

About the Author



Author Maryann Ridini Spencer

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A Passion for Writing & Inspirational Content Creation

Named “Author of the Year” at the 2025 International Impact Book Awards in Hollywood, Maryann Ridini Spencer pens award-winning Christian fiction and nonfiction, and writes and produces acclaimed film and TV projects that inspire, educate, and uplift. Her work explores themes of faith, family, hope, healing, forgiveness, enduring friendships, and life’s mysteries.

Maryann began as a producer and writer for CNN, then served as Director of Publicity at Miss Universe, Inc., and later as Senior VP at Stephen J. Cannell Productions before founding Ridini Entertainment Corporation, a Public Relations, Marketing, and TV/Film Production Company.

As a member of the Writers Guild of America West and the Producers Guild of America, Maryann’s projects include movies and television series for Showtime, SyFy, TMC, USA Networks, CBS-TV, Time Warner Cable, and international theaters. She is best known for co-producing and writing the teleplay for [*The Lost Valentine*](#), adapted from James Michael Pratt’s novel. Starring Betty White and Jennifer Love Hewitt. The film, produced by Ridini Entertainment Corporation with AEI, Paulist Productions, and Hallmark Hall of Fame for CBS-TV, drew more than 15 million viewers and led CBS-TV to the night’s top ratings. It earned the Faith and Freedom Movieguide® Award and was included in Hallmark’s Gold Crown DVD Collector’s Edition and Hallmark streaming channels.

Maryann is the creator, writer, producer, and host of the Telly Award-winning series *Simply Delicious Living® with Maryann*. For the brand, she has produced cookbooks, podcasts, and an online magazine. The show airs on PBS station KVCR in Southern California, DirecTV, and DishTV, and reaches global audiences through YouTube and her blog. For details on her [TV, film, and podcast projects, click here.](#)

A member of the International Magnificat® Ministry (<https://Magnificat-Ministry.org>) and Co-Coordinator for Magnificat®'s Our Lady's Desert Roses in Palm Desert, California, Maryann is producer and co-host of *Magnificat® Proclaims*, part of the *Magnificat® Ministry Podcast* (Audio and Video). The podcasts are available [on YouTube \(VIDEO\)](#), with the AUDIO podcasts distributed on [EWTN Podcast Central](#) and through the [Ultimate Christian Podcast Network](#) on [iTunes](#), [iHeartRadio](#), [Spotify](#), [Android](#), and [other outlets](#).

Maryann's award-winning, bestselling books include the [Kate Grace novels](#): *Lady in the Window*, *The Paradise Table*, *Secrets of Grace Manor*, and *Under the Tropical Skies*. In addition to *Garden of the Mystical Rose*, her Lavender Hill Cove series includes *Lavender Hill Cove*, which won three honors in 2024: the International Impact Book Award for Christian Fiction, the Book Excellence Award for Christian Fiction, and the Maincrest Media Book Award for Women's Fiction. The second book in the series, *Once Upon a Cove Christmas*, also won three awards in 2025: a Christlit Book Award, an International Impact Book Award, and an American Legacy Book Award, all in the Christian Fiction category.

Maryann's latest nonfiction book, *The Mary Garden*, ranked #3 in Christian Poetry on Amazon Kindle. She is also written the [Simply Delicious Living with Maryann—Entrées](#) cookbook (Santa Rosa Press, 2019).

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