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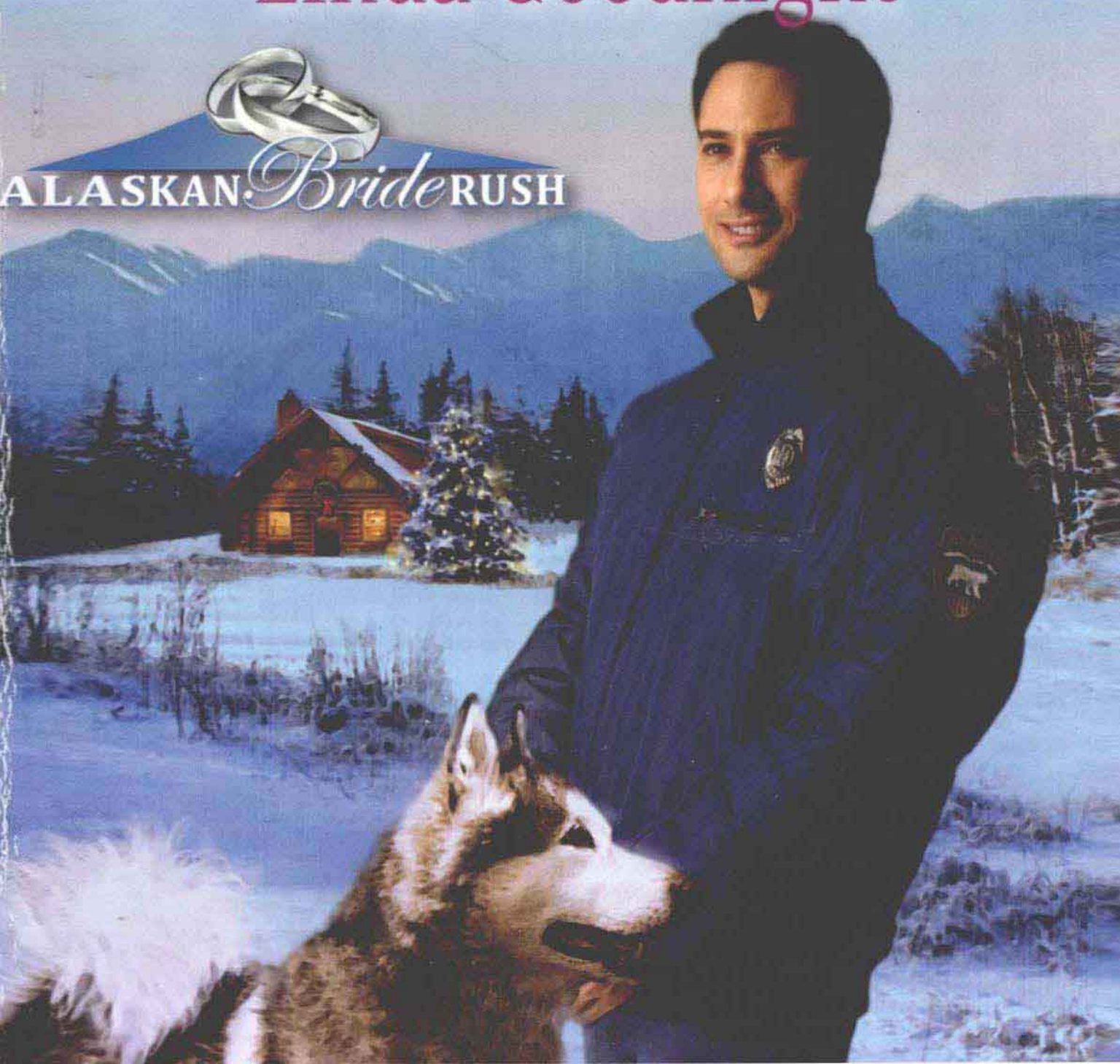
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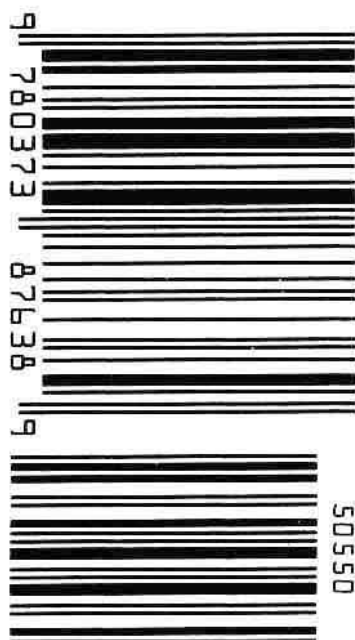
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Dear Reader,

