

# C.H. Admirand ~ Press Kit

C.H. is available for speaking engagements, tailored to your group's needs. Some of the groups she has spoken to are the Pines Lake Literary Group, Wayne Public Library, Denville Public Library, NJRW Conference, etc. She recently appeared with fellow Operation: L.O.V.E. authors, Anne Elizabeth and Tara Nina on NJ News 12's Spotlight on NJ with Della Crews and Canned Laughter and Coffee's Blogtalk Radio Program with Renee Bernard.

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## An Interview With Romance Author: **C.H. Admirand**

### **What is the first question people usually ask about your writing?**

People always ask me how I got published. I'm often tempted to give a fictionalized account...but in the end always tell them the truth. After writing ten novels and receiving 98 rejections, I received the 99<sup>th</sup> from Avalon Books...with a handwritten note on the bottom right-hand corner. If I was willing to take out the religious references, they would be willing to take another look at my manuscript. Now my main character, Margaret Mary Flaherty (named for my own great-grandmother), is an Irish immigrant traveling from New York City to Colorado in the late 1870s...her faith is what keeps her going...so I set it aside.

BUT while having lunch with two of my writer friends, they pry the details of my latest rejection from me and ask when I'm going to do the edits. I smile and tell them, "I'm not." By the time lunch was over, I agreed I would be doing the edits and getting them in the mail by the next day.

Avalon loved the revision, and I received "the call" from them in June of 2001. *THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY* was published in December of 2001, complete with my great-grandmother's cameo photograph on the cover, incorporated into the artwork.

### **How did you handle receiving so many rejections?**

I have a wonderful support group waiting to lend a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen with, a hug when I need one, or (as is most often the case) an unending supply of Hershey bars with almonds.

The core of my support group is my family. My husband and our three adult children have been supportive of my need to write from the beginning, and can be counted on to dole out the needed hugs and chocolate. The balance of my support group are the wonderful friends and contacts I have made since joining RWA (Romance Writers of America) in 1995.

These women have made the difference while struggling through the ups and downs of my chosen career and weathering the trials and tribulations so common to those who write. These wonderfully supportive people have been there with me through rejection and acceptance, failure and triumph. Without their understanding, I would have followed through with my semi-annual threat to hold a garage sale, selling all of my research books (I own more than 100).

But the bottom line...every time I tried to give up, the characters would not let me...they kept me awake at night, and tortured my sleep until I gave in and finished their stories.

## **What is different about your writing?**

I like to draw on my eclectic background and use family names in all of my stories. My Irish heritage is an integral part of who I am. *THE RANCHER'S HEART* has my great-great grandmother's name, Garahan and on my husband's side his grandmother's name, Nellie Mae Flynn. The lyrics to *Off to Amer-i-Kay*, a song my brother Dean Dobbs wrote, appears in the beginning of my book as a tribute to our Irish ancestors.

The heroine of *THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY* is named after my great-grandmother, Margaret Mary Flaherty. Her cameo is incorporated in the cover art. The hero of *TMD* is named after my youngest son, Joshua.

The hero in my Regency-era historical is named for my oldest, Phillip. The heroine in *A GIFT FROM HOME*, the fourth installment of my Irish Western series, is named for my daughter, Jessi.

The heroes in *SO OTHERS MIGHT LIVE* and *FOR LOVE OF TRUTH* are named for my Purcell ancestors.

I've named the hero in my medieval after my great-grandfather Joseph Augustin Charette...using the antiquated version of his name Augustin de Chauret and Loughmae Keep is in actuality Loughmoe Castle in Tipperary, Ireland home to my Purcell ancestors.

All of my heroes have some of my husband's best qualities, his honesty, his integrity and his compassion for those in need and his killer broad shoulders. I'm a sucker for a man with broad shoulders.

## **What advice can you give aspiring writers?**

**NEVER GIVE UP!** No matter what happens, if writing is in your heart, you will probably wrestle with your decision to give up and lose. Besides...you never know just how close you are to publishing!

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## C.H. Admirand ~ Bio

C.H. was born in Aiken, South Carolina, but her parents moved back to northern New Jersey where she grew up, which if you've met her would explain a lot. She's always had her nose in a book, has traveled the world over, and even tested the time-space continuum, thanks to the awesome power of the written word.

