

The Committee for the 2009 Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense is pleased to announce our Unpublished Finalists. This was our first electronic competition, and we are delighted with the commitment of our judges and our outstanding coordinators. We had two surprises. Not only did we have an Australian finalist in the competition, we had a three-way tie in Mainstream, which is a highly competitive category.

Please join me in congratulating the following finalists:

Mainstream Mystery/Suspense (three ties)

C. Hope Clark.....	Hog-Tied: A Carolina Slade Mystery
Marianne H. Donley	Don't Give Up the Ghost
Kendra Elliot	Below Freezing
Kate George.....	Moonlighting in Vermont
Deborah Gross	Payment in Blood
Sharon Halasz.....	Unhealthy Obsession
Cathy Perkins	Sins of the Father

Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Tina Joyce Butts	The Surrogate
Janice Croom	Death of an Island Tart
Laurie DeMarino	Deadly Desire
Sandra Kerns	Deadly Dreams
Sharon Wray	Guardian's Gift

Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Diane Burke.....	The Heart Remembers
Wenda Dottridge	Undercover Bride
Kelly Ann Riley	The Promise
Sandra van den Bogerd	Escape to Terror
Gina Welborn	The Promise

Paranormal Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Susan Heneghan	Awakening
Tammy Hoganson	Underbelly
Lark Howard	Shadows in the Deep
Su Kopil	Fatal Grace
Janis Thornton	Dead Wait

Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Marie Campbell	Against Her Will
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Jamie Michele Romance or Retribution
D'Ann Linscott-Dunham Wild Horses
Annie Oortman Die Again
Angela Platt See Jane Run

Historical Romantic Mystery/Suspense

Pamela Bolton-Holifield..... The Deceit of Desire
Valerie Bowman Spy in a Corset
Laurie DeMarino Cleopatra's Heart
Julie Johnstone Decoding Deception
Barbara Noyes The Spy with Sad Eyes

Genre winners and rankings, as well as the coveted Overall Daphne Award, will be announced on July 16, 2009 in Washington D.C. at RWA® National and the Kiss of Death Chapter's Death by Chocolate Party.

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