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 Finalists:**

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

**WINNER: Deep Cover Detective** by Lena Diaz

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists:**

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

**WINNER: The Devil May Care** by Lara Archer

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists:**

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

**WINNER: The Stronghold** by Lisa Carter
Paranormal (Paranormal/Time Travel/Futuristic) Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists:

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

WINNER: **Mercury Striking** by Rebecca Zanetti

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists:

- **Wanted** by Marissa Garner
- **Hard Silence** by Mia Kay
- **Her Darkest Nightmare** by Brenda Novak
- **Killing Game** by Chandler Steele

WINNER: **Betrayed** by Kaylea Cross

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense Finalists:

- **Notorious** by Carey Baldwin
- **Death Among the Doilies (A Cora Crafts Mystery)** by Mollie Cox Bryan
- **Elegy in Scarlet** by BV Lawson
- **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