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Escape the holiday hustle & bustle with three great reads. Say YES today!



MARY  
THE LOST NOEL



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THE CHRISTMAS QUILT



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ANGELS AMONG US

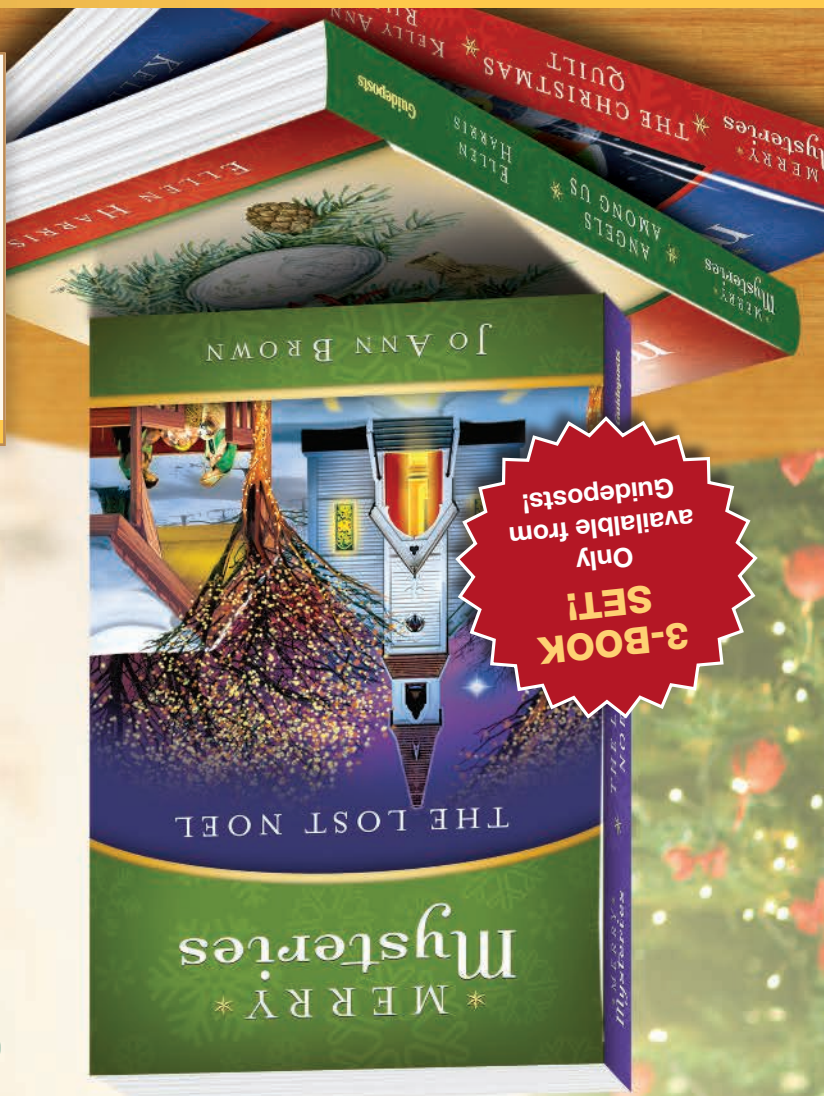
Meet the  
women  
from these  
3 delightful  
books

- Three separate novels in one beautifully designed set: *Angels Among Us*, *The Christmas Quilt* and *The Lost Noel*
- Easy-to-hold softcovers: 5½ x 8¼
- Each book has approximately 300 adventure-packed, faith-filled pages
- Makes a great gift either as individual books, or a set!

SEND FOR YOUR 30-DAY FREE HOME TRIAL TODAY!

