

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:**

*HelenKay Dimon – The Big Guns*

*Paula Graves – Major Nanny*

*Angi Morgan – .38 Caliber Cover-Up*

*Julie Miller – Nanny 911*

*Gayle Wilson – Flashback*

**Historical Romantic Mystery/ Suspense:**

*Leanna Renee Hieber – Darker Still: A Novel of Magic Most Foul*

*Katy Madison – Tainted by Temptation*

*Elizabeth Loupas – The Second Duchess*

*Sharon Page – Engaged in Sin*

*Deborah Simmons – Glory and the Rake Glory and the Rake*

**Inspirational Romantic Mystery/Suspense**

*Diane Burke – Bounty Hunter Guardian*

*Debby Giusti – The Captain's Mission*

*Laura Iding – Lawman-In-Charge*

*Renee Ryan – Courting the Enemy*

*Susan Sleeman – The Christmas Witness*

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

*Darynda Jones – Second Grave on the Left*

*Kristin Miller – InterVamption*

*Jana Oliver – The Demon Trapper's Daughter*

*Robin D. Owens – Heart Search*

*Kristen Painter – Blood Rights*

**Mainstream/Mystery /Suspense**

*Linda Castillo – Breaking Silence*

*W. S. Gager – A Case of Hometown Blues*

*Julie Kramer – Killing Kate*

*Elizabeth Voss – The Winslow Incident*

*Lois Winston – Assault with a Deadly Glue Gun*

**Single Title Romantic Mystery/Suspense**

*Donnell Ann Bell – The Past Came Hunting*

*Allison Brennan – Kiss Me, Kill Me*

*Cindy Gerard – With No Remorse*

*Christy Reece – Sweet Justice*

*Roxanne St. Claire – Face of Danger*

Winners will be announced in July at KOD's annual Death by Chocolate Party in Anaheim.