

RWA® Mystery/Suspense Chapter presents
The Daphne du Maurier Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE
PUBLISHED DIVISION 2016 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 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*



**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2016 PUBLISHED
CONTEST IS:
Lynette Eason for *Rodeo Rescuer***

Congratulations to all!
Brooke Wills
2016 Daphne Contest Chair