Christmas is a time for carols, cookies and catching up with friends and loved ones. But in the towns of Maple Hill, Ivy Bay and Sparrow Island, it's also a time for solving mysteries! In each book in the *Merry Mysteries* collection, you'll visit a charming America town and meet a smart, resourceful woman with a remarkable talent for discovering the truth. As you join in the holiday preparations in each town, you'll be reminded of three important components of Christmas—**FAITH**, **FRIENDS** and **FAMILY**—even as your mind gathers the clues to solving the mystery with each book's friendly heroine! The result is a three-book set that not only helps you take a break from the holiday frenzy, but lets you enjoy your own Christmas celebrations feeling refreshed, entertained and full of the spirit of the season.

# This Christmas, Give Yourself the Perfect Gift!



3-BOOK  
SET!  
Only  
available from  
Guideposts!

## This Christmas... Give the Gift of a Good Read!

The three unique stories that comprise **Merry Mysteries** are so exciting, so enjoyable, and so full of the Christmas spirit that the set makes the perfect holiday gift—for you or someone special on your list. If you want to give a set as a gift, be sure to fill out the back of your Free Home-Trial Certificate.

### A RISK-FREE OFFER!

To get the complete **Merry Mysteries** set including *The Lost Noel*, *Angels Among Us* and *The Christmas Quilt*, simply return your FREE Home-Trial Certificate TODAY. If you enjoy the spirit-lifting mystery-rich stories, keep the set for only \$19.96, payable in 2 installments of \$9.98 each, plus shipping and processing. You may return the books at the end of your FREE trial period and owe us nothing. Either way, your FREE Christmas Magnets are yours to keep no matter what!

### ACT NOW!

Act today to be among 50 lucky responders who will be selected this month to receive a Thomas Kinkadee afghan imprinted with an inspiring quote. It's the perfect thing to keep you cozy during the holidays as you gather clues in **Merry Mysteries**!

No purchase necessary. Styles may vary.

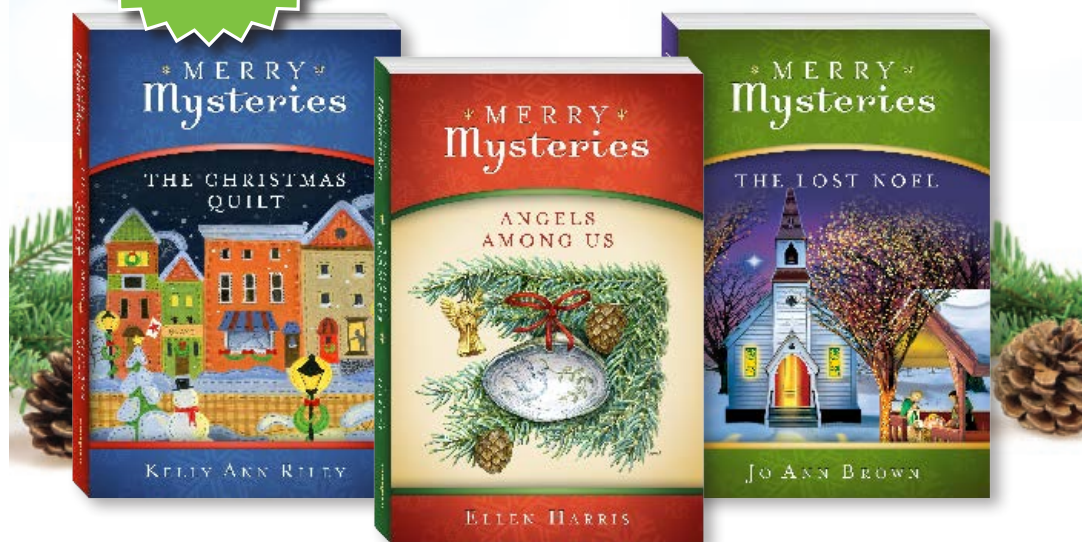
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## A Trio of Mysteries to Make the Season Bright!

