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 2021 Published Contest:

**Congratulations to our Published Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists**

Winner: The Cartographer's Secret by Tea Cooper

2nd place: A Dangerous Observer by Amanda DeWees

3rd place: Princes of the Lower East Side by Meredith Allison

Honorable Mention: Lovely Digits by Jeanine Englert

The Work of Art by Mimi Matthews

**Congratulations to our Published Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists**

Winner: Dead End by Nancy Mehl

2nd place: Danger on the Ranch by Dana Mentink

3rd place: The Haunting at Bonaventure Circus by Jaime Wright

Honorable Mention: Dangerous Deception by Evelyn M. Hill

Honorable Mention: Lost Down Deep by Sara Davison

Honorable Mention: Standoff (Natchez Trace Park Rangers) by Patricia Bradley

**Congratulations to our Published Long Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists.**

Winner: Cold & Deadly by Toni Anderson

2nd place: Jagger (Steele Shadow Investigations) by Amanda McKinney

3rd place: Bishop's Endgame by Katie Reus

Honorable Mention: Beautiful Vengeance by Kaylea Cross

Honorable Mention: The Paris Model by Alexandra Joel
Congratulations to our Published Mainstream Mystery/Suspense Finalists

Winner: In Her Shadow by Kristin Miller

2nd place: Flight Risk by Cara Putman

3rd place: Ten Days Gone by Beverly Long

Honorable Mention: No One Saw by Beverly Long

Honorable Mention: The Study of Secrets (Lila Maclean Academic Mysteries #5) by Cynthia Kuhn

Congratulations to our Paranormal Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists

Winner: A Killing Moon by Alexis D. Craig

2nd place: Bishop's Gambit by McKenna Dean

3rd place: Just in Time by NJ Litz

Honorable Mention: Foolish Beliefs by M. Scott Swanson

Honorable Mention: Loving Modigliani The Afterlife of Jeanne Hébuterne by Linda Lappin

Congratulations to our Published Short Romantic Mystery/Suspense Finalists

Winner: In His Protection by P.L. Harris

2nd place: Conflicting Evidence by Lena Diaz

3rd place: Steal My Heart by Aimee O'Brian

Honorable Mention: Dirty Daisy by Jordyn Kross

Honorable Mention: Texas Holiday Hideout by Virginia Vaughan

Congratulations to our Published Division Overall Winner:

Tea Cooper, for The Cartographer's Secret