Her love for the written word is a gift from her parents, but the need to write was instilled by her 7th Grade English teacher. One of her writing quirks is that she loves to include bits and pieces of her ancestors and ancestry in all of her books. Check out C.H.'s genealogy page to see which characters are named after family or friends. The castle on her website is the ancestral home of her Purcell ancestors, Loughmoe Castle in Tipperary, Ireland

C.H. Admirand's 10<sup>th</sup> novel, A GIFT FROM HOME, Book 4 in her on-going Irish Western Series, will be released by Five Star Expressions in August 2010. This award-winning, multi-published author's books are available in hardcover, trade paperback, magazine and e-book format. C.H.'s four uncles served in the Army and Navy, her father-in-law in the Army Reserve; her great-great uncle began his Naval career in 1908 as a coal passer, his cousin was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and later had a destroyer named after him. In July 2009, when visiting with wounded warriors at both Walter Reed Hospital and the National Naval Medical Center, C.H. took a side trip to Arlington Cemetery with fellow author and friend, Tara Nina, and found her relative's gravestone, but only after asking the Lord for guidance and receiving a response in the form of a church bell ringing stopping her in her tracks right next to the gravestone!

Fate, destiny and love at first sight will always play a large part in C.H.'s stories because they played a major role in her life. When she saw her husband for the first time, she knew he was the man she was going to spend the rest of her life with. She's loved him forever...well...more than half her life. Each and every hero C.H. writes about has a few of Dave's best qualities, his honesty, his integrity, his compassion for those in need and his killer broad shoulders. She's such a sucker for a man with broad shoulders.

She loves to hear from readers! You can write to C.H. at [chadmirand@chadmirand.com](mailto:chadmirand@chadmirand.com) or stop by C.H.'s MySpace page @ [http://www.myspace.com/ch\\_admirand](http://www.myspace.com/ch_admirand).

## Links for Articles & Interviews:

Salt Lake City Romance Novels Examiner:

<http://www.examiner.com/x-5288-Salt-Lake-City-Romance-Novels-Examiner~y2009m5d23-Welcome-Romance-Lovers--Multitalented-Romance-author-D-H-Admirand-is-with-me-today>

Blog Talk Radio Interview:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/Circle-Of-Seven/2009/01/07/Canned-Laughter-and-Coffee-with-guest-CH-Admirand>

March Spotlight Author @ Love Western Romances:

<http://www.lovestwesternromances.com/spotlight032009chadmirand.html>

Romance Junkies Interview:

[http://www.romancejunkiesreviews.com/artman/publish/interviewarticles/CH\\_Admirand2.shtml](http://www.romancejunkiesreviews.com/artman/publish/interviewarticles/CH_Admirand2.shtml)

**Newsletter Link for readers to join.** - At Google Groups:

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Blog: [www.romanceauthor-chadmirand.blogspot.com](http://www.romanceauthor-chadmirand.blogspot.com)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/CHAdmirand](http://www.twitter.com/CHAdmirand)

MySpace: [www.myspace.com/ch\\_admirand](http://www.myspace.com/ch_admirand)

Operation:L.O.V.E. website: [www.operationlove.us](http://www.operationlove.us)

For Your Heart Only website: [www.foryourheartonly.us](http://www.foryourheartonly.us)

Special Operations Warrior Foundation website: [www.specialops.org](http://www.specialops.org)

# C.H. Admirand's Reviews & Author Quotes

## Contemporary

Operation: L.O.V.E., A Special Ops Romance Anthology, SO OTHERS MIGHT LIVE, USCG Rescue Swimmer, James Purcell's story

**“So Others Might Live by C.H. Admirand**-Bronwyn Griffith will do anything she can to be on New York's Bestseller list including sacrificing her only life. She doesn't want to rely on anyone yet with a Coast Guard Rescuer like James Purcell all she wants to do is lean on him. Being rescued by a gorgeous Coast Guard sure has its advantages but can she lose her heart to one?”

4.75 Hearts, Reviewer Top Pick! Melinda, Night Owl Romance

“...So Others Might Live by C.H. Admirand told a poignant story about a Coast Guard Search and Rescuer, James Purcell, and his attempts to retrieve Bronwyn Griffith from a boat during stormy conditions...Part of the proceeds will benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. I am honored to have reviewed this work of art and collaboration.”

