

About the Author



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Writing Aloha

Living in wide open spaces amongst nature—trees, flowering plants, and whether it be by desert mountains or coastal seas—is my happy place," says Spencer. "Feeling nature's positive and healing energy inspires me to be creative, intuitive, and empowered."

"I appreciate "Living the Way" or in the "Spirit of Aloha," whether I'm on the Hawaiian Islands or in another environment.

Living *Aloha* means to live with love, respect, kindness, compassion, and understanding for everyone in our human ohana ("family"). I feel a vital part of our journey here on Earth is to find the humanity in each other and to love and help one another learn, heal, grow, and love. If

we incorporate God's teachings in our hearts, thoughts, and actions, we can all contribute to making this world a better place."



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. She 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. In addition, 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 blog (<https://SimplyDeliciousLiving.com>) and her YouTube Channel (<https://youtube.com/MaryannRidiniSpencer>).

Maryann has worked as a freelance writer and contributing editor for such publications as *Palm Springs Life Magazine*, *Desert Magazine*, *Ventura County Star*, and *Los Angeles Magazine*. Author of the *Simply Delicious Living with Maryann®—Entrée* cookbook (Santa Rosa Press, 2019), and the Kate Grace Novels, *Lady in the Window* (2017/2019) 2017 Best Book Awards: Fiction: Romance winner, 2018 American Fiction Visionary Award winner, and 2019 Hawai'i Book Publishers Association Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards—*Aloha From Across the Sea* Award Finalist; *The Paradise Table*, 2019, an Amazon bestseller; *Secrets of Grace Manor* (2021) 2021 Best Book Finalist; and *Under the Tropical Skies* (2022). Maryann is working on new Kate Grace novels and other fiction, cookbooks, and screenplays.

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