

**RWA® Mystery/Suspense Chapter presents
The Daphne du Maurier Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE
PUBLISHED DIVISION 2017 Results**

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