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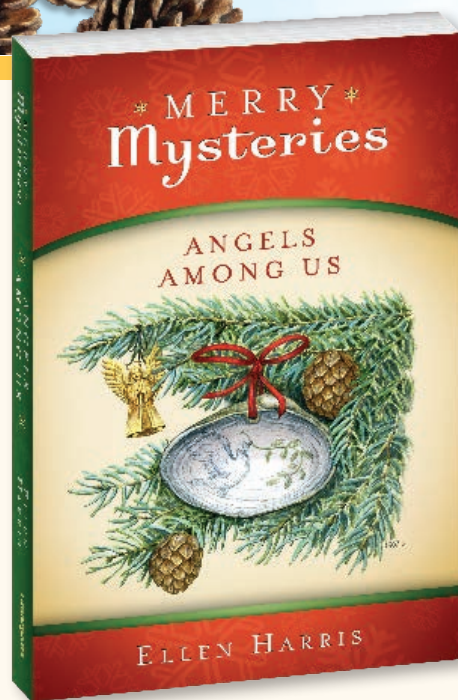
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THIS YEAR, FILL YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH...

# Three Thrilling Mysteries Wrapped in the Spirit of Christmas!



## Angels Among Us

Sparrow Island, home to bird expert Abby Stanton, is in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season when a mysterious stranger arrives and begins to ingratiate himself with the community, especially with older women. Abby is wary of his agenda, but no one else seems concerned. Can this handsome young man be trusted? Strange happenings all over town add to her suspicions.

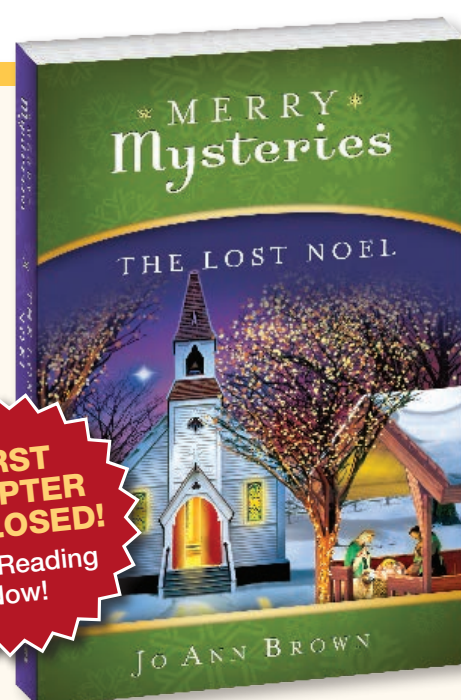
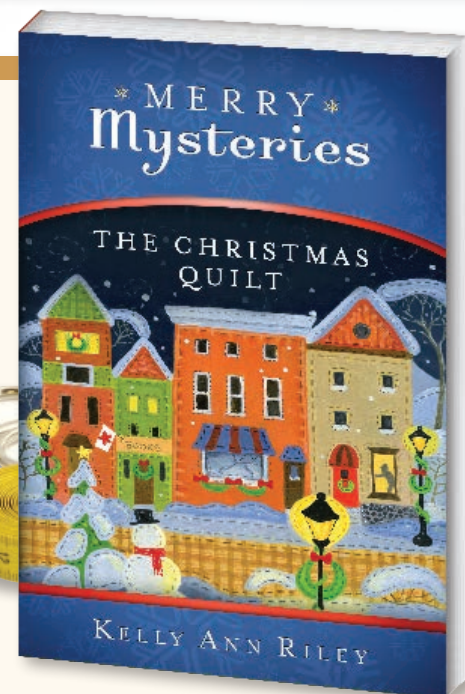
*Can Abby uncover the truth in time to enjoy the real meaning of this magical time?*



## The Christmas Quilt

As the holiday season approaches, Sarah Hart comes across a website that posts instructions for a Christmas quilt each week. Sarah tries to focus on the project, but she notices odd typos in the instructions and begins to suspect that not everything is as it seems. When a string of thefts plagues Maple Hill and a group of teenage girls—including Sarah's twin granddaughters—are suspected, she starts investigating and discovers that there's a pattern to the crimes.