4.5 Hearts, Brenda Talley, The Romance Studio

“...So Others Might Live by C. H. Admirand...is about our Coast Guard Search and Rescue team...C.H. Admirand does a tremendous job with this story...I think it's great she based a story on the Coast Guard...Part of the proceeds from Operation: L.O.V.E goes to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.”

4.5 Books, Wild Plum, The Long & Short Reviews

### Sullivan's Choice, Contemporary

This was something a bit different for me...I did enjoy this as it shows us her two choices: Thad, the polished side, and the rough uncut side Dan.” Lainey, Coffee Time Romance, 4 Coffee Cups

## Paranormal Contemporary

Bridget's Rainbow, Paranormal Short Contemporary

“If you are looking for a short but sexy romance with a touch of magic in a contemporary setting, then look no further...BRIDGET'S RAINBOW will spellbind you until you have devoured every last word!” Jennifer A.

Ray, Wild on Books, 5 Bookmarks

"Bridget's Rainbow is a charming story full of wit and complications through the conclusion of Bridget's and Duncan's fated path. I recommend it to anyone who enjoys faery-inspired stories." Chamomile, The Long and the Short of It Reviews

## Irish Western Series

Pearl's Redemption, Book 3, Irish Western Series:

"Even if you haven't read the first two books of this series, you'll still enjoy Admirand's enticing, seductive and tantalizing plot." 4 Stars ~ HOT~ - Faith V. Smith, RT BookReviews

“Get ready for a powerful and sexy Western romance with a feisty heroine determined to protect those she loves. Add a tough hero with a dark past and you have a romance that doesn't let you go.” Christina Skye, NY Times Bestselling Author

"The Old West comes alive in this heartfelt tale of love and second chances." - Joy Nash, USA Today Bestselling Author

"With Romance that boils over with heat, action that has bullets flying at every turn and characters with grit, Pearl's Redemption envelopes readers in the romance of the west." 5 Spurs- Carol, LWR Book Reviews

"Heart warming, heart wrenching, and heart pounding--PEARL'S REDEMPTION is western historical romance at its best." 5 Blue Ribbons - Natasha, Romance Junkies

"Pearl's Redemption is the kind of story that makes you forget all about what genre it is and focus on the story itself – the plot, the characters... Everything worked." 5 Klovers - Jennifer A. Ray, CK2s Kwips & Kritiques

"Here is a story that will curl your toes. Strong and believable characters...this author knows how to hook readers from page one...Superb! " 5 Stars - Detra Fitch, Huntress Reviews

#### The Rancher's Heart, Book 2, Irish Western Series

“This novel contains endearing characters and vivid descriptions...Romance and mystery are expertly combined...The emotional and satisfying book will keep you enthralled to the action-packed ending.” Keitha Hart – Romantic Times Bookclub, 4 Stars

“Admirand's second frontier romance (after The Marshal's Destiny) features clever and well-crafted plot lines.” Publisher's Weekly

“THE RANCHER'S HEART is a terrific western romance starring two likable protagonists...sub-genre fans will enjoy C. H. Admirand's wonderful historical due to the admirable courageous lead couple.” Harriet Klausner, Reviewer

“THE RANCHER'S HEART is an intriguing romance between two wounded hearts...I simply adored the hero, James (aka Seamus), as well as the supporting men of the cast...I look forward to reading more from this author! Recommended.” Reviewed by Melissa Fowler ~ Rating 4

“Superb! A fine weaving of the western romance we all love with a bit of an Irish touch that totally captures your heart! A wonderful story from a fresh new voice that I highly recommend!” Maureen Boylan, Noveltalk & Reader To Reader

“THE RANCHER'S HEART stresses the importance of trusting those we love and in this story, love truly does conquer all. I look forward to more great tales from C.H. Admirand,” Carol Carter, Romance Reviews Today

“THE RANCHER'S HEART is a heartwarming Irish Western with complexity and spirit. With it's clash of Irish charm and stubbornness, THE RANCHER'S HEART is a delightful story that keeps you guessing and leaves you with a smile,” Annette Blair, National Bestselling Author of SCOUNDREL IN DISGUISE

“Poignant...well written and just plain delightful...THE RANCHER'S HEART has definitely found its way to my keeper shelf,” Natasha Smith, Romance Junkies 4.5 Blue Ribbons

“This book will pull at your heartstrings and make you sigh when Bridget and James find their happy ending!”  
Roni Denholtz, Award-winning author

