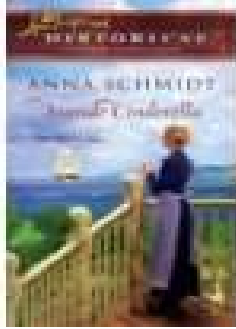


NEWS FROM ANNA



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SEASIDE CINDERELLA -

Sequel is coming - I promise!!!

It's been such a delight hearing from so many of you and really terrific to know so many are looking forward to reading the sequel to this Nantucket 'fairy tale.' I've got good news and bad news!! The good news is that the book is at the publisher's and has been given the title of *GIFT FROM THE SEA*. (It's a WWI story featuring Gabe and Lucie's daughter, Maggie - a nurse who is called into service to care for a defecting German who washes up on their beach.)

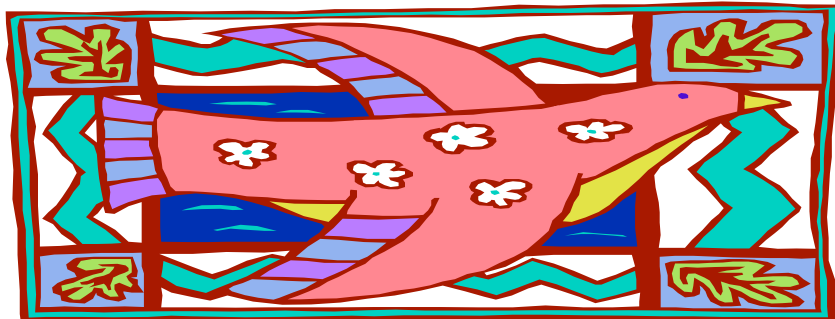
The bad news is that it won't be available until May, 2009. In the meantime I hope you'll look for my next contemporary *MISTLETOE REUNION* coming in December (just in time for holiday gifting!) and available now for pre-order online.

Do stay in touch - either via my website at www.booksbyanna.com and click 'Contact Anna' to e-mail me, or send a note to PO Box 161, Thiensville, WI 53092.



BEHIND MY GARDEN GATE...

We've been enjoying some back-to-school weather here in Wisconsin. Those lovely cool nights and bright sunny days without humidity!! My garden is starting to shut itself down. Soon there will be seed pods and dried remnants of yet another lovely summer to remind me through the winter that it's all still right



AN UNEXPECTED MOMENT OF AWAKENING

In our last visit I was on my way to NYC for some research. Perhaps the most touching moment of the trip came as I was between appointments and had an hour to myself. I had wandered into a small church that George Washington once attended right in the heart of Wall Street - a mere block from where the twin towers once stood. In the aftermath of 9/11, the church emerged from the smoke and chaos unscathed -- nothing was damaged. The church served as a respite for volunteers, fire and police personnel and families

come to search for missing loved ones after the tragedy. As I walked the aisles of the chapel and the paths of the centuries old cemetery outside, I looked over to where the towers had once stood and I thought of all that has happened since George Washington prayed in that church. My heart was full of so many things, but mostly it was filled with the incredible appreciation of the many blessings that come with living in a free society. If you are ever in 'the city' do not miss this incredible testament to the fellowship and strength of humans to survive the worst and find a way through the pain to solace and peace.



HAVE TO RUN...

Oops! Have to run again. Sometimes I actually manage to put a home-cooked meal on the table for my husband of nearly forty years! We're also heading 'up North' as they say here in Wisconsin for a little fishing and R&R. Have a peaceful end to the summer and remember to stop and enjoy the rainbow of Nature's palette as you move into fall!!

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All best,

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