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 2018 Published Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- Finalist: *Colton K-9 Cop* by Addison Fox
- Finalist: *Return of the Cowgirl* by Eve Gaddy
- Finalist: *Covert Kisses* by Jane Godman
- Finalist: *Buried Memories* by Carol J. Post
- Finalist: *Gone in the Night* by Anna J. Stewart

**WINNER:** *Deadly Fall* by Elle James

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- Finalist: *Never Trust a Pirate* by Valerie Bowman
- Finalist: *Watch Over Me* by Eileen Charbonneau
- Finalist: *His American Detective* by Summer Devon
- Finalist: *Murder on Black Swan Lane* by Andrea Penrose

**WINNER:** *This Side of Murder* by Anna Lee Huber

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- Finalist: *Deadly Proof* by Rachel Dylan
- Finalist: *Moving Target* by Lynette Eason
- Finalist: *Sunset in Old Savannah* by Mary Ellis
- Finalist: *Blind Spot* by Dani Pettrey
- Finalist: *Lady Jayne Disappears* by Joanna Davidson Politano
- Finalist: *Mission Undercover* by Virginia Vaughan

**WINNER:** *The House On Foster Hill* by Jaime Jo Wright
Paranormal (Paranormal/Time Travel/Futuristic) Romantic Mystery/Suspense
• Finalist: *The Knight: The Original's Trilogy* by Cara Crescent
• Finalist: *Murder on the Sugarland Express* by Angie Fox
• Finalist: *Sweet Tea and Spirits* by Angie Fox
• Finalist: *Haunting Corpse: A Shandra Higheagle Mystery* by Paty Jager
• Finalist: *Angel Unleashed* by Linda Thomas-Sundstrom

**WINNER:** *Blessed Curse* by Nancy Sartor

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense
• Finalist: *Cold Malice* by Toni Anderson
• Finalist: * Strike Fast* by Kaylea Cross
• Finalist: *Catalyst* by Rachel Grant
• Finalist: *Saving Mercy* by Abbie Roads

**WINNER:** *Rage* by Janet Elizabeth Henderson

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense
• Finalist: *Bitter Past* by Caroline Fardig
• Finalist: *Say You're Sorry* by Melinda Leigh
• Finalist: *Dead Stop* by Barbara Nickless
• Finalist: *A Promise of Ruin* by Cuyler Overholt
• Finalist: *The Lullaby Girl* by Loreth Anne White

**WINNER:** *Risky Redemption (Rogue Security)* by Marissa Garner

**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2018 PUBLISHED DIVISION IS:**
*Rage* by Janet Elizabeth Henderson

Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2018 Daphne Contest Chair
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 2018 Unpublished Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First: *Hard Target* by Lori Matthews
- Second: *Return to Clintville* by Crystal Ramos
- Third: *Pursuit* by Danielle Pays
- Honorable Mention: *Storm Warning* by Shani Lynne

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First: *Widow's Blush* by Michelle Bennington
- Second: *Shadowed by Death: An Oliver Wright WW2 Mystery* by Mary Adler
- Third: *To Love and Protect* by Lorrie Anne
- Honorable Mention: *Along Came a Spy* by Ann Chaney
- Honorable Mention: *Green Carnations* by MJ Marshall

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First: *Flashback* by Kellie Michelle Parker
- Second: *Lack of Evidence* by Connie Queen
- Third: *Worth the Risk* by Susye Bowles
- Honorable Mention: *Dark Shadow* by Sami A. Abrams
- Honorable Mention: *Ears to Hear* by Kent Wyatt
Paranormal (Fantasy/Time Travel/Futuristic) Romantic Mystery/Suspense
• First: *Curing the Criminal* by Anne Belen
• Second: *Kilroy Was Here* by Janet Raye Stevens
• Third: *Touch 3.3* by Valen A. Cox
• Honorable Mention: *Donovan’s Dare* by Luna Joya
• Honorable Mention: *Eve of the Faeb* by Elizabeth Menozzi
• Honorable Mention: *Valravyn* by J. Morgyn White

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense
• First: *Covenant Park* by Christine Gunderson
• Second: *Goode Over Evil* by Leslie Marshman
• Third: *Semper Fib* by Maida Loren
• Honorable Mention: *Writer’s Block Is Murder* by Rhonda Gilmour
• Honorable Mention: *Leather and Lies* by Celeste Straub

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense
• First: *Night Cries* by Maria Faulconer
• Second: *Strange Karma* by Willow Healy
• Third: *The Past Lies* by Christina Delay
• Honorable Mention: *One Bad Day After Another* by Max Folsom
• Honorable Mention: *The Edge of the Moon* by Susan Richards

THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2018 UNPUBLISHED CONTEST IS:
*Covenant Park* by Christine Gunderson

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Brooke Wills
2018 Daphne Contest Chair