

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 ON BEHALF OF KOD AND THE DAPHNE COMMITTEE, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS AND THE PLACEMENTS OF OUR 2010 UNPUBLISHED CONTEST.

CATEGORY SERIES ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: Blue Ridge Fear by Robin Weaver

SECOND PLACE: Kira's Keeper by Jan Schliesman

THIRD PLACE: His Reluctant Witness by Christine Keach w/a Lexi Connor

HONORABLE MENTION: Orchard County Killer by Deborah L. Kaufman

HONORABLE MENTION: Rescued by D'Ann Linscott-Dunham

HISTORICAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: Sweet Enemy by Heather Snow

SECOND PLACE: Her Secret Flyboy by Jeanne Dickson

THIRD PLACE: A Lady's Revenge by Tracey Smith w/a Tracey Devlyn

HONORABLE MENTION: Vengeance is Mine by Linda Friar

HONORABLE MENTION: Deception by Jennifer Ramirez w/a Jennifer Beane

INSPIRATIONAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: The Shadow of Heaven by C.J. Eernisse Chase

SECOND PLACE: Nightshade by Debra E. Marvin

THIRD PLACE: The Peacock Throne by Lisa Karon Richardson

HONORABLE MENTION: Illusion of Safety by Dianna Benson

HONORABLE MENTION: Submerged by Dani Pettrey

PARANORMAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: Lost Paladin by Tracy St. Hilaire

SECOND PLACE: Last Wishes by Caroline Dunsheath

THIRD PLACE: Last Chance by writing team Ann Fischer & Linda Baxter

HONORABLE MENTION: Hearts of Darkness by Ciara Stewart

HONORABLE MENTION: Passages by Laurel Wanrow

SINGLE TITLE ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: **He Kills Me, He Kills Me Not** by Lena Diaz
SECOND PLACE: **Safe in Enemy Arms** by Joan Swan
THIRD PLACE: **From Baghdad with Love** by Gail Zerrade
HONORABLE MENTION: **In For a Penny** by Kathy Franklin
HONORABLE MENTION: **Misdirection** by Linda Lovely

MAINSTREAM MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FIRST PLACE: **Nearly Departed in Deadwood** by Ann Charles
SECOND PLACE: **Insight** by Polly Iyer
THIRD PLACE: **Pineapples in Peril** by Cheryl Linn Martin
HONORABLE MENTION: **Death Benefits** by Arlene Kay
HONORABLE MENTION: **Solstice of Death** by Robin Weaver

This year, Mainstream and Paranormal maxed out in entries. Further, there were 15 editor/agent requests among the six unpublished sub-genres. To our first-round judges, we couldn't put on this contest without you. Thank you!

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE UNPUBLISHED CONTEST IS:

~ NEARLY DEPARTED IN DEADWOOD BY ANN CHARLES ~

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