soon! - Gordon Prince

Song: I'll Be Your Best Friend

*I'll Be Your Friend* is a song about always being there for somebody no matter what.

I'm glad to see that she did it the way she did as this is one message that should be brought for in a song. Certain messages like these should be brought forth to people as they are things that people all over the world should know. That's one of the reasons I like writing - it teaches people things that they otherwise wouldn't have known. WIG Kristina! You've done a good job bringing this message up front in our minds. I see this song doing really well this year, maybe even standing higher in my mind than My Little Teddy Bear did. - Lil Tigre

Love Connection by Kristina: Kevin and Delana from Chocolate Lovers

*Chocolate Lovers* is a fictional version of the love between Kevin and Delana Harvick with some humor stuck in it, based upon their true relationship.

It really definitely goes with what you think they have, as seen through them at the track and on NASCAR 360. I definitely feel that Kristina took what she knew very well and threw a definite good twist on it. Awesome job Kristina! I definitely look forward to reading more of your new stories to this series and going back and reading some of the older ones. - Chrissy

## ASHLEY AND KRISTINA'S AUTHOR AWARDS

Love Connection by Ashley and Kristina: Ashley and Dale Jr. from True Love

*True Love* is a story full of love as it follows 4 different love combinations throughout a NASCAR season. This combo is a three time winner of this author award, and won the overall award in the 2007 Fall Awards.

It definitely showcases that element of love strongly. It just shows it in a good light that really pulls you closer to them. Well done! Looking forward to more soon! - Captain

Best Evil Character by Ashley and Kristina: Tiffany Ross from True Love

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She's (Tiffany's character) definitely taken evil to the next level by trying to force something upon somebody else's shoulders instead of her own. At least in other cases the evil character takes responsibility, where here she's shifting it away from herself. Well done ladies! Looking forward to more soon, especially on what's going to happen to Tiffany and Dale. - Captain

## LIL TIGRE'S AUTHOR AWARD

Poem by Lil Tigre: Snow...Snow...Snow

*Snow...Snow...Snow...* is a fun poem written by Lil Tigre based upon his fun time experienced in the snow.

You really described your personal fun in the snow and everybody has to remember that everybody's fun for themselves is different than the other person's, just like opinions. Lil Tigre, you did a good job expressing yours here. - Dodge19

## LIL TIGRE ANGEL'S AUTHOR AWARD

Poem by Lil Tigre's Angel: Freaky Friday

*Freaky Friday* is a poem that Lil Tigre's Angel wrote based upon a freaky time of her life.

Lil Tigre's Angel, I know the emotions that you two were going through that time and your poem does explain those well. When I was reading the words in your poem, I could easily sense that emotion that I felt when you told me about it. So well done! Keep up the good work! You've done a good job with your writing and continue to get better with each piece you write. I'm proud of you! - Chrissy

## SECTION AWARDS

Every year at Ashley's Palace, there is always an interesting story that takes the readers by storm. Sometimes it can be due to the love content, or due to the mysterious feel. Well, Ashley posted a story that'll be loved for a long time. It contains one of the best love connections seen played out to this day. She looked to win this easily with this story, yet found it to be a little tough going up against Kristina's story. As Lil Tigre said to both authors, "You both did a good job with these stories that I can't decide. Each of them have captured my heart in their own special ways." But Ashley still managed to find her way out on top because as Captain said, "It had that humour, but still gave off the thought of a good relationship between them, which is what you were aiming at (I hope). It shows that they can kid around and be

goofy, yet also be serious and truly love one another. Oh dear, it's like the love that Romeo and Juliet encounter as seen in the movie with Leonardo Di Caprio, except without the murder and hatred between them. Well, there was but as you see this has a different ending than Romeo and Juliet. Instead of hatred, you found love for an end and I applaud you. Well done!" This is Ashley's sixth Best Story award in a row. The **2008 Summer Best Story is.....**

#### **Your Thank You Present by Ashley**

*Your Thank You Present* is a story written by Ashley McCubbin, based upon the *2008 Bud Shootout*. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Bud Shootout, but in truth he couldn't had done it without a push from his teammate Jimmie Johnson. So now it's time for Dale Jr. to give Jimmie a little thank you present.

A good series is one that deals with a good mystery throughout, but also has good connections between the characters. The series that came out on top has always stood out for its mystery and love. As Chocolate Monster stated when talking about one of the love combinations, "I definitely loved the other two couples and how they were covered, especially Delana and Kevin." This series has won this award now 3 times and this is Ashley's eighth best series award in a row.. The **2008 Summer Best Series is.....**

#### **Magical Season by Amanda & Ashley**

The series is about some weird mysterious seasons of NASCAR racing. It deals with love and mystery, plus much more. Check it out to see for yourself!

It always seems that if an author comes out with a good poem, everybody will love it forever. Well, this one is no exception that rule as it seemed the votes wouldn't stop pouring in. As Army8 stated, "Awesome job Ashley! I definitely loved how you came out and decided to do a different poem than I'd normally expect from you. It definitely was refreshing to see you do Teresa's POV on the entire thing, instead of the normal other ones that you normally do. Well done! ." Ashley will become an 8-time winner of this award as your **2008 Summer Best Poem is.....**

#### **My Side by Ashley**

*My Side* is a poem that basically explores what possibly Teresa Earnhardt's thoughts are about her step-son and everything that took place during last season.

