

The Kiss of Death Chapter and the Daphne Committee are pleased to announce the Rankings for the 2009 Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery Suspense Unpublished Contest:

CATEGORY (SERIES) ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

See Jane Run by Angi Platt – First Place

Against Her Will by Marie Campbell – Second Place

Wild Horses by D'Ann Linscott –Dunham

Romance or Retribution by Jamie Michele – Honorable Mention

Die Again by Annie Oortman – Honorable Mention

SINGLE TITLE ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Guardian's Gift by Sharon Wray – First Place

Death of an Island Tart by Janice Croom – Second Place

Deadly Dreams by Sandra Kerns – Third Place

Deadly Desire by Laurie DeMarino – Honorable Mention

The Surrogate by Tina Joyce Butts – Honorable Mention

HISTORICAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Deceit of Desire by Pamela Bolton-Holified – First Place

Spy in a Corset by Valerie Bowman – Second Place

Cleopatra's Heart by Laurie DeMarino – Third Place

The Spy with Sad Eyes by Barbara Noyes – Honorable Mention

Decoding Deception by Julie Johnstone – Honorable Mention

INSPIRATIONAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Escape to Terror by Sandra van den Bogerd – First Place

Undercover Bride by Wenda Dottridge – Second Place

The Promise: A Quest for Gold Romance by Kelly Ann Riley – Third Place

The Heart Remembers by Diane Burke – Honorable Mention

The Promise by Gina Welborn – Honorable Mention

PARANORMAL (PTTF) ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Underbelly by Tammy Hoganson – First Place

Fatal Grace by Su Kopil – Second Place

Shadows in the Deep by Lark Howard – Third Place

Dead Wait by Janis Thornton – Honorable Mention

Awakening by Susan Heneghan – Honorable Mention

MAINSTREAM MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Moonlighting in Vermont by Kate George – First Place

Payment in Blood by Deborah Gross – Second Place

Don't Give Up the Ghost by Marianne H. Donley – Third Place

Below Freezing by Kendra Elliot – Honorable Mention

Unhealthy Obsession by Sharon Halasz – Honorable Mention

Sins of the Father by Cathy Perkins – Honorable Mention

Hog-Tied by C. Hope Clark – Honorable Mention

**THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2009 UNPUBLISHED
COMPETITION IS: *ESCAPE TO TERROR* BY SANDRA VAN DEN BOGERD**

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