“If you’re looking for a highly readable and well written story of the American West, you won’t go wrong with  
THE RANCHER’S HEART,” Rob Preece, Books For A Buck

“An entertaining read,” Pat Glans, A Romance Review

The Marshal’s Destiny- Book 1, Irish Western Series

“An engaging storyline and feisty heroine.” Sheri Melnick, RT Magazine

“The Marshal’s Destiny has a bit of legend, lots of exciting action, and an endearing cast of characters...The  
writing is fine and fast paced and a delightful fast read.” Suzanne Coleburn, Reader to Reader

“Ms. Admirand did a remarkable job pulling the reader into the story and having them believe in destiny, and  
love-at-first-sight.” Jane Koss, The Romance Readers Connection

“Ms. Admirand has created characters that are fun and full of life. If you like historical westerns, this book will  
give your heart a warm feeling during the cold winter nights.” Debbie Gilbert, Romance Reviews Today

“Bullets fly, pulses pound, and love rides to the rescue in this emotionally stirring debut by C.H. Admirand.”  
Nancy Butler, RITA - winning author of Regency romances, author of Reclaiming Lord Rockleigh

“C.H. Admirand hits the ground running with her debut novel--and she never stops. The action has all the  
punch of the Wild West. Don’t miss this one!” Shirley Hailstock, Waldenbooks Best-selling Multicultural  
Award Winner, author of His 1-800 Wife

“Fast-paced action and breathless romance bring a fresh side of the Old West to life in The Marshal’s Destiny,  
C.H. Admirand writes with the gift of a true storyteller.”Miranda Jarrett, RITA nominee, author of The Very  
Comely Countess

“A feisty heroine, a powerful hero, witty dialogue, and fast-paced action...The Marshal’s Destiny is a stunning  
debut!”May McGoldrick, Winner Best First Historical, Romantic Times, author of The Promise

“A great escape for any reader, with a tender love story, action that races along like a runaway stagecoach, and  
wonderful, memorable characters that stay with you long after the book is finished.-Deb Mullins, author of The  
Lawman’s Surrender

“The Marshal’s Destiny is a heartwarming tale of life, love and adventure in the Wild West--a promising  
debut!” Mariah Stewart, author of Voices Carry

## Medieval Trilogy

The Lord of Merewood Keep, Book 1, Medieval Trilogy

"THE LORD OF MEREWOOD KEEP is a thrilling medieval saga worthy of any bookshelf. C. H. Admirand  
has woven a completely enthralling tale!" Natalie, Romance Junkies, 5 Blue Ribbons

“This author knows how to weave an intricate storyline...her characters...are very real from page one, and engender empathy even when they are not always making the best choices.” Jennifer A. Ray, 4.5 Clovers, CK2s Kwips & Kritiques

“C.H. Admirand pens a terrific, poignant tale that captivates...page-turner...enchanting read.” Cherokee, Coffee Time Romance, 4 cups

### The Saxon Bride, Book 2, Medieval Trilogy

THE SAXON BRIDE by C. H. Admirand highlights her talent as a writer. As both a reviewer and a fan, I love watching her writing evolve.” Natalie, Romance Junkies, 5 Blue Ribbons

“Admirand writes a wonderful historical...her characters are believably real...she effortlessly creates empathy for them from the very first chapter.” Jennifer A. Ray, CK2s Kwips & Kritiques, 4.5 Klovers

“The path is rocky...they are surprised to discover that not only can love be found a second time, it doesn't diminish their lost loves but makes life fuller.” Sandra Garcia-Myers, RT BookReviews, 3 Stars

### A Scot's Honor, Book 3, Medieval Trilogy

“A Scot's Honor is my favorite of the three! If you enjoy sexy little historicals with well-written romance and a suspenseful plot, then you will not want to miss this one!” Jennifer A. Ray, CK2s Kwips & Kritiques, 5 Klovers

"A SCOT'S HONOR is truly a wonderful tale of love, loyalty, and second beginnings. C. H. Admirand is one of my favorite authors for a reason...when she releases books like A SCOT'S HONOR..." 5 BLUE RIBBONS - Natasha Smith, Romance Junkies

## Regency-era Historical

### Patience – Regency-era Historical, Book 1

"This Regency rocks with leading ladies who have minds of their own and male counterparts who are handsome as well as warriors of the heart. Admirand introduces a plot that goes beyond the straitlaced era to entertain the reader with sensual romance and suspense. " 4 Stars - Faith V. Smith, RT Bookclub

