The final 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 On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of our 2019 Unpublished Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *Riptide* by Elle Bjorlie
- Second Place: *The One That Got Away* by Marie Christopher
- Third Place: *Proximity of Betrayal* by Harper McDavid
- Honorable Mention: *Near Miss* by C.S. Smith
- Honorable Mention: *Hardwired* by RR Taylor

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *The Heart's Blood* by Faye Delacour
- Second Place: *Destined to Marry the Devil* by Donna Rosenbloom
- Third Place: *Muskets and Minuets* by Lindsey Fera
- Honorable Mention: *Yet From Those Flames No Light* by Maria Ostrowski

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *Deadly Bouquet* by Darlene L. Turner
- Second Place: *Secondary Target* by Angela Carlisle
- Third Place: *Dangerous News* by Stephanie M. Gammon
- Honorable Mention: *I Promise You* by Sandi Van Lieu

**Mainstream Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *A Nice Place to Die* by Joyce Woollcott
- Second Place: *Murder Comes to Makah* by Amy Drayer
- Third Place: *The Bias of Rain* by Raimey Gallant
- Honorable Mention: *Profile 800* by S. I. Bala
- Honorable Mention: *Curtains for the Corpse* by Margaret S. Hamilton
- Honorable Mention: *D.O.A. Detective* by Irene Jorgensen

**Paranormal Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *The Shadow of Death* by Trisza Ray, DO
- Second Place: *Deidre's Fire* by Judith Cross
- Third Place: *Death Cat* by Jillian Graves
- Honorable Mention: *Song of the Sophos* by A.Y. Chao
- Honorable Mention: *Blood Sugar* by Kat Turner

**Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense**
- First Place: *VIPER - Too Dangerous to Love* by Kristie Wolf
- Second Place: *Blind Conviction* by Amy Ivan
- Third Place: *Protecting Little Flower* by Crystal Ramos
- Honorable Mention: *Second Act* by Meg Napier
- Honorable Mention: *VIPER - Too Deadly to Love* by Kristie Wolf

**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2019 UNPUBLISHED CONTEST IS:**

*The Heart's Blood* by Faye Delacour