

# Jan Scarbrough

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## **KENTUCKY AUTHOR PUBLISHES BOOKS WITH A HEART AND SOMETIMES A HORSE**

(LOUISVILLE, KY)—Inspired by a ninth grade English teacher, Jan Scarbrough discovered she loved writing, but it took a life threatening illness in 1988 to convince her to pursue her dream. Today Jan continues this pursuit, writing heartwarming romance novels about home and family, single moms and children, and if the plot allows, about another passion—horses.

Currently, Jan writes for a new small press Resplendence Publishing, LLC. They offer electronic books (e-books) and print-on-demand trade paperbacks. Electronic format/print-on-demand technology is an environmentally friendly method of book publishing. Small publishers doing business electronically use a small fraction of the paper used by large houses, from submissions to returns. The editing process is via e-mail. Electronic downloads use less natural resources for shipping and distribution.

Today e-books can be read on cell phones, iPads, iPhones, Blackberries, and various new e-readers, creating a portable, technologically advanced option for a whole new generation of readers.

A professional technical writer, Jan spends her days writing information protection policies and standards. At night, however, she leaves the technical jargon behind and escapes within her own world to create top-notch romance. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America, Novelist, Inc., the Kentucky Romance Writers, and the American Saddlebred Horse Association. Jan is also the mother of two grown children, two stepchildren, and the “young” grandmother of six grandchildren. She and her husband live in Louisville, Kentucky, with two dogs and a collection of elderly cats.

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### **Professional**

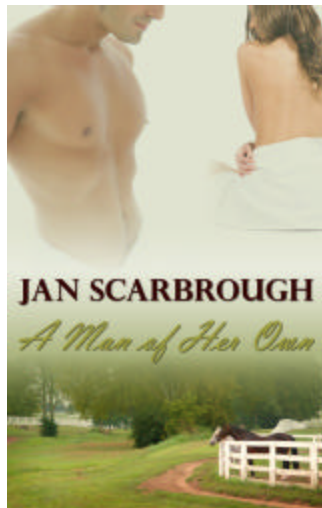
- Master's Degree in English
- Member of Novelist, Inc., RWA and Kentucky Romance Writers
- Presented workshop at the 2001 RWA Convention with Renee Ryan: *The Three P's of Success*
- Spoke to the National Federation of Press Women's 2004 conference: *The Realities of Romance*

### **Romance Publications**

- **Kentucky Groom**, Resplendence Publishing, digital March 2010 (a reprint/revision of *Best Intentions*)
- **Kentucky Bride**, Resplendence Publishing, digital December 2009
- **A Groovy Christmas**, Resplendence Publishing, digital September 2009
- **Kentucky Flame**, Resplendence Publishing, digital May 2009
- **Kentucky Woman**, Resplendence Publishing, novella, digital March 2009, paperback May 2010
- **Kentucky Cowboy**, Resplendence Publishing, digital December 2008, paperback March 2009
- **Santa's Kiss—Legendary Christmas**, Resplendence Publishing, novella, digital and print November 2008
- **Tangled Memories**, The Wild Rose Press, digital July 2008, print January 2009
- **My Lord Raven**, Resplendence Publishing, April 2008 digital, August 2008 POD
- **A Man of Her Own**, Resplendence Publishing, March 2008 digital, July 2008 POD
- **The Reunion Game—Ladies of Legend: Finding Home Anthology**, Resplendence Publishing, novella, January 2008
- **Best Intentions**, Kensington Precious Gems, #242, January, 2000 (Five Star Romance, reprint January 2004)
- **Reunited**, Kensington Precious Gems, #137, June 1998 (Five Star Romance, reprint, April 2003)

## Reviews, Awards and Honors

### A Man of Her Own



- “A quick and pleasant romantic read.” Delores, Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance
- A Man of Her Own is a lighthearted tale of how “there is a plan for everything” as some people like to say. From the chance encounter of Lane and spunky and shy Sarah to how Lane is connected to Sarah’s Aunt. The setting of Louisville, KY with horse racing as a background made the leap into different society functions easy to follow. I liked the overall premise of A Man of Her Own but in many ways I was annoyed with Lane and how he handled interactions with Sarah but, many others will better understand the “conflicting emotions” that he is dealing with and not be

bothered. Either way I think A Man of Her Own was a sexy brief foray into Kentucky horse racing society.

