

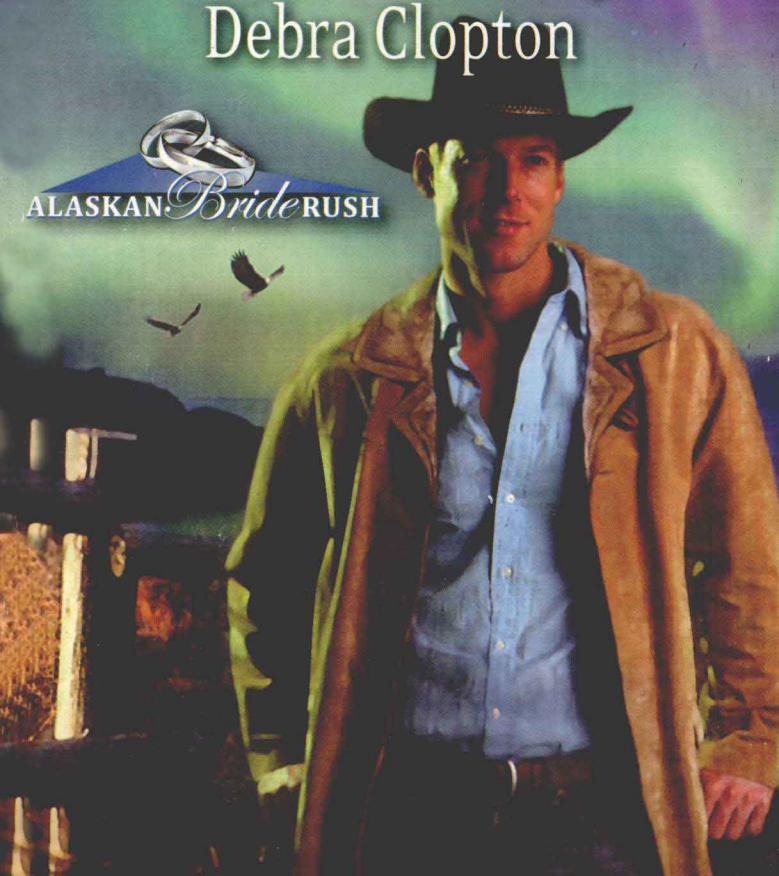
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Yukon Cowboy

Debra Clopton


ALASKAN *Bride* RUSH



Dear Reader,

I hope you enjoyed *Yukon Cowboy*. I've never worked on a continuity before but I enjoyed working with the other authors on this project. I loved researching Alaska! What a beautiful place it is.

Bethany and Nate really had a problem. But even before Nate broke off their relationship they were headed for trouble because, though they were in love, their life goals didn't match up. I enjoyed exploring their situation and I hope you enjoyed watching them come to understand each other. I always enjoy seeing where God leads me in reconciling my characters' differences.

Now that I've finished *Yukon Cowboy* it's time for me to leave Treasure Creek and return home to my Mule Hollow series. I sure hope you'll come visit me there when *Yuletide Cowboy* hits the shelves in December 2010. Goodness, God has been good this year—it's been busy and full of ups and downs but God is always, always steadfast and sure! I pray God gives you blessings and peace in all that you do.

I love hearing from readers. Please contact me at debraclopton.com or P.O. Box 1125 Madisonville, Texas 77864.

Until next time, live, laugh and seek God with
all your hearts.

Debra Lipton

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. As a teenager Bethany had big dreams and believed she could have it all. If Nate hadn't called off their relationship what do you think would have happened to them?
2. Given the circumstances, do you think Nate did the right thing? Or do you think he acted rashly?
3. Bethany told him, when the truth finally came out, that she didn't think he loved her at all since he didn't trust her enough to tell her the truth and let her make her own decision. What do you think?
4. Why had Bethany distanced herself from God? Have you done this?
5. What do you think about Delilah? Have you ever known anyone like her?
6. What do you think about Joleen? Have you ever known anyone like her?
7. What do you think is the difference between Delilah and Joleen?

