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 2016 Published Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense**

- **Finalists:**
  - Janie Crouch for *Untraceable*
  - Elizabeth Goddard for *Buried*
  - Elizabeth Heiter for *Disarming Detective*
  - Beverly Long for *Hidden Witness*

- **WINNER: Lena Diaz for *Missing in the Glades***

**Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense**

- **Finalists:**
  - Nancy Bilyeau for *The Tapestry*
  - Regina Jeffers for *The Prosecution of Mr. Darcy's Cousin*
  - Linda Lovely for *Lies: Secrets Can Kill*
  - Mary Miley for *Stolen Memories*

- **WINNER: Anna Lee Huber for *A Study in Death***
Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalists:
- Sara Davison for *The End Begins*
- Mary Ellis for *Midnight on the Mississippi*
- Elizabeth Goddard for *Backfire*
- Virginia Vaughan for *Yuletide Abduction*

**WINNER: Lynette Eason for *Rodeo Rescuer***

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

Finalists:
- Sharon Lynn Fisher for *Echo 8*
- AE Jones for *Sentinel Lost*
- Katrina Snow for *Forbidden*
- Rebecca Zanetti for *Wicked Edge*

**WINNER: Beth Yarnall for *A Deep and Dark December***

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Finalists:
- Toni Anderson for *Cold Fear*
- Hope Anika for *The Bequest*
- Veronica Forand for *Untrue Colors*
- Brenda Novak for *The Secret Sister*
- Rebecca Zanetti for *Total Surrender*

**WINNER: Kendra Elliot for *Spiraled***
Mainstream Mystery/Suspense

Finalists:
- Traci Andrighetti for *Deadly Dye and a Soy Chai*
- Susan M. Boyer for *Lowcountry Boneyard (Liz Talbot Mystery #3)*
- Ellen Byron for *Plantation Shudders*
- Nichole Christoff for The Kill Shot: A Jamie Sinclair Novel Finalist:
  - Julie Mulhern for *The Deep End*

**WINNER: Allison Brennan for *Compulsion***

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**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2016 PUBLISHED CONTEST IS:**

Lynette Eason for *Rodeo Rescuer*

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Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2016 Daphne Contest Chair