—Reviewed by Tanya, Joyfully Reviewed

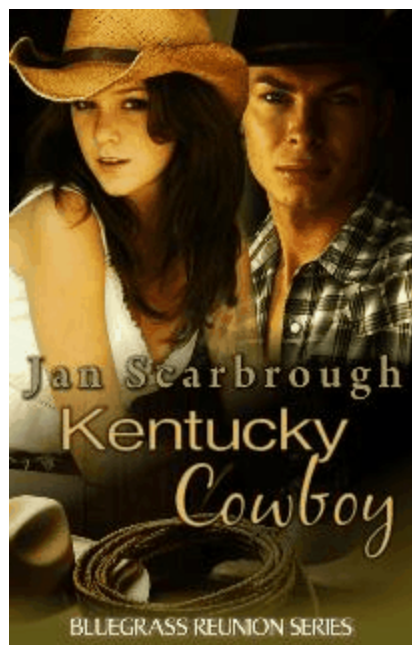
### Kentucky Cowboy, book one of the Bluegrass Reunion series

- Winner 2006 PASIC Book of Your Heart Contest, Contemporary Series Romance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2006 Great Expectations Contest, North Texas RWA, Long Contemporary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2007 Happily Ever After Contest, Mid-Michigan RWA, Series Romance

- "An authentic cowboy in all his appealing glory...Jan Scarbrough pens a hero to fall in love with!"  
Bestselling Author Joanne Rock

- “Excellent tension, conflict. The hero’s voice is cowboy perfect.” Timna Gainey, contest judge

- Ms. Jan Scarbrough has done an exceptional job of telling this story. Her two main characters were vibrant, believable individuals who never got over that high school attraction. Each of them was a success in life, but together, even though the sensuality was dynamic, they were much like oil and water. The conflicts made the love stand out so much more.



While reading, I envisioned several possible conclusions to this great book. I assure you I hadn’t come close to the actual ending. All the characters fit into this storyline perfectly, even when the extra conflict came to light. I wholeheartedly recommend this book to anyone who likes strong plots, characters, and fabulous endings. I look forward to reading other books by this author.

—Reviewer: Brenda Talley, The Romance Studio

## Kentucky Woman, book two of the Bluegrass Reunion series

- Winner 2007 San Diego RWA's Spring Into Romance Contest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2007 PASIC Book of Your Heart Contest, contemporary series
- The characters, all of them, were believable and exciting. The tension was strong. It was as if I was looking through the window. There was no way I could get bored reading about this marriage of convenience.



How this couple found their happily ever after led us down several roads with lots of turns. I knew they would end up together, but I couldn't have imagined how. My love of Ms. Scarbrough's work has only increased after reading this book. She is quickly becoming a must read for me.

I highly recommend this book to everyone.  
—Reviewer: Brenda Talley, The Romance Studio

- KENTUCKY WOMAN, book two in the Bluegrass Reunion series, is a beautifully written contemporary, capturing the struggles of a single mother wonderfully. Jan Scarbrough created such wonderful characters. I related to Alex on many levels, warming to her character from the beginning. Both the hero and the heroine are family oriented and goal driven with a strong sense of duty. The fears of rejection and hurt they face and their compassionate nature is touching. I can't wait for book three in this wonderful series.  
—Reviewer: Pamela Denise, Romance Junkies

## Kentucky Flame, book three of the Bluegrass Reunion series

- “Once again, Jan Scarbrough has worked her magic. This third book in her Kentucky series (or Bluegrass Reunion series) is another wonderful example of her writing skills. She transports her readers into the middle of the American Saddlebred arena and makes us feel as if we are, indeed, present during the activities of showing horses. It is obvious she knows of which she writes. Her methods capture our imagination and insure our personal involvement in her books.

There are a myriad of characters involved in telling this compelling story. How they intertwine is the essence of this latest offering. The relationship between Mel and Jake is so touching that I couldn't wait to turn the pages. I had no idea how the suspenseful slant to the storyline would work itself out. This was definitely not a usual, cookie-cutter book.

