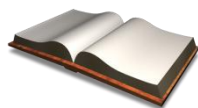




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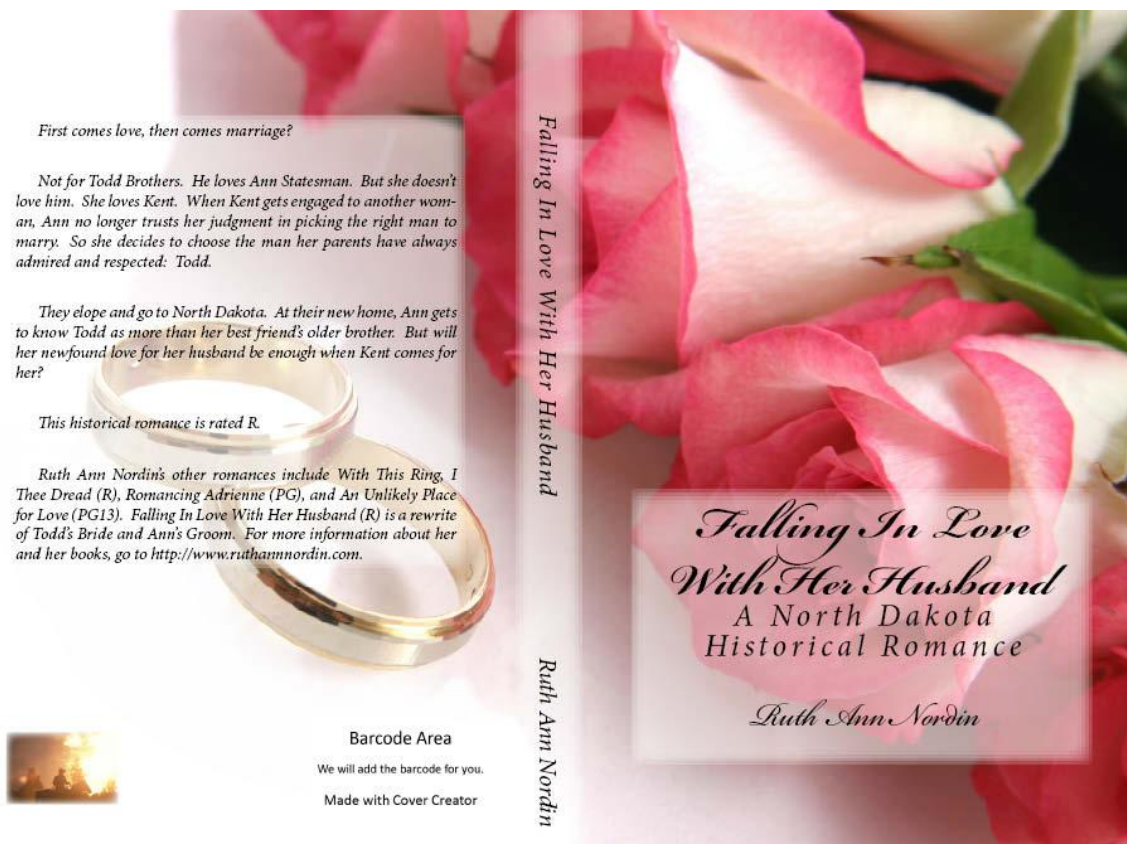
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Welcome! I'm still learning what makes a good newsletter, so if you have any suggestions, I'd love to hear them. My email is ruth@ruthannnordin.com.



Upcoming Book!

Here's the cover:



Now here's what the book is about:

First comes love, then comes marriage?

Not for Todd Brothers. He loves Ann Statesman. But she doesn't love him. She loves Kent. When Kent gets engaged to another woman, Ann no longer trusts her judgment in picking the right man to marry. So she decides to choose the man her parents have always admired and respected: Todd.

They elope and go to North Dakota. At their new home, Ann gets to know Todd as more than her best friend's older brother. But will her newfound love for her husband be enough when Kent comes for her?

*This historical romance is rated R.

I expect it to be available at the end of this month!



Works in Progress

I am currently working on a time travel romantic comedy, and after much debate, I've decided to call it *Till Time Do Us Part*. It begins in the present and goes back to the past a little over one hundred years.

It's basically about a man and woman who are forced to marry due to her indecent clothing (a t-shirt and shorts) and the fact that he happened to be with her when they time traveled into the past. The townsfolk who see them together want to "clean up" the "filth" in Fargo. They are tired of the rampant prostitution (which was a problem back in that time period for Fargo). So they insist (at gunpoint) that these two marry. The guy is actually okay with it all and happy to have her do all

the work (as women did back in 1897), but she is not okay with it and rallies the women in town on her side. So it's a war of the sexes type of comedy.

Now the trick is coming up with a clever picture for the book cover. I am hoping to be done with it by the end of next month. Then it's off to the revision process, which takes anywhere from one to two months while I verify the historical facts of the 1897 time period in Fargo, North Dakota. Then I have to check for the common errors I can find, like typos. So the estimated time of being available is July 1. At least, that's my goal. I'll give you an update when my next newsletter is due out on May 1.



On the Publishing Front

I mentioned this in my Myspace and Live Journal blogs, so this may not be surprising to those of you that read those. I am in the process of querying agents and publishing houses for some of my manuscripts. I don't do this for every book I write. I just do them for the books that I believe fits best with the market. It's harder to place a time travel romantic comedy than it is a historical western romance, so *Till Time Do Us Part* will be self-published. However, I currently have two historical western romances that I am submitting for commercial (aka traditional) publication.

One is *Eye of the Beholder*. Harlequin said no but did ask for future submissions of my work, so that was very encouraging. I am doing that with *His Redeeming Bride*. However, all is not lost for *Eye of the Beholder*. The Wild Rose Press editor asked me to add description, more character thoughts, and slow down my pacing. I have not worked on that yet. I am hoping to get better at those three things in my current works so that when I go to *Eye of the Beholder*, I'll be better prepared for it. My estimated date of starting on the revision is June 1.

Meanwhile, I am submitting *His Redeeming Bride* to Harlequin, I will submit it to The Wild Rose Press. That is, unless an agent picks it

up. I'm using all the options I can but am trying to be careful since I know that not all agents or publishers can be trusted.

And I will keep writing and submitting other stories where they are best fit.



Final Thought

Regarding self-publishing vs. commercial publishing and reviews:

Here's my philosophy: nothing ventured, nothing gained. I see commercial publication as a challenge but not a necessity. One way or another, my books will get out there. I love to write and sharing my books with those who enjoy reading them is a rewarding experience.

So I do want to thank everyone for the wonderful feedback! I could always use positive reviews on Amazon for my books. They are listed on Amazon. If you go to my website and click on the Amazon Profile Page link, you can get right to my books. Click on the book you want to review and it will take you to the book information page where you can also post a review. But even if you decide to not post a review, that's okay. The important thing is that you like what you read.