

**RWA® Mystery/Suspense Chapter presents
The Daphne du Maurier Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE
PUBLISHED DIVISION 2017 Results**

The results of the Kiss of Death Chapter's Daphne Du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense are in. On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2017 Published Contest:

Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *Man of Action* by Janie Crouch
Finalist: *Ace in the Hole* by Ava Drake
Finalist: *Protecting Her Daughter* by Lynette Eason
Finalist: *Urgent Pursuit* by Beverly Long
Finalist: *Navy Seal Seduction* by Bonnie Vanak

WINNER: *Deep Cover Detective* by Lena Diaz

Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *The Viscount Always Knocks Twice* by Grace Callaway
Finalist: *Angel Comes to the Devil's Keep* by Regina Jeffers
Finalist: *Murmuration* by TJ Klune
Finalist: *Six Degrees of Scandal* by Caroline Linden

WINNER: *The Devil May Care* by Lara Archer

Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *Rocky Mountain Pursuit* by Mary Alford
Finalist: *The Dragon Roars, Book Two of The Seven Trilogy* by Sara Davison
Finalist: *Classified Christmas Mission* by Lynette Eason
Finalist: *Deception* by Elizabeth Goddard
Finalist: *Blindsided* by Katy Lee

WINNER: *The Stronghold* by Lisa Carter

Paranormal (Paranormal/Time Travel/Futuristic) Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *Glisten* by Tricia Cerrone
Finalist: *Don't Let Me Forget You* by Cara Crescent
Finalist: *Deader Homes and Gardens* by Angie Fox
Finalist: *From This Fae Forward* by AE Jones

WINNER: *Mercury Striking* by Rebecca Zanetti

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *Wanted* by Marissa Garner

Finalist: *Hard Silence* by Mia Kay

Finalist: *Her Darkest Nightmare* by Brenda Novak

Finalist: *Killing Game* by Chandler Steele

WINNER: *Betrayed* by Kaylea Cross

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense

Finalist: *Notorious* by Carey Baldwin

Finalist: *Death Among the Doilies (A Cora Crafts Mystery)* by Mollie Cox Bryan

Finalist: *Elegy in Scarlet* by BV Lawson

Finalist: *Say No More* by Hank Phillippi Ryan

WINNER: *In the Barren Ground* by Loreth Anne White

THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2017 PUBLISHED DIVISION IS:

***In the Barren Ground* by Loreth Anne White**

Congratulations to all!

Brooke Wills

2017 Daphne Contest Chair