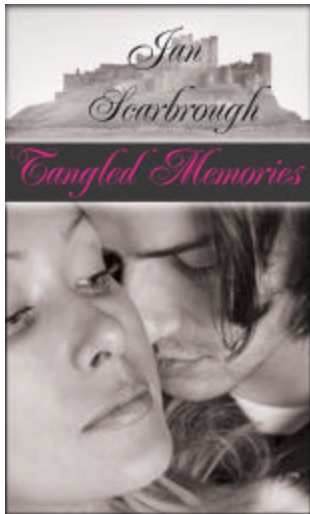
I highly recommend this latest in Scarbrough's series. Her sensuality is sensitive but not overpowering. The chemistry evident throughout the book is just another reason to pick up this book. You will see that she deserves a place on your automatic read list.”

—Reviewer: Brenda Talley, The Romance Studio



## Tangled Memories

- Finalist 1994 RWA Golden Heart Contest
- 4 Star Review Romantic Times Magazine



- “Lush, vivid writing. Tone, style and voice are all original and quite wonderful. The mood is nicely maintained, with just enough brooding suspense and Gothic overtones. Reminiscent of Mary Stewart.” Author Patricia Kay
- “If you liked ‘Rebecca’ or ‘Jane Eyre,’ you are going to love this story.” Becci Davis, reviewer
- TANGLED MEMORIES is a fantastic story that explores the possibilities of reincarnation and past lives. The story is told in first person from Mary Adams’s point of view, but the flashbacks are written in third person. This makes the book very clear and helps to keep the multiple characters straight. Mary is not the only person who has a past life. Most of the characters exist in

the present and the past, but their names are not always the same as they are with Mary and Alexander. Much of the plot revolves around Mary’s struggle to identify characters in the past with their present day counterparts. She must put the puzzle pieces together in time to save herself and correct a terrible mistake made in the fourteenth century.

Alexander is a troubled man who has just lost his wife to cancer. She developed cancer while she was pregnant, and dies immediately after her daughter is born. Alexander never loved his wife, but he is troubled that he couldn’t save her life. He feels guilty that he didn’t pay more attention to her. He worries that his daughter will grow up without a mother, and he literally sets out to buy a wife and mother. Mrs. Garrity is the housekeeper who has been caring for Elizabeth since she was born. The housekeeper makes no effort to hide her contempt for her new mistress, Mary. Other present day characters include Rufus, who is a strange little man who plays nurse to Alexander’s father, Guy, who is supposedly an invalid.

The characters, setting, and plot make TANGLED MEMORIES an intriguing read. Jan Scarbrough does a great job of balancing the past and the present. She demonstrates exceptional literary skills in her ability to create dynamic characters. For an extraordinary read, I award TANGLED MEMORIES a Perfect 10.

—Mel Mason, Romance Reviews Today

## Tangled Memories, continued

- Jan Scarbrough's *Tangled Memories* isn't just your typical romance novel. On the surface exists the love story, which satisfies readers despite being a bit formulaic. Kindergarten teacher Mary, once scorned by love, weds the brooding Alex in a marriage of convenience. Of course, the two ultimately find true love. However, Scarbrough pleasantly surprises readers with an unexpected plot twist full of fantasy, intrigue, and time travel. Scarbrough pulls readers from the present to the past and back again swiftly as Mary's newfound love with Alex connects her with a soul mate from her past life.

Although her flashbacks are a bit trite (the room spins and Mary is engulfed by darkness more than once), the novel's originality speaks volumes for Scarbrough's talents. *Tangled Memories* blends the best of contemporary romance with elements of the Gothic style, creating a piece that entertains and surprises all the way to the end.

—Elly Gilbert, *Kentucky Monthly*

- Jan Scarbrough brings together two people who have loved in a past life in *Tangled Memories*, and now, through the visions and dreams they are set up to find each other again. With the wedding over, the vision or “spell” passes, and Mary is not certain what she sees. The problem is that Alex reminds her a lot of the man in her dreams, or are they visions of the past? To have him is fast becoming an obsession, yet she understands the term “marriage of convenience” is just that and only that...a convenience. Between the strange household she now finds herself in with the jealous housekeeper, the odd father, and the even more strange little man she keeps bumping into makes her jumpy, and Alex seem like even more of a stranger. When Alex becomes aware of her odd hallucinations, and worries, he becomes aware of the other menacing circumstance in his home. He wonders why Mary did not question him on these things before, and yet feels drawn to her silence and strength. Will they make things work and will happiness follow? *Tangled Memories* is a book you will enjoy. I must warn those of you who are like me, because it is written in the first person, and was difficult for me to get into. However, the plotting is sound, and the sequences back in time well written. Only at the Wild Rose Press can you find out how this story ends.