*Could the thefts be connected to the mystery quilt and will Sarah solve the puzzle in time for Christmas?*



**FIRST  
CHAPTER  
ENCLOSED!**  
Start Reading  
Now!

## The Lost Noel

Mary Fisher, owner of Mary's Mystery Bookshop, is helping Grace Church prepare for its first living nativity. One week before Christmas, the costumes go missing, the sheep escapes, and the flyers get torn down. Clearly it's sabotage! A lifetime of reading mystery novels has given Mary sleuthing skills of her own, but as she investigates the strange mishaps, she discovers that the truth is far more complicated than she expected.

*Can Mary save the nativity—and everyone's Christmas spirit—before the holiday?*



### PLUS FABULOUS FREE GIFTS!

These Christmas magnets feature a Scripture quote highlighting the real meaning of the season. Tuck them into a Christmas Card as a surprise gift or use them as unique bookmarks. You get six in all—FREE to keep just for taking a look at **Merry Mysteries!**

The Perfect Way for Mystery Buffs to Get in the Christmas Spirit!



Bring All Three Books Home for the Holidays  
at One Terrific Low Price!

Return your FREE Home Trial Certificate today and we'll rush the set out to you in plenty of time for the holidays to enjoy FREE for 30 days! If you find the books as captivating as I think you will, keep them for only \$19.96, payable in 2 installments of \$9.98 each, plus shipping and processing. Otherwise, you may return the books within 30 days and owe nothing.

Plus we'll send you a delightful set  
of 6 Christmas Magnets!

Filled with festive images and Scripture quotes that highlight the true meaning of Christmas, they're perfect for sharing with others. Keep one for a bookmark to hold your place while you read **Merry Mysteries**. They're yours to keep no matter what you decide about your books!

Happy Holidays,

Jessica Barnes

Jessica Barnes  
Editor, Guideposts Books

P.S. Don't forget, you can start reading one of the **Merry Mysteries** right now thanks to the sample chapter I've enclosed. I hope you enjoy it!

P.P.S. I've also enclosed a delicious Christmas cookie recipe for you to try out. It's one of the most popular batches I make during the holidays and I think it'll become a favorite of your family as well. See the enclosed flyer and ... happy baking!

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Dear Friend,

I love getting ready for the holidays, don't you? Baking cookies, listening to favorite Christmas songs, tree lightings, church celebrations, and keeping family close in our hearts sure makes Christmas simply the best time of the year.

But if you're like me, sometimes things can get a little TOO hectic during the holidays. So, I have a confession to make: This year, I'll be taking a little time away from the kitchen and shopping and treating myself to my own special gift—**Merry Mysteries**!

Each one of the intriguing mysteries in this three-book collection follows different characters and different stories, but they all have a few things in common: a focus on faith, community and uncovering the true meaning of the holidays—as well as the truth behind some strange happenings around town!

(Over, please)

## Three Thrilling Stories, All Infused with the Warmth and Magic of Christmas!

In *Angels Among Us*, you'll travel to the wild beauty of Sparrow Island, off the coast of Washington. There, you'll watch as ornithologist Abby Stanton uses her keen powers of observation to unravel a mystery involving a charismatic stranger who arrives during the holiday season with something other than goodwill on his mind.



### Meet Abby Stanton!

Bird-watcher with a sharp eye who uses it to uncover the secrets that lie hidden on Sparrow Island. Inspired by her faith and her love of God's creatures, Abby has a knack for finding her way into the middle of mysteries full of excitement and intrigue.

In *The Christmas Quilt*, the quaint New England town of Maple Hill provides the perfect backdrop for a snow-sprinkled Christmas. But things aren't quite right, and you'll be amazed as expert quilter Sarah Hart pieces together the solution to a puzzle involving a mystery quilt.



### Meet Sarah Hart!

An expert in vintage quilt restoration who has a talent for unravelling mysteries. Whether she's creating a log cabin quilt or delving into a real log cabin to find a clue, her keen eye and gentle faith always lead her in the right direction.