Thank you for reading this final book in the Alaskan Bride Rush continuity, *The Lawman's Christmas Wish*. I love writing Christmas books, and I've always been fascinated with Alaska and the rugged individualists who make their home there. So, when the editors at Steeple Hill asked me to be a part of this series, I jumped at the opportunity. Now I'm a little sad to leave these characters behind. I hope you feel the same.

Like Amy and Reed and the rest of Treasure Creek, I pray this season finds you basking in the true meaning of Christmas. May hope and faith and love, and the Prince of Peace, guide you into a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

I love hearing from readers. You may contact me at Steeple Hill, 233 Broadway, Ste. 1001, New York, NY 10279, or through my website at [www.lindagoodnight.com](http://www.lindagoodnight.com).

Merry Christmas!

*Linda Goodnight*

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Who was your favorite character in *The Lawman's Christmas Wish*. Why?
2. Describe the setting of Treasure Creek and how the rugged Alaskan terrain plays a part of the story.
3. The spiritual message of this book is subtle. What do you think it is? Why?
4. Though Amy James is only thirty-two, she feels responsible for the whole town. Why? Do you think she is justified in this feeling?
5. Could or would Treasure Creek have survived without Amy's persistence? Discuss and then defend your answer.
6. Amy receives several marriage proposals, most out of kindness to a young widow. How do you feel about marrying for reasons other than love? Compare the customs of marriage in biblical times and in other societies with that of America and others in the Western world.
7. Amy does things out of love. Reed does them out of duty. How does this difference cause conflict between them? How does it keep them apart?
8. Reed struggles with an overactive sense of responsibility. Do you think his father had anything to do with this? If so, what? How did his father treat him?

9. Many people like Reed have trouble relating to God as a loving father, and instead see God as an angry or indifferent judge. Which way do you view God? What does Jesus teach about who God is?
10. Both Amy and Reed must change in order to find each other. How does each change? Who changes the most?
11. Dexter and Sammy, Amy's sons, grieve for their dead father. Reed suggests they hang a Christmas stocking for him and put their love in it. Do you think he handled the situation properly? Can you think of other ways to help a grieving child at Christmas?
12. Mack Tanner's treasure chest at first appears to contain only a letter. How did you feel about that discovery? Were you disappointed, as some of the townspeople were? Which treasure do you think was best? The love and commitment of the town working together? Or the oil-rich land deed?
13. Was there any part of the story you would change if you could? If so, what was it and how would you change it?
14. Delilah Carrington came to Treasure Creek as a shallow husband hunter. How did she change? What changed her? Do you think she is mature enough in the end to make a lasting marriage with Ronald?
15. In the beginning of the book, Reed is sometimes gruff and short with Amy. Why do you think he behaves this way? Do you think he's always cared for her? Or is the emotion new and uncomfortable?



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Corinna's dark hair had loosened from her normally severe bun. And her dark eyes were glassy as she stared off into space. Taking her shoulders in his hands, Ben pulled her to her feet. She didn't resist. He figured shock was setting in.

When she turned to face him, his heart contracted painfully in his chest. "You're hurt!"

She didn't seem to hear him.

Blood seeped from a scrape on her right upper biceps. He inspected the wound. Looked as if a bullet had grazed her. Whoever had killed her father had tried to kill her. With aching ferocity, rage roared through Ben. The heat of the bullet cauterized the flesh. It would probably heal quickly enough.