—Reviewer: Rose, *Writers and Readers of Distinctive Fiction Review*, *Between the Lines Blog*

## My Lord Raven

- Winner 2004 Great Expectations Contest, North Texas RWA, Historical
- Winner 2004 Southern Heat Contest, East Texas RWA
- “The clean writing was a pure pleasure!” Micki Nuding, editor/contest judge

“Clearly a romance in the tradition of Lisa Jackson.” Tina Brown, editor/contest judge

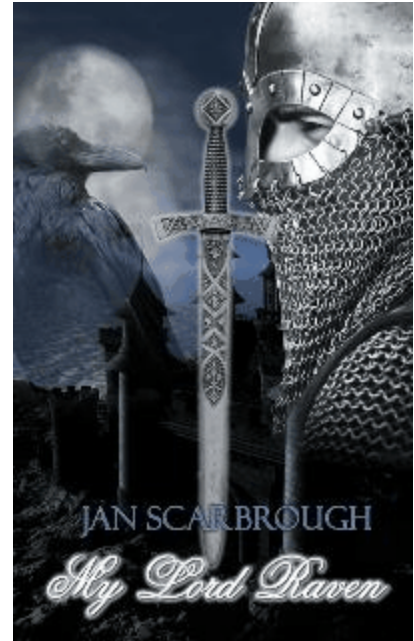
- “Rich in detail, vivid in imagery, *My Lord Raven* is a fine introduction to the period and an excellent historical backdrop...Ms. Scarbrough demonstrates a talent for building both female and male characters, and peeling away their layers to reveal the real personas beneath the social/political masks.”  
—Frost, Dark Angel Reviews

- ‘Looks can be deceiving’ is the theme of Jan Scarbrough's latest release, *MY LORD RAVEN*.

A good historical romance is a wonderful thing and in Jan Scarbrough's case, a well written and beautifully characterized historical romance is one that I will read over and over again. *MY LORD RAVEN* is such a romance. It captured my attention, held me spellbound, and I was on the edge of my seat for the duration. In my opinion, nothing is better than that!  
Romance Junkies

—Reviewer: Natasha Smith, Romance Junkies

- Ms. Scarbrough has skillfully drawn her characters with a knowing, loving hand - combining well-written, historically correct narration with breathtaking passion. Her narrative is smooth and her knowledge of the subject time period is outstanding. Her ability to draw readers into the mood and hold them captive for the duration made this one a cannot-put-down read for me. A completely delightful read! Well done, Jan!  
~Measures 8.9 on the Richter Scale.~ ~110 degrees F  
—Reviewer: Fran Lee on her blog
- Bran is what makes *My Lord Raven* extra special. This unique hero made my heart melt. The writing is wonderful. I laughed and cried and hoped along with Bran. If you love medieval romances, you'll love *My Lord Raven*.  
—Reviewer: Enduring Romance Blog
- The writing is beautiful - crisp, polished, tight. Dialogue sparkles, scenes flow with emotion, and the descriptions do an excellent job of painting the sights and sounds and smells of the Middle Ages. Historical detail abounds, without ever feeling like a history lecture, since the facts of medieval world are skilfully woven into the narrative, strengthening the story rather than distracting from it.  
—Reviewer: Tatiana March, Resplendence Publishing blog

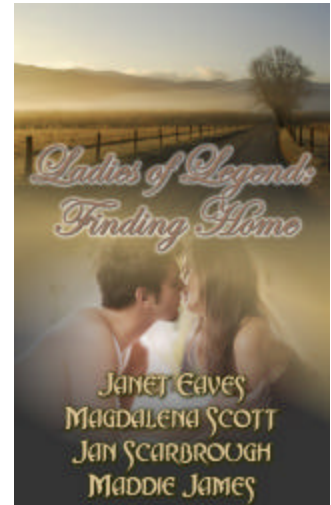


## The Reunion Game/Ladies of Legend: Finding Home

- “Jan Scarbrough paints convincing characters that reach out and touch the reader in some way. This flowing read is really delightful.” Cherokee, Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance
- "I've read this book and the stories are excellent. Jan, I love the chemistry between your hero and heroine. It sizzles."  
Reviewer: Lyn Armstrong, author
- "The Reunion Game" ponders what value fond memories really hold: can the sex life you had in high school really have been that great?

