

RWA® Mystery/Suspense Chapter presents
The Daphne du Maurier Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE
UNPUBLISHED DIVISION 2017 Results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 On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2017 Unpublished Contest:

Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense

First: *Smash & Grab* by Lori Matthews

Second: *Reid's Diamond* by Cheryl Rabin

Third: *Blood Rights* by A.L.R. Court

Honorable Mention: *Confide In Me* by Kathryn Denman

Honorable Mention: *Villa Marco Polo* by H. S. Stavropoulos

Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense

First: *Lovely Digits* by Jeanine Englert

Second: *The Secrets Within the Towers* by Abigail Wilson

Third: *Hidden Depths* by Pamala Knight

Honorable Mention: *Whitecliff* by Valen Cox

Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense

First: *Fair Haven* by Laura Conner Kestner

Second: *Incentives* by Sharee Stover

Third: *Stolen Vows* by Darlene L. Turner

Honorable Mention: *Breathing Shadows* by Loretta Eidson

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

First: *The Transformation of Alexis Doe* by Jilly Wood

Second: *Haunted* by Shani Lynne

Third: *The Last Descendent* by Kristina Kairn

Honorable Mention: *Goldilocks Nine* by Christine Gunderson

Honorable Mention: *Affliction* by Pamela Varnado

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense

First: *Voice for the Dead* by SB Woodson

Second: *The Hustler* by Angie Hockman

Third: *Shadowplay* by Shannyn Jordan w/a Jordyn Jacobs

Honorable Mention: *Shot Down* by Tracy Brody

Honorable Mention: *Criminal Heat* by Jan Jackson

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense

First: *Stosh and the Devil* by Michele Reed

Second: *Inherent Lies* by Alicia Anthony

Third: *The End of Youth* by Tammy Euliano

Honorable Mention: *Emerald Drone* by Alan Chaput

Honorable Mention: *Ghosts of Harvard* by Jeff Cooper

Honorable Mention: *It Hurts* by Robbin Lockett

THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2017 UNPUBLISHED CONTEST IS:

***Fair Haven* by Laura Conner Kestner**

Congratulations to all!

Brooke Wills

2017 Daphne Contest Chair