

# About the Author



Photo of Maryann Ridini Spencer by Maria Gregorio-Oviedo

## Maryann Ridini Spencer

### *Writing Aloha*

“I feel most at home when I’m among trees, plants, and mountains, by the ocean, or in wide-open spaces,” says Spencer. “I feel so connected when I’m in the natural world that I can literally ‘feel’ the energy. I find it inspiring, empowering, and the perfect place where I can allow my mind to be quiet to entertain the creative thoughts that pop into my head.

“My feelings about being in nature, as well as my interest in sustainable-living practices—eating fresh, organic, and farm-to-table foods—and protecting the earth’s environment for future generations is in line with the Hawaiians’ belief in living ‘The Way of Aloha’ or the ‘Spirit of Aloha.’ “I knew I wanted to incorporate the aloha philosophy in my Kate Grace novels. Starting

with *Lady in the Window*, living aloha helps Kate heal herself and find her center. Her journey living in these truths continues in *The Paradise Table* and *Secrets of Grace Manor*, as it will in future Kate Grace novels.

“Whether it be a novel, movie, or television screenplay, or in my work as a food and lifestyle journalist and TV host, I’m committed to writing themes that promote faith, hope, healing, forgiveness, understanding, love, compassion, and uplifting humanity.

“My characters Kate and Olivia both believe that love never dies and that, with God’s grace, we get divine inspirations that validate the idea that we are not alone.

“As humans, I believe we are all connected, and as we live and navigate life, we are constantly learning, changing, and healing as we grow. A vital part of our journey on Earth is to learn to love and help one another. If we incorporate God’s teachings in our hearts, our thoughts, and our actions, we can all make a valuable difference in this world.”

Maryann Ridini Spencer writes themes of aloha . . . penning award-winning novels and writing and producing critically-acclaimed projects for film and television. She began her career as a producer/writer for Cable News Network. Later, she was appointed director of publicity for Miss Universe, Inc., and also served as senior vice president of Stephen J. Cannell Productions/The Cannell Studios before founding Ridini Entertainment Corporation. As company president of the award-winning PR, marketing, multimedia-content-creation and TV-and-film-production company, she is committed to creating, writing, producing, and promoting content that entertains, inspires, educates, and uplifts.

A member of the Writers Guild of America West and Producers Guild of America, Maryann has produced numerous movies and series for television. Her projects have appeared on Showtime, SyFy, TMC, USA Networks, CBS-TV, Time Warner Cable, and in the foreign theatrical market. She is celebrated for co-producing/writing the teleplay for the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie *The Lost Valentine*. Based on the James Michael Pratt novel, the movie stars Betty White and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Over fifteen million viewers tuned in to watch the film, which won CBS-TV the night in ratings. The film, winner of the Faith and Freedom Movieguide Award, has since become part of Hallmark’s Gold Crown (DVD) Collector’s Edition, and the film can also be live-streamed on Hallmark’s movie channels.

Maryann is also the creator, writer, producer, and host of the Telly Award-winning healthy living cooking series, cookbooks, and blog *Simply Delicious Living with Maryann*.

The series is broadcast on PBS-TV station KVCR in Southern California, DirecTV, DishTV, and to a global audience on Maryann’s *SimplyDeliciousLiving.com* blog and her YouTube Channel ([youtube.com/MaryannRidiniSpencer](https://youtube.com/MaryannRidiniSpencer)).

Throughout her career, Maryann has worked as a freelance lifestyle, food and environmental writer and contributing editor for such publications as *Palm Springs Life Magazine*, *Desert Magazine*, *Ventura County Star* (part of the USA Today Network), *Ventura Breeze*, and *Los Angeles Magazine*.

Author of the *Simply Delicious Living with Maryann*®—*Entrées* cookbook (Santa Rosa Press, 2019), and the Kate Grace Novels, *Lady in the Window* (SelectBooks, 2017, Santa Rosa Press, 2019), *The Paradise Table* (Santa Rosa Press, October 2019), and *Secrets of Grace Manor* (Santa Rosa Press, March 2021), Maryann is currently working on new Kate Grace Novels as well as other fiction, cookbooks, and screenplays.

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