The four stories, in the LADIES OF LEGEND: FINDING HOME anthology, are heartwarming, exciting, lustful, scintillating, and encouraging. For every protagonist-female and male-in these tales, there truly is a second chance in life, and one just needs to recognize it and then to reach for the brass ring. Life doesn't leave you behind in Legend, TN; instead, it offers you more and better than any option you've ever had. Readers will be eagerly awaiting more stories set in lovely little Legend, TN, as is this reviewer. You'll walk away from this anthology with a gladdened heart.

—Dark Angel Reviews



## Santa's Kiss/A Legendary Christmas



- “I first read about the Ladies of Legend in Finding Home, when these four authors introduced the town and the people in their separate but related novellas. Heartwarming, tender, and romantic, these stories made me want to go find Legend TN and see if such a wonderful place could possibly be. Snuggling up with A Legendary Christmas would be a comfort on a cold winter evening.”  
—Reviewer: Joysann, Barbara Vey's Publisher's Weekly Blog
- "The characters are engaging and will have you smiling and sighing (and in some parts, wiping away tears) with each turn of a page. For those of you who enjoy 'second chance' tales (as I do), this is a must read anthology!" —Tia Fanning, author

## A Groovy Christmas/Three Decades of Love

- “A Groovy Christmas is a heartwarming story of Kathleen and Grant, former teenage sweethearts who are reunited during Christmas in their hometown of Legend, Tennessee. Jan surprised me subject. The story takes place men were drafted into the struggle between free will and was so convincing, it made personal growth in this story whose love for each other who came of age during the stroll down memory lane. Jan picture of the era, I was there. —Romance author Devon



- Jan Scarbrough has quickly me. This fast-paced book is a which many of us interpretation of that “draft-in history was spot on. Her two main characters were definitely opposites. They represented the two extreme lifestyles of the period.

by tackling a very tough during the time when young Viet Nam war. Grant's duty to home and country me misty-eyed. Lots of for both Grant and Kathleen, saves them both. For me, 60's, this was a pleasant paints such a realistic Well done, Jan!"  
Matthews

become a favorite author to true look at a time in history experienced. Her dodging,” “bra-burning” time

The supporting cast helped make the storyline a success. Readers will be able to identify with personal family members identical to those in the two families. The sensuality of the story was delicately told. I couldn't put the book down—it's definitely a page-turner.

I recommend you read the book. You will not be sorry.  
—Reviewer: Brenda Talley, The Romance Studio!

**The Christmas Heart** by Janet Eaves - In December 1944, after having already lost a young beau to the war, Mary Ellen Chambers is fearful of giving her heart to anyone, especially another man in uniform, one just passing through Legend. **A Groovy Christmas** by Jan Scarbrough - Christmas 1968; content small town girl Kathleen Fields is discombobulated when a boy she'd loved as teen returns as a man, bringing long hair, liberal views, and San Francisco flower-child experience to conservative Legend. **Under the Mistletoe** by Magdalena Scott - After spending the 1975 holidays with his family, Charles McClain planned on heading back to his new life in Los Angeles, not expecting to find someone as compelling as Dorothy Robbins to make him reconsider life in Legend.

Legend Tennessee is the imaginary small town where everyone wishes to live at some time. During the holiday season when nostalgia tugs at my heartstrings, I'm drawn to good, sweet and romantic fiction stories, and Three Decades of Love suits my sentimental spirit.  
—Read by joysann—From Barbara Vey's Beyond Her Book Blog on Publisher's Weekly

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# Ladies of Legend Novellas and Books

## What are Ladies of Legend books?

They are a series of anthologies, novels and novellas written by four authors and set in fictional Legend, Tennessee.