But Ben had a feeling that her heart wouldn't heal anytime soon. She'd adored her father. That had been apparent from the moment Ben set foot in the Pike world. She'd barely tolerated Ben from the get-go, with her icy stares and brusque manner, making it clear she thought him not good enough to be in her world. But when it came to her father...

Greg had known that if anything happened to him, she'd need help coping with the loss.

*Ben, I need you to promise me if anything ever happens to me, you'll watch out for Corinna. She'll need an anchor.*

*I fear she's too fragile to suffer another death.*

Of course Ben had promised. Though he'd refused to even allow the thought to form that any harm would befall his mentor and friend. He'd wanted to believe Greg was indestructible. But he wasn't. None of them were.

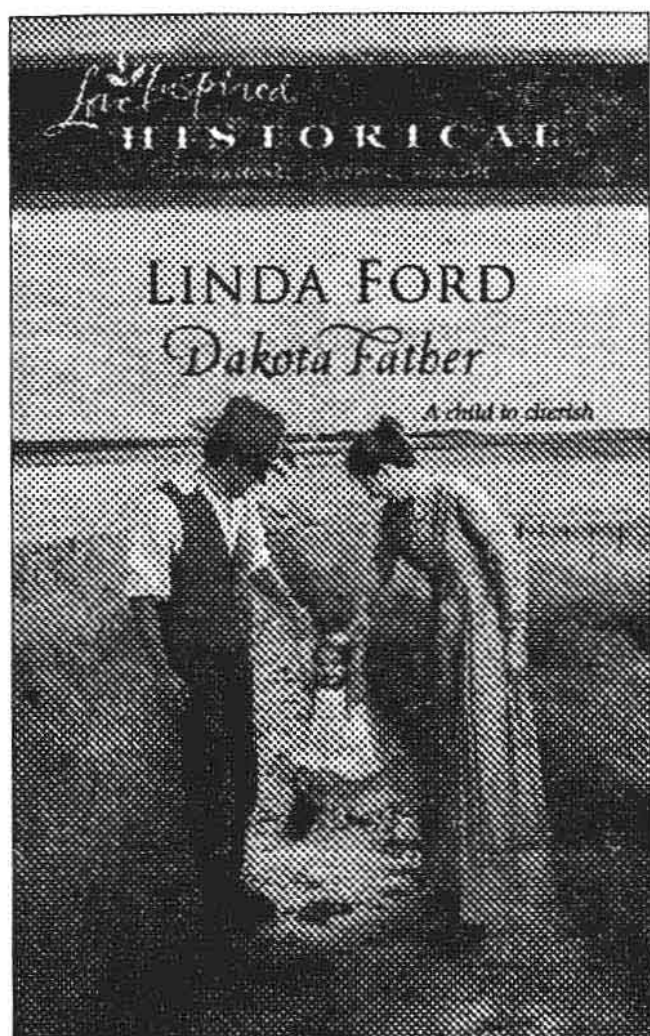
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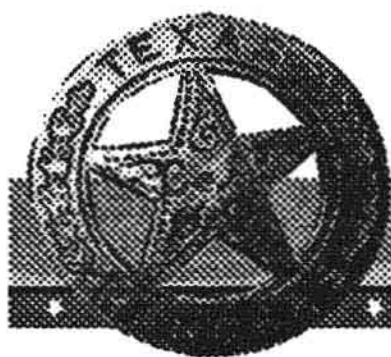
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**"Sit still for two minutes, relax and drink that cider," Reed said.**

"Or what? You gonna arrest me?" Before Ben's death, she and Reed had been good friends. The ill-begotten marriage proposal had raised a hedge between them and Amy missed the silly give-and-take they'd once shared.

At her cheekiness, Reed grinned. Breath clogged in Amy's chest. He scowled and grumbled at her so much, she'd forgotten about his killer grin.

"Could be,"

"What's the charge?" she asked.

"Resisting an officer. Disturbing the peace."

"Whose peace am I disturbing?"

His eyes narrowed into slits, but the dark brown irises twinkled. "Mine."

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