

**RWA® Mystery/Suspense Chapter presents  
*The Daphne du Maurier Award*  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE  
PUBLISHED DIVISION 2012 Results**

The results for the first round of the Kiss of Death Chapter's Daphne Du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense—Published Division are in. On behalf of KOD and the Daphne Committee, I am pleased to announce the finalists of our 2012 Published Contest:

**Category (Series) Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**

Finalist: HelenKay Dimon, *The Big Guns*  
Finalist: Paula Graves, *Major Nanny*  
Finalist: Angi Morgan, *.38 Caliber Cover-Up*  
Finalist: Gayle Wilson, *Flashback*

**Winner: Julie Miller, *Nanny 911***

**Historical Romantic Mystery/ Suspense:**

Finalist: Leanna Renee Hieber, *Darker Still: A Novel of Magic Most Foul*  
Finalist: Elizabeth Loupas, *The Second Duchess*  
Finalist: Sharon Page, *Engaged in Sin*  
Finalist: Deborah Simmons, *Glory and the Rake Glory and the Rake*

**Winner: Katy Madison, *Tainted by Temptation***

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**

Finalist: Diane Burke, *Bounty Hunter Guardian*  
Finalist: Debby Giusti, *The Captain's Mission*  
Finalist: Laura Scott, *Lawman-In-Charge*  
Finalist: Susan Sleeman, *The Christmas Witness*

**Winner: Renee Ryan, *Courting the Enemy***

**Mainstream/Mystery /Suspense**

Finalist: Linda Castillo, *Breaking Silence*  
Finalist: W. S. Gager, *A Case of Hometown Blues*  
Finalist: Elizabeth Voss, *The Winslow Incident*  
Finalist: Lois Winston, *Assault with a Deadly Glue Gun*

**Winner: Julie Kramer, *Killing Kate***

**Paranormal (PTTF) Time Travel, Futuristic Romantic Mystery/Suspense:**

Finalist: Kristin Miller, *InterVamption*

Finalist: Jana Oliver, *The Demon Trapper's Daughter*

Finalist: Robin D. Owens, *Heart Search*

Finalist: Kristen Painter, *Blood Rights*

**Winner: Darynda Jones, *Second Grave on the Left***

**Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense**

Finalist: Donnell Ann Bell, *The Past Came Hunting*

Finalist: Allison Brennan, *Kiss Me, Kill Me*

Finalist: Cindy Gerard, *With No Remorse*

Finalist: Roxanne St. Claire, *Face of Danger*

**Winner: Christy Reece, *Sweet Justice***

**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2012 PUBLISHED CONTEST IS:**

**Darynda Jones, *Second Grave on the Left***

Congratulations to all!

Brooke Wills

2012 Daphne Contest Overall Coordinator