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GARDEN OF THE MYSTICAL ROSE

Sometimes healing begins where faith and mystery meet

a new novel by bestselling, award-winning author Maryann Ridini Spencer

Santa Rosa Press® proudly presents the release of *Garden of the Mystical Rose* by best-selling author Maryann Ridini Spencer (October 7, 2026, ISBN: 979-8-9889271-8-1 (Hardcover); Paperback ISBN: 979-8-9889271-9-8; Electronic Text (EPUB): 979-8-9969099-0-2). This inspiring new novel is the third book in the captivating Lavender Hill Cove series by Spencer, who has been recognized for her exceptional work in both fiction and nonfiction and has won a 2025 Christlit Award for skillfully integrating themes of faith into her literary works. She was also honored as a 2025 “Author of the Year” for her work in Christian Fiction from the International Impact Book Awards.

Advanced Praise for *Once Upon a Cove Christmas*

“*Garden of the Mystical Rose* is the kind of novel that pulls you in from the very first pages and refuses to let go. Maryann Ridini Spencer masterfully weaves together unforgettable characters, unexpected twists, and emotionally charged journeys shaped by fate, loss, love, and redemption. As dreams collide and destinies intertwine, readers are swept into a powerful story of courage, forgiveness, faith, and the resilience of the human spirit. Deeply moving, impossible to put down, and filled with heart, this is a captivating read that will leave readers eager for more.”

~Teri Thompson, M.B.A., President, Rocky Peak Enterprises, LLC, Author, International Speaker, Professor, Award-Winning Ad Executive

About *Garden of the Mystical Rose*

A story of secrets, second chances, strength in community, and trust in God's plan.

When a series of accidents leads to suspicious deaths in the quiet, charming seaside town of Lavender Hill Cove, Ella Martin, an event planner, and her detective sister Julie launch their own private investigation, spurred on by information they learn as members of a local prayer group. Still reeling from her late husband's untimely death and her father's nearly fatal heart attack, Ella also tries to forge a new relationship with the town's handsome architect and discovers that sometimes healing begins where faith and mystery meet.

"Humanity is composed of both a physical body, which interacts with the material world, and an immortal soul that—whether we realize it or not—searches for purpose, understanding, and connection with the Creator. Daily prayer and reading the Word offer a way to understand how God wants us to live, providing a pathway—a *direct line of communication to God which helps us discern His will for our lives*. Beyond understanding the theology behind prayer, science has shown that prayer and spiritual health offer a multitude of benefits—including healing the body and mind, enhancing overall wellness, reducing stress, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose, strengthening emotions, and building fortitude, resilience, and peace. In writing *Garden of the Mystical Rose*, I wanted to incorporate both the physical and spiritual worlds and how prayer helps to transform lives in the most beautiful and unexpected and often miraculous ways," says Spencer.

"A touching narrative, this third book in the Lavender Hill Cove novel series beautifully captures the transformative power of prayer. Maryann Ridini Spencer's *Garden of the Mystical Rose* is a lovely reminder of how faith, forgiveness, family, and community can bring holistic healing to the soul, body, and spirit, providing an anchor through life's adversity. An awe-inspiring read!"

~Elizabeth J. Kim, Ph.D., Sacred Heart Church, Palm Desert, CA

Spencer'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 the author of [Country Skies: Prayerful Bible Meditations for Morning & Evening](#) (as K.G. Stevens Photography), and the cookbook [Simply Delicious Living with Maryann—Entrées](#).

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