"Patience is a wonderful romantic story where the main character leads with her heart at all costs. I thoroughly enjoyed the story, the suspense and the characters...I thoroughly recommend Patience for those who love a Historical Romance..." Recommended Read - Joyfully Reviewed

Patience is a wonderful book guaranteed to satisfy readers who love historical romances.” 5 clovers, Jennifer A. Ray, CK2s Kwips & Kritiques

“The characters were strongly created and made a strong impact on the story. I encourage everyone to read this book; it will be loved by many.” Brenda Talley, TRS, 5 hearts

## Published Titles

### Coming Soon in 2009/2010:

- THE LORD OF MEREWOOD KEEP – print version – DCL Publications – June 2009/ISBN#978-0-9823610-0-9
- FOR LOVE OF TRUTH short story in FOR YOUR HEART ONLY, Intelligence Community
- Romance Anthology – Highland Press – Fall 2009/ISBN#: 978-0-9823615-9-7
- HOLIDAY EXCLUSIVE, USCG short story in SPECIAL OPS ROMANCE ANTHOLOGY II, Highland Press - December 2009/ISBN#: TBA
- A TIME TO CHANGE – New Love Stories Magazine – Sept./Oct. Issue
- Untitled short story in CHOCOLATE COLLECTION, Highland Press – Winter 2010/ISBN#: TBA
- Untitled Intelligence Community Romance Anthology II – Highland Press – Spring 2010/ISBN#: TBA
- A GIFT FROM HOME, Irish Western Series, Book 4, Five Star Expressions – August 2010/ISBN#: TBA
- CIRCLE G RANCH: TYLER, Fall 2010, pending acceptance

### Published Titles as of 5/31/09

- SO OTHER'S MIGHT LIVE short story in OPERATION: L.O.V.E., A SPECIAL OPS ROMANCE ANTHOLOGY – Highland Press – April 2009/ISBN#978-0-9823615-0-4 & ISBN#: 978-0-9823625-8-0
- SULLIVAN'S CHOICE – DCL Publications – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> '09/ISBN# 978-1-921347-88-7
- PEARL'S REDEMPTION – Five Star Publications, June 18, 2008 ISBN# 978-1-59414-700-5
- BRIDGET'S RAINBOW – The Wild Rose Press, Feb. 20, 2008 e-book
- SAY IT WITH CHOCOLATE – True Love Magazine, October 2007 issue
- A SCOT'S HONOR – DCL Publications, August 2007/ISBN# 978-1--921347-20-7
- PATIENCE - The Wild Rose Press, May 25th e-book, July 20, 2007 print/ ISBN#978- 1-60154-065-2
- THE SAXON BRIDE – DCL Publications, April 2007/ISBN# 978-1-921347-09-2
- THE LORD OF MEREWOOD KEEP – DCL Publications, March 2007/ISBN# 978-1-921347-05-4
- THE RANCHER'S HEART - Five Star Publications, Feb. 2007/ISBN# 978-1-59414-574-2
- LEGEND OF LOVE and THE DUKE, THE KISS AND THE VOW in ONCE UPON A DARK CASTLE LORD ANTHOLOGY, Feb. 2007 – DCL Publications/ISBN# 978-1-921347-12-2
- **THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY - Avalon Books, Dec. 2001/ISBN# 978-0-8034-9511-1**
- THE LADY AND THE RAKE, featured in THE DANCING ROSE ANTHOLOGY – Full Moon Press, 1999/ISBN#0-9666649-2-2
- CHAMPAGNE KISSES, featured in ROMANCE RECIPES FOR THE SOUL – Pisces Press Publishing Co., 1999/ISBN#1-888426-12-8
- Contributing author in Shelia Siefert's, **GUIDE TO BECOME A PUBLISHED WRITER**, Fabjob.com, ISBN# 1-894638-57-3

10 full length (including August 2010 release)

11 short stories

## **C.H. Admirand ~ Awards**

### **The Lories Award ~**

First Place Best New Author Historical for THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY

### **Full Moon Press ~**

First Place Romance for THE LADY AND THE RAKE, published in THE DANCING ROSE ANTHOLOGY

### **NJRW's Short Stories of Love Contest ~**

Honorable Mention for RAINBOW OF DESTINY

### **Nominations ~**

The Dorothy Parker Award of Excellence for Debut Novel ~ THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY

# List of Appearances

January 6, 2009, 7pm – 8pm, [Canned Laughter & Coffee Talk Radio Show](#)

Where: [www.blogtalkradio.com](http://www.blogtalkradio.com)

February 11, 2009 - "Most Romantic Read" @ Borders

Where: Borders Books in Fairfield, CT

April 7th, 2009 – NJ News 12 Spotlight with Della Crews – Featuring Tara Nina and C.H. Admirand

April 24th, 2009 – [Coffee Time Romance Chat](#) in the Latte Lounge – All Day!

