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UNDER THE TROPICAL SKIES
**A POIGNANT ANCESTRAL JOURNEY EMPHASIZING THE POWER OF LOVE,
FAMILY, AND FORGIVENESS**

a new Kate Grace novel by Maryann Ridni Spencer

Santa Rosa Press® announces the release of *Under the Tropical Skies* by award-winning, bestselling author Maryann Ridini Spencer (November 15, 2022, Hardcover, \$27.99, ISBN: 978-1-7362111-4-4; Paperback, \$17.99, ISBN: 978-1-7362111-5-1 and Ebook/EPUB, \$9.99 ISBN: 978-1-7362111-6-8).

“Maryann Ridini Spencer’s *Under the Tropical Skies* follow’s Kate Graces’ heart-felt, poignant, ancestral journey, delving deep into the stories of family and friends to find her own space for awareness, self-love, and healing. It’s a powerful tale of self-examination, the mysteries of the human heart, and the peace that comes from surrendering to God’s will.”

~~**Angela Covany**, Author of *Love Your Haters: How to harness the power of self-love and embrace the peace found in forgiveness and publisher, Havana Book Group*

“After Kate suffers a profound loss, she travels to the beautiful coastal town of Taormina, Italy, to meet her cousin Rosa for the first time. Together, they uncover family secrets, and through a series of ‘coincidental’ events, Kate finds compassion and forgiveness. *Under the Tropical Skies* is a powerful page-turner that will keep you up all night. Once again, award-winning novelist Maryann Ridini Spencer has a winner.”

~~**Catherine Makino**, Award-Winning multimedia journalist, Thomson Reuters, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times, Voice of America Radio

From the idyllic shores of present-day Kauai to the inspiring slopes of 19th-century Taormina, a picturesque town perched high above the crystal waters of the Ionian Sea off the coast of Sicily, the bonds of love and family reach beyond the generations. In “Under the Tropical Skies, the fourth book in the award-winning, bestselling Kate Grace novel series, Kate suffers a miscarriage and is confronted with other challenges. However, the discovery of her fourth-great-grandmother’s diary leads Kate to research the mysteries of her maternal ancestral line propelling Kate on a healing journey providing insight, understanding, and emphasizing the power of love, family, and forgiveness.

"All my Kate Grace novels have themes we can all relate to involving family and healing," said Spencer. "In Hawaii, 'Living the Way' or in the 'Spirit of Aloha,' means to live with love, respect, kindness, compassion, and understanding for everyone in our human ohana ("family"). I appreciate living aloha, whether in the Hawaiian Islands or another environment. 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 better."

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[Maryann Ridini Spencer](#) is an award-winning screenwriter/producer, author (Kate Grace novels “Lady in the Window,” “The Paradise Table,” “Secrets of Grace Manor”), food and lifestyle journalist, cookbook author (Simply Delicious Living with Maryann® — Entrees), and TV host (“Simply Delicious Living,” KVCR PBS-TV, DirecTV, Dish Network, YouTube). She has executive produced/produced movies and series for such networks as Showtime, SyFy, The Movie Channel, USA Networks, Time Warner Cable, and the foreign theatrical market. In addition, Maryann is celebrated for co-producing/writing the teleplay for the Hallmark Hall of Fame CBS-TV World Premiere of “The Lost Valentine” (based on the novel by James Michael Pratt), starring Betty White and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Upon its debut in 2011, the award-winning film won CBS-TV the night in ratings with over 15 million peopled tuning and became Hallmark Hall of Fame’s highest-rated movie in four years. Now considered a Hallmark Classic, the film airs annually on the Hallmark Channel and is part of Hallmark’s Gold Crown DVD Collector’s Edition. Visit Maryann at maryannridinispencer.com and her Amazon Author Page, <https://www.amazon.com/author/maryannridinispencer>.



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