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 On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 Unpublished Contest: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 Faery* 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 Fibi* 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THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2018 UNPUBLISHED CONTEST IS: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

Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2018 Daphne Contest Chair