



# Press Release

## Gold Coast Author Wins National Romance Award



Gold Coast-based romance author **Diane Demetre** won the Romance Writers of Australia Emerald Pro Award 2017 for Best Unpublished Manuscript.

The award is open to all RWA authors writing in a new romance genre. Previously having written an award winning erotic romance series, the Dance of Love, Diane tried her hand at romantic suspense.

The competition was tough, with only those achieving 85% or above eligible for the final round of judging. A leading New York publisher from Kensington Publishing gave Diane the gong for her romantic suspense, **Retribution**.

In the vein of Nora Roberts, **Retribution** is a story of family betrayal, buried secrets, unrequited revenge and hope. When a talented ballerina in the Australian Ballet Company, Jessie Hilton, is befriended by an ex-SAS sniper, Brad Jordan and his faithful dog,

Whiskey; her life begins to spin out of control. Amid escalating stakes, they discover there is more than the shadow of their tragic pasts to overcome – they must escape a clear and present danger in the form a stalker obsessed with Jessie.

*“To have Retribution win the Emerald Pro Award 2017 stunned and delighted me. I am now in the process of submitting the story to interested publishers. I hope it will find its way onto the shelves in 2018 so readers can enjoy my story of a talented ballerina, a broken soldier and the dog that saved them both.”*

A woman who has always done things a little differently, Diane began her professional journey as a school teacher before moving into an exhilarating career as a dancer, choreographer and director. She left ‘life on the wicked stage’ and moved into the field of self-development, where as a stress & life skills therapist, life coach and keynote speaker, she taught methodologies of self-empowerment and personal success. Assuming the pseudonym of the Goddess of Love, she appeared regularly on national radio and on the television program Beauty & the Beast. Her debut Dance of Love series won Luminosity Publishing’s Readers’ Choice Awards for Best Books and Best Covers 2015 and 2016.

Now busy writing women’s fiction, Diane packs emotional punch through her empowered heroines who live life to the fullest... much like the author herself.

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