

About the Author



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Maryann Ridini Spencer pens award-winning novels and produces critically acclaimed projects for film and TV that entertain, inspire, educate, and uplift. She began her career as a producer/writer for CNN. Later, she was appointed Director of Publicity for Miss Universe, Inc. and served as Senior VP of Stephen J. Cannell Productions before founding the PR/Production company Ridini Entertainment Corporation. Maryann is also a partner in the PR/marketing company MPowerMedia, located in Rancho Mirage, California.

A member of the Writers Guild of America West and Producers Guild of America, Maryann has produced numerous movies and television series for such networks as Showtime, SyFy, TMC, USA Networks, CBS-TV, Time Warner Cable, and 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, winning CBS-TV ratings night. The film, winner of the Faith and Freedom Movieguide® Award, has since become part of Hallmark's Gold Crown (DVD) Collector's Edition. It 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 airs on PBS-TV station KVCR in Southern California, DirecTV, DishTV, Maryann's SimplyDeliciousLiving.com blog, and to a global audience on Maryann's YouTube Channel, <https://youtube.com/MaryannRidiniSpencer>.

As a journalist, Maryann has served as a food, health, and lifestyle writer and contributing editor for *Palm Springs Life Magazine*, *Desert Magazine*, *Ventura County Star*, and *Los Angeles Magazine*.

Maryann is also the author of the *Simply Delicious Living with Maryann®—Entrées* cookbook and the award-winning, best-selling Kate Grace novels (*Lady in the Window*, *The Paradise Table*, *Secrets of Grace Manor*, and *Under the Tropical Skies*). *Lavender Hill Cove*, the first book in her *Lavender Hill Cove series* was recently honored with a 2024 Book Excellence Award for Christian Fiction. *Once Upon a Cove Christmas* (November 2024) is Maryann's latest novel.

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