8. Nate was raised to be a man of honor, and yet he felt like his father hadn't been totally honorable in the way he'd treated his grandfather. Being honorable in every situation is hard because people make mistakes. Do you think honor is disappearing from our society? Why or why not?
9. Jesus was the only perfect, completely honorable man who ever walked the earth. Does knowing and understanding this make forgiving others who fail you easier?
10. When Nate realized that he'd taken the easy way out by not giving Bethany a choice, he is upset. What had he been afraid of? Her rejection? Or her pity?
11. When he put the shoe on the other foot and thought about how he would have felt had she done the same thing to him, what did he feel? What would you have felt?
12. Bethany found her way back to a personal relationship with God partly through praying for Joleen. Why is that? Do you think serving others and being concerned for others helps us put things into perspective? Why or why not?

13. What about this book hit home with you the most? Discuss this with your group.
14. Have you ever been distant from God? What circumstance pushed you away from God? What pulled you back to Him?
15. Were you happy with how Nate and Bethany worked their problems out? Why or why not?



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Her boss (who happens to be the owner's son) has placed an order for a large number of high-priced robots, which he hopes will give the business a much-needed boost. In fact, Jake Finley's counting on it.

Holly Larson is counting on that robot, too. She's been looking after her eight-year-old nephew, Gabe, ever since her widowed brother was deployed overseas. Holly plans to buy Gabe a robot—which she can't afford—because she's determined to make Christmas special.

But this Christmas will be different—thanks to Mrs. Miracle. Next to bringing children joy, her favorite activity is giving romance a nudge. Fortunately, Jake and Holly are receptive to her "hints." And thanks to Mrs. Miracle, Christmas takes on new meaning for Jake. For all of them!

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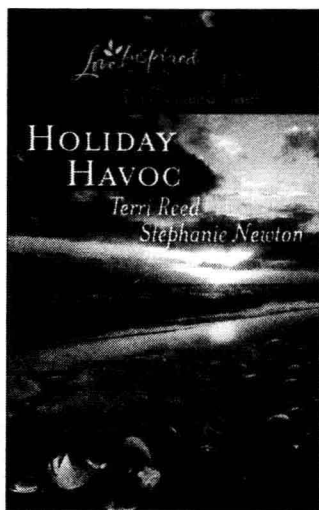
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"I never said you couldn't ride, or hike," he said. His tone sent shivers through her. Confused her.

The man still got to her. There was absolutely no denying that. It was maddening and crazy. But, maybe this was what she needed. Maybe this was the thing that would clear the air once and for all.

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Debra is a hopeless romantic and loves to create stories with lively heroines and the strong heroes who fall in love with them. But most important, she loves showing her characters living their faith, seeking God's will in their lives one day at a time. Her goal is to give her readers an entertaining story that will make them smile, hopefully laugh and always feel God's goodness as they read her books. She has found the perfect home for her stories, writing for the Love Inspired line, and still has to pinch herself just to see if she really is awake and living her dream.

When she isn't writing, she enjoys taking road trips, reading and spending time with her two sons, Chase and Kris. She loves hearing from readers and can be reached through her Web site, www.debraclopton.com, or by mail at P.O. Box 1125, Madisonville, Texas 77864.

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This book is dedicated to Ms. Jo. You are truly
an inspiration and a blessing to me and all those
whose lives you touch.

Chapter One



“You want me to assist in a *tour*?” Bethany Marlow asked, in disbelief. Surely her friend and ex-boss was joking. “You’re kidding, right?”

“No kidding involved,” Amy James said, and though she was smiling, the petite, blonde owner of Alaska’s Treasures tour company looked like she wasn’t taking no for an answer. “I’m so glad you’ve chosen to move back to Treasure Creek and open a wedding-planning business. It is going to be a wonderful addition to the town. I know I’m springing this on you, and probably before you’ve even unpacked your suitcase. I’m desperate, though. This is a family tour that I feel needs a woman guide assisting the lead guide.”

Bethany couldn’t believe her ears. Her plane had landed barely an hour ago—and yes, her bags were still packed. She’d been in such a hurry to get outside