

THE RESULTS OF THE KISS OF DEATH CHAPTER'S DAPHNE DU MAURIER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE ARE IN, AND ON BEHALF OF KOD AND THE DAPHNE COMMITTEE, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS AND THE PLACEMENTS OF OUR 2010 PUBLISHED CONTEST.

CATEGORY SERIES ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FINALIST: Trusting a Stranger by Kerry Connor
FINALIST: Burning Secrets by Elizabeth Sinclair
FINALIST: Cold Case Affair by Loreth Anne White
FINALIST: More than a Man by Rebecca York

WINNER: The Christmas Stranger by Beth Cornelison

HISTORICAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FINALIST: Alaskan Renegade by Kate Bridges
FINALIST: The Club by Sharon Page
FINALIST: From Waif to Gentleman's Wife by Janet Justiss
FINALIST: The Nude by Dorothy McFalls

WINNER: The Rake's Inherited Courtesan by Ann Lethbridge

INSPIRATIONAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FINALIST: An Eye for an Eye by Irene Hannon
FINALIST: A Prisoner of Versailles by Golden Keyes Parsons
FINALIST: Final Exposure by Roxanne Rustand
FINALIST: Scent of Murder by Virginia Smith

WINNER: Against all Odds by Irene Hannon

MAINSTREAM MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FINALIST: Breakneck by Erica Spindler
FINALIST: Missing Mark by Julia Kramer
FINALIST: Urgent Care by C. J. Lyons
FINALIST: The Girl on Legare Street by Karen White

WINNER: Warning Signs by C. J. Lyons

PARANORMAL ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

FINALIST: Dragon Moon by Rebecca York
FINALIST: Midnight's Master by Cynthia Eden
FINALIST: Desire Untamed by Pamela Palmer
FINALIST: A Highlander of Her Own by Melissa Mayhue

WINNER: Heart Change by Robin D. Owens

SINGLE TITLE ROMANTIC MYSTERY/SUSPENSE (Tie)

FINALIST: Fatal Secrets by Allison Brennan
FINALIST: If Looks Could Chill by Nina Bruhns
FINALIST: Feel the Heat by Cindy Gerard
FINALIST: Untraceable by Laura Griffin
FINALIST: Dark Country by Bronwyn Parry
FINALIST: Hunt her Down by Roxanne St. Claire

WINNER: Untraceable by Laura Griffin

Special thanks to Kelly Ann Riley and Caroline Dunsheath for coordinating the published side of the contest and to our outstanding judges who put aside their own writing year after year to make this contest possible.

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, THE OVERALL DAPHNE WINNER FOR THE 2010 PUBLISHED CONTEST IS:

~~ HEART CHANGE BY ROBIN D. OWENS ~~

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