



Welcome!

I'm so glad you registered for the Red Hearts Newsletter. This is the first volume of my semi-monthly newsletters.



What's in it for you?

You signed up because you love to read romances (so do I). In the newsletters, you'll be the first to get the scoop on the Women of Worthy series. Things that can't be found anywhere else on the internet like profiles and inspiration photos of the characters in the story,



setting pictures that I used for inspiration, scenes or excerpts that were cut from the stories. Cover reveals and book releases. I'll also include an Author Spotlight with other books you might like.

AND...if you read my books and find any typos, click the email icon at the bottom of the page, let me know what they are, and I'll acknowledge you in my next book! How fun is that?

I hope you enjoy the journey with me as I'm sure to enjoy it with you.

Women of Worthy Series...

A series of novels about single, divorced, and widowed women living in the small town of Worthy, Ohio, located about 50 miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio. Each woman must battle life's curveballs at the expense of their families, friends, and the men who adore them to fulfill their greatest desires and destinies. Their Faith is tested in ways they hadn't imagined.

Cassie's Secrets Insider Information...

I'm sure you've wondered about books (as I have) and how an author comes up with their book ideas. Well, they can come from anywhere and anything. A book, a movie, an interesting occupation...whatever! I have a whole slew of inspirational content I look at periodically to get ideas.

But in the case of Cassie's Secrets, the book started out with one scene. A scene that rattled around in my brain for weeks until I had to write it. Of course, there was a lot of planning that went into developing the characters, researching certain aspects of the story, and finding the locations after that scene was written. More on all of that in another newsletter.



For a fun little brain teaser, if you've read Cassie's Secrets, **can you guess which scene inspired the entire story?** [Click on this link](#) to answer the question and I'll publish the responses along with the answer in a future newsletter.

If you have read Lost Dreams, you'll want to read [Cassie's Secrets](#).

Website Excerpt...

It's been a wild and stressful year fraught with uncertainties and illnesses. That being the case, I thought I'd trot out an excerpt of a blog post I wrote some time ago because of its relevance today.

When Life Happens



What happens when you lose your job?

My husband lost his job right before the holidays in December 2007. His job defined him and thought he'd one day retire from it, but God had other plans. When the dreadful recession of 2008 picked up steam in California, jobs dried up. It was all we could do to keep making the mortgage payments on our dream home. Little by little his retirement fund vanished and desperation set in.

Read what happened afterward on my [website](#). This post can be found on page two of the blog in the bottom row. I hope you find encouragement in the face of hard times.

Author Spotlight

Emily Dana Brotous is an east-coast transplant who now calls San Diego home. She is a wife and mom of four. When she's not busy doing laundry, packing lunches, and picking toys off the floor, she enjoys reading, cooking, music, long walks, and writing. It is her goal in all things to make Jesus first, last, and always.



I had the pleasure of reading both books 1 and 2 of Emily's Hometown Holiday Heartstrings series and recommend them both.

She and other authors are offering **free** books and short stories for your reading pleasure. Here's the link to all the books. Download your favorites and...enjoy!

[Today through October 4 Free Book Promotion](#)



And here's Emily's book that's for sale on Amazon...

He knows the pain of betrayal. She has a past that could ruin her future. What can heal their brokenness?

Tony Coniglio loves being single again and the freedom that comes with it. But when he's pressured to ask out the next available woman, he agrees, just to get his family off his back—even though she's the town's all-too-serious cop.

Officer Stacy Kallisto is by the book. Maybe it's because she once broke the rules and has regretted it ever since. When trouble around town leaves Stacy searching for the culprit, she keeps running into Tony, the one man who wants to know more about her than she wants to share.

As sparks fly and secrets are revealed, Stacy wonders if there's room in her heart for a man so different from herself—and for the God she wrote off long ago.

[The Fault in Firelight - Book 2](#)

Available on Amazon Kindle, Kindle Unlimited, and paperback.

About me

I'm no one special, but I do love to read and I love to write enjoyable stories with a message. My journey with writing began when my grown daughters were toddlers. I had been reading romances and thought I could write one. That was wishful thinking.



I did write one, though. But without training, it was understandable the story was rejected. It sat on a shelf and after moving so many times, I finally pitched it along with my dream. Life happened and the dream fell into a deep dark hole.

Fast forward to almost four years ago and I took that publisher's advice and took creative writing courses and I've been writing ever since. More on the journey in another newsletter.

Contact me on social media using the buttons below. I'd be honored to connect with you!

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- *An adventure blog excerpt*
- *An aspect of the writing process*

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