## What was the first book?

Ladies of Legend: Finding Home anthology included four novellas:

- Claiming the Legend, by Janet Eaves.
- Midnight in Legend, TN, by Magdalena Scott
- Bed, Breakfast, and You, by Maddie James
- The Reunion Game, by Jan Scarbrough

Ladies of Legend: Finding Home shares four stories about four women with different backgrounds. All women search for home, in one way or another. Two heroines have lived in Legend all their lives and can't think of anywhere else they would rather be. But their hearts still haven't found a home there. The other two heroines find the town of Legend by chance, and while searching for a home, find a place for their hearts.

## What's so special about Ladies of Legend books?

Four writers with four writing styles and points of view collaborated to give readers warm-hearted stories about love set in a fictional small town. Most of the books are tied together not only by location but because characters from one book often appear in the others.

Janet, Magdalena, Jan and Maddie came up with the idea of Legend during back-and-forth chatter over e-mail. As critique partners, they already worked together on story ideas. Making up a fantasy community was a natural outcome.

## Want more information about the Legend series?

Go to [HTTP://WWW.LEGENDTENNESSEE.COM](http://www.legendtennessee.com)

## Anthologies

**Ladies of Legend: Finding Home** is an anthology including four novellas:

- **Claiming the Legend**, by Janet Eaves... Lilly Peach is running from something so frightening it finally takes a whole town to cover her back.
- **Midnight in Legend, TN**, by Magdalena Scott... Lovely Midnight Shelby finds Legend on the Internet after becoming tired of being one of her now ex-husband's "beautiful things."
- **Bed, Breakfast, and You**, by Maddie James ... Suzie Schul finds home only when the "fling" she had many months earlier shows up with a plan on her B&B doorstep.
- **The Reunion Game**, by Jan Scarbrough... Plain Jane Smith reunites with her long lost love by playing a game of "bait and switch" with her famous twin sister.

**A Legendary Christmas** is an anthology in print including four novellas\*:

- **The Christmas Gift** by Janet Eaves  
Will Christina receive the gift she's longed for? Or will her worst nightmare come true?
- **Home for the Holidays** by Maddie James  
Will Chelly make it home in enough time to apologize to her sister before the holidays?
- **Santa's Kiss** by Jan Scarbrough  
Will movie star Dawn Smith decide Legend is where her heart is and where she belongs?
- **Christmas Collision** by Magdalena Scott  
Will Rebecca's first trip to Legend be a delightful Christmas surprise for a friend or her newest relationship disaster?

**Three Decades of Love** is an anthology in print including three novellas\*:

- **The Christmas Heart** by Janet Eaves  
Christmas 1944—Mary Ellen Chambers has learned to appreciate simple comforts in the midst of war coffee rations, her job at the factory and the upcoming Christmas season in Legend, Tennessee. She's already lost one sweetheart to the war, and the last thing she wants is to get involved with another soldier. Could Captain Austin Watkins be the best Christmas gift she's ever received?
- **A Groovy Christmas** by Jan Scarbrough  
Christmas 1968—a year where women are burning bras and men are burning draft cards. Can Kathleen Fields and Grant Winchester, from feuding families like the Hatfield's and the McCoy's, reconcile their differences and find love in Legend, Tennessee?
- **Under the Mistletoe** by Magdalena Scott  
Christmas 1975—Dorothy Robbins is working hard to build up her Leaving Legend Fund. Charles McClain escaped the small town life years ago, but is home for the holidays. No way will either of them stay in Legend, Tennessee, and no way will a brief fling turn into something complicated...like love.

*\*Novellas are in e-book format, sold separately from the print anthology which combines the titles.*

## Novellas

- Beauty and the Beast: A Ladies of Legend Novella by Janet Eaves
- Harvest Moon: A Ladies of Legend Novella by Janet Eaves

## Novels

- Murder on the Mountain: A Ladies of Legend Novel by Maddie James
- Where Her Heart Is: A Ladies of Legend Novel by Magdalena Scott

## Series

**The Matchmaking Chef Series** by Maddie James—[www.suziecooks.com](http://www.suziecooks.com)

Suzie Matthews (from *Bed, Breakfast and You* in *Finding Home*) is the best darned cook in Legend, Tennessee, and she has also discovered another talent—matchmaking!

Novellas include:

- Perfectly Matched
- Hot Crossed Buns
- Dates Du Jour
- Side Dish
- Mate to Order