April 26th, 2009 – [Coffee Time Romance Launch Party](#) 9pm

April 28th, 2009 – [Coffee Time Romance Multi-Author Chat](#) 9pm

May 4th, 2009 – Lady Jane’s Salon, New York, NY – Featuring Anne Elizabeth, C.H. Admirand, and Tara Nina

May 5th, 2009 – Ft. Meade Officer’s Wives’ Club Annual Luncheon, Ft. Meade, MD – Meet & Greet/ Book Signing – Featuring Debut Author DC DeVane, Tara Nina, C.H. Admirand, and Anne Elizabeth

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – NJ News 12 Spotlight Interview with Della Crews – Segment aired Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 8am, 1pm & 11pm and Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 6am, 8am & 1pm

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Borders Books & Music, Fairfield, CT Author Roundtable with Anne Elizabeth, Tara Nina & Lindsay Downs

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Sherlock Books Craft/Music Fest – 1pm-7pm Charity Fundraiser/Book Sale for Special Operations Warrior Foundation

July 15 - 18, 2009 [Romance Writers of America](#)

29th Annual National Conference, At the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. - Literacy Signing, Wednesday, July 15, 2009

July 15th – 19th, 2009 – Romance Writer’s of America Conference & Literacy Book Signing Washington, DC – Featuring all the Authors – Lindsay Downs, C.H. Admirand, Tara Nina, Anne Elizabeth, and DC DeVane - at the Wednesday – Literacy Signing

July 17th, 2009 –National Naval Medical Center Visit with their Wounded Warriors, Bethesda, MD

July 18th, 2009 –Walter Reed Hospital Visit with their Wounded Warriors, Washington, DC

**For Immediate Release**

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**Local Authors to Donate a Portion of their Proceeds to:  
Special Operations Warrior Foundation**  
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Local Authors, C.H. Admirand and Tara Nina are two of the authors involved in the upcoming anthology – Operation: L.O.V.E., A Special Ops Romance Anthology from Highland Press. The authors of Operation: L.O.V.E: Anne Elizabeth, DC DeVane, Lindsay Downes, Tara Nina and C.H. Admirand have dedicated this collection to the brave men and women who serve, or have served, in the Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army and Marines. You are our heroes. Thank you for serving! The publisher and the authors have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. For more information about this military charity, please visit their website at [www.specialops.org](http://www.specialops.org) .

The purpose of this short story collection is to support the troops, increase education about the military and its special branches, and to promote romance. There are five stories within the Special Ops collection representing the Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army and Marines. Each story explores the nature of a soldier from Special Ops and a romantic liaison. The rating of this collection is sweet, though there is quite a bit of action and adventure as befits the topic and military special branches.

The authors will be among the guests at the Ft. Meade, MD Annual Officers' Wives Club Luncheon in May and will be visiting the Wounded Warriors in Transition at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC and the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, MD in July.

For more information, a list of appearances and links to all of the authors' websites, please visit the Operation: L.O.V.E. website: [www.operationlove.us](http://www.operationlove.us) To buy your copy visit: [www.highlandpress.org](http://www.highlandpress.org) or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

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## **Local Authors Featured at the Historic Inns of Spring Lake, NJ for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Authors & Inns Tour**

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On Sunday, June 8th, local authors, C.H. Admirand and Tara Nina will be part of the 2nd Annual Authors & Inns Tour featuring twelve NJ Romance Authors and nine Historic Inns in the lovely seaside town of Spring Lake, NJ.

C.H. will be signing her June release, PEARL'S REDEMPTION, Book 3 in her Irish Western Series, and Tara Nina will be signing CURSE OF THE GARGOYLE at the Chateau Inn & Suites, 500 Warren Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ from 1pm - 5pm.