When it comes to song writing, it always helps if you really feel inspired to write the piece first and that's how this piece started. Everybody seemed to like it and as MillerLite#2 states, "It definitely does show the passion within to move a person. The words they chose looked as they were chosen extra carefully to help portray the meaning even further than it would've been otherwise. It definitely makes it one of those stand out songs. WIG Ladies!" Ashley is now an 8-time winner of an award, and has helped this song win this award twice in a row because **the 2008 Summer Best Song is....**

#### **It'll Be Ok by Lil Tigre's Angel and Ashley**

This song is about feeling better in times of negative events.

Articles are sometimes good for just reporting events and facts. As for this article, it was one that many kept close to their hearts as addressed one of the most serious topics in most fans' minds. As Captain stated, "It's definitely a strong article and it's one that I admire Ashley once again for writing due to how strong it is. The whole idea of stereotypes is ridiculous as the world shouldn't be based upon how a group act, but individuals. Here with this article - Ashley shows the individuality that not everybody is whom they are presumed to be. As they always say, never judge a book by its cover." The winner of this award is no surprise as if you review your history of the palace, you'll see we only have one winner of this type of award. Believe it? Me neither. Yet I will say that this year was her toughest year as she only won this award by 1 point over Kristina's piece *Your Other Self*. **The 2008 Summer Best Article is...**

#### **Pit Lizzard or True Fan by Ashley**

*Pit Lizzard or True Fan* is basically Ashley's rant towards the general public and how they think that all the female fans (or most) are just out there for the driver's money & their good looks.

Love connections all come down to a good background story and a brilliant way of bringing two people together. This year's winner is no exemption of this as they showcase that with in telling their story of how much two people love each other. As Truex Princess says, "The girls are really showcasing their love well as it relates to the situations, as you've stated. The thing is it really relates to reality and makes it seem like their writing it in the real world. The whole story that has been written here is something I could see in reality in all the different situations. I gotta really say awesome job to them both as they've made this one of the best stories ever!" This combination is a 2-time winner of this award and this will now be Ashley's second time in a row winning this award. However, it wasn't easy for the girls to come out with this one because as MillerLite#2 said during voting, "They're all different in their own ways and therefore deserve to be recognized. There is no way to compare them as they all have their own good features. Awesome job authors!" **The 2008 Summer Best Love Connection goes to...**

#### **Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Ashley from True Love by Ashley & Kristina**

*True Love* is a story full of love as it follows 4 different love combinations throughout a NASCAR season.

An m/m slash story is all about balancing many things on one spectrum. For starters, you must balance how much love you have, and how much it may incorporate sex within it. Second, you must watch how much you push the boundaries anyhow, due to the world of what some call "awkward" you're entering. Well, the writers of this series kept within these boundaries and took it the next level with its elements of the series. As 5fan4ever said, "Nice job ladies! I definitely love the style that you chose to write this in as it really showcases your love well. I definitely loved how this love just began to showcase out of the middle of nowhere, yet still

had some connection to the real storyline. WIG!" This'll be the sixth m/m slash award in a row for Ashley and 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a row that this combination has won this award. **The 2008 Summer Best M/M Slash is...**

**Martin Truex Jr. & Dale Earnhardt Jr. from *Magical Season* by Ashley and Amanda**

The series is about some weird mysterious seasons of NASCAR racing. It deals with love and mystery, plus much more. Check it out to see for yourself!

An Evil Character who succeeds is someone who extends to evil at all costs, and at different angles. This character must know his plan and follow it through without letting anyone stand in their way. This critia follows the award winner as he went out on the two he sought revenge on without holding back anything. When he noticed one plan failed, he tried another; he wasn't going to stop till someone forced him too. As Jr Prince said, "When you first read the series, it just seems like another love series like the other ones written on the board. Yet when Ashley gets into the second or third story, you really get to see the true meaning of this series and Jimmie's character. It definitely showcases a real good evil character because nobody would've known of the plan if Martin would've kept shut." This'll be Ashley's fifth evil character award in a row because **the 2008 Summer Best Evil Character is...**

**Jimmie Johnson from *Second Thoughts* by Ashley**

*Second Thoughts* is basically a love series that deals with Dale Earnhardt Jr. & Martin Truex Jr., and their love for each other. In truth, they both love each other, but are still unsure if they should get together.

A good sex scene incorporates the element of love and the element of good actions between two people to show this love. It incorporates all the elements of sex, with a bonus element of it's own love. Well, this scene didn't go to that extent, but it really had people loving for how the approach was seen to be going. As Truex Princess states, "Awesome job Kristina! I liked your approach to this story with this chapter. The connection you have between Jeff and Kristina is amazing! It added to the content of this sex scene and definitely makes it stand out, even if it's not as in-depth." It wouldn't be easy though for this author to win this award for the first time because as Lil Tigre said, "This is damn well too hard to decide as for the difference between them. Kristina has the definite good approach, while Ashley has the definite good content. Awesome job done by both!" **The 2008 Summer Best Sex Scene is...**

**Jeff Gordon & Kristina from *Cat Fight* by Kristina**

*Cat Fight* is a series about the fight between Ingrid Vanderbosh and Kristina to capture Jeff's love and affection.

**BEST WRITTEN PIECE**

# AWARD

The Best Written Piece is a piece that incorporates all the elements of a good piece, whether it's emotion or a storyline. It was close between all the pieces but only one could win and this song stood out above the rest. It incorporates all the good elements of song writing and as Jr Prince states, "Awesome job ladies! I definitely love how you wrote this song as it's very moving. I remember the fact that you wrote it for me during my tough time and now to go back and read it, I really remembered how much you moved me. Well done!" This song has now won the best song award twice in a row and with this award, this'll give Ashley 8 Best Written Piece Awards overall.

The 2008 Summer Best Written Piece Award goes to:

*It'll Be Ok by Ashley and Lil Tigre's Angel*

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