Tickets are \$12 per person, and the proceeds will be donated to the Spring Lake Public Library and the Sea Girt Public Library. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Historic Inns Association at (732) 859-1465, or the day of the tour at any of the participating inns or the Sea Girt Public Library. Each ticket includes a self-guided map of the Authors & Inns tour. For more information, and a complete list of authors and inns, visit the Historic Inns of Spring Lake's website at [www.historicinnsofspringlake.com](http://www.historicinnsofspringlake.com).

**Come and enjoy the day!**

For Admirand's and Nina's schedule of appearances/signings, visit their websites: [www.chadmirand.com](http://www.chadmirand.com) and [www.taranina.com](http://www.taranina.com). Buy your copy PEARL'S REDEMPTION and CURSE OF THE GARGOYLE at Borders Books & Music, Rte. 23 N., Riverdale, NJ.

**For Immediate Release**

July 1, 2007

**For more information**

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## **Local Author breaks through six years of rejections and sells five books!**

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Aut Vincam, Aut Periam, I will either conquer or perish, the Purcell family motto of local author C.H. Admirand's Irish ancestors kept her focused on her goal: a career as a romance novelist. Admirand published her first book, *THE MARSHAL'S DESTINY*, in 2001, but it wasn't until February 14, 2007 that the second book in her Irish Western Series, *THE RANCHER'S HEART*, was published. Two months later, she sold two short stories, her Medieval Trilogy and the first book in her Regency-era Historical Trilogy.

“After such a long span of time between sales, I'm overwhelmed and keep pinching myself. I've been writing for publication since 1995 and have learned to keep rejection in perspective. For many authors, myself included, the story comes from the heart, but publishers do not buy a book based solely on emotion, it is a business decision. Keeping that in mind eases some of the sting out of a rejection. Besides, if you give up, you'll never know how close you were to selling your next book.”

Admirand will be signing her latest releases, including *PATIENCE* and *THE RANCHER'S HEART*, at the Romance Writers of America “Readers for Life” Literacy Autographing at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas, Texas on July 11, 2007.

For Admirand's schedule of appearances/signings, visit her website: [www.chadmirand.com](http://www.chadmirand.com). Buy your copy of *THE RANCHER'S HEART* at Borders Books & Music, Rte. 23 N., Riverdale, NJ

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## Local Author Publishes First Novel

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W. Milford resident, Colleen Admirand, has announced the publication of her debut novel, **The Marshal's Destiny**, to be released by Avalon Books in December 2001. The author, writing as C. H. Admirand, describes her book as an action-packed western blended with a heart-warming love story. Admirand will be autographing copies of her book on January 19, 2002 at the NJ Romance Writers meeting in Jamesburg, NJ. **The Marshal's Destiny** will be available locally at Annie's Book Stop, located at 39 Main Street in Bloomingdale, NJ 07403, telephone (973) 838-2055.

Set in late 1870s Colorado, **The Marshal's Destiny** tells the story of Margaret Mary Flaherty who travels west from New York City via stagecoach, carrying the signed proof her brother needs to keep the bank from foreclosing on his ranch. U.S. Marshal, Joshua Turner, is also headed to Colorado to investigate charges of cattle rustling and land fraud. When their paths cross in the middle of nowhere, the two find their lives forever changed.

"There's nothing quite as exciting as publishing your first book," explains Admirand. "Getting the call from Avalon earlier this year was a dream come true. Having Avalon agree to use the cameo of my great-grandmother, Margaret Mary Flaherty, on the cover of my first book was an added thrill." Admirand's other publishing credits include both historical and contemporary short stories: "**The Lady and the Rake**," in Full Moon Press's anthology, **The Dancing Rose**; "**Champagne Kisses**," in Pisces Press's **Romance Recipes for the Soul**; "**The Seduction**," "**Tall Dark Stranger**" and "**The Duke, the Kiss and the Vow**," all published on-line by **The Coffee Break E-zine**. "It's a very tough industry to break into," she acknowledges. "But when you love to write and believe in yourself, you have to keep trying."

In addition to her writing, Admirand manages the office for her husband's engineering consulting firm, while keeping track of their three active teenagers. She inherited her love of reading from her parents and attributes her love for writing to her 7th Grade English teacher, Mrs. Mildred Smith, at Schuyler Colfax Jr. High School in Wayne, NJ. Her creativity comes, she believes, from her Celtic roots. "The Irish have always been storytellers," she laughs.