In *The Lost Noel*, you'll join Mary Fisher, owner of Mary's Mystery Bookshop in the coastal town of Ivy Bay, Massachusetts, as she uses her sleuthing skill to find out who's trying to prevent the town's very first living nativity.



### Meet Mary Fisher!

Mary has found the perfect place to retire—right where she started. She's moved back home to open Mary's Mystery Bookshop. But Mary soon discovers that her small town is full of secrets, and that she has impressive investigating skills of her own.

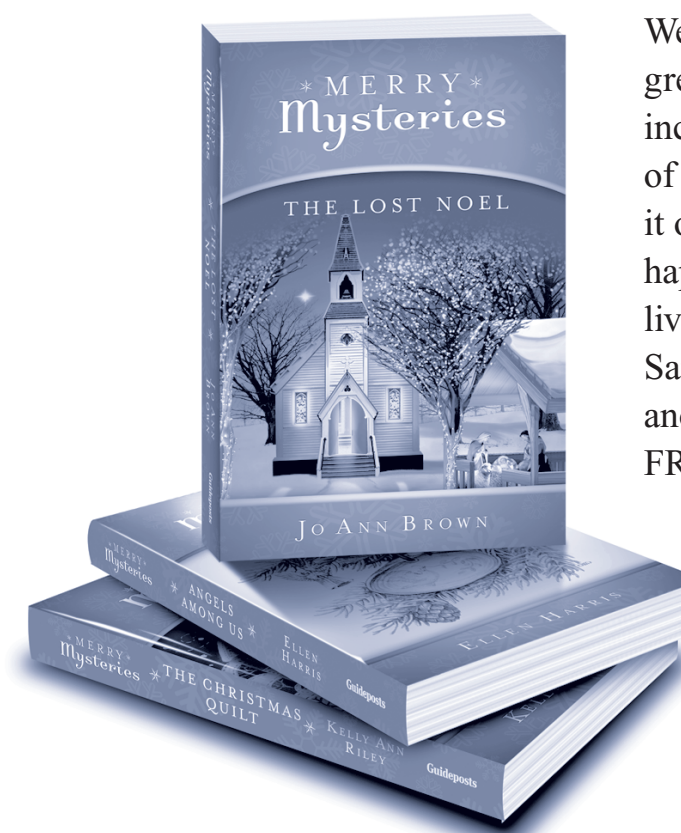
In all three stories, you'll meet a charming cast of characters strong in their faith, dedicated to the real meaning of Christmas and always ready to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors.

## One Set, Three Great Gift Ideas!

Books have long been a favorite Christmas gift of mine -- both to give and receive. That's because unlike other items, books provide a magical experience. The recipient of a good mystery gets to meet new people, explore new locations, and use their own sleuthing skills to solve tricky situations.

Because every book in **Merry Mysteries** is a complete stand-alone story, you could choose to buy the set and give each one as a separate Christmas present to the mystery lovers on your list. Or, you could give all three to one person and make their holidays truly shine! If you'd like to order additional sets of **Merry Mysteries**, please be sure to see the Gift Giving section on the back of your 30-Day Free Home Trial Certificate.

## A FREE Sample and a FREE Trial!



We're so sure that you'll enjoy the three great books in **Merry Mysteries** that we've included a free sample chapter from one of them, *The Lost Noel*. After you've read it over, you'll likely want to find out what happens to Mary Fisher and her town's living nativity -- as well as to Abby and Sarah in the other two books. So don't waste another minute to send for your 30-Day FREE preview of **Merry Mysteries**. With the holidays rapidly approaching, I know you'll want these books in your home as soon as possible and we're standing by now, ready to send out your very own set!

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A treat just for you!



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Dear Friend,

If you're like me, you can end up spending a great deal of time shopping for the perfect Christmas gift for everyone on your list, leaving very little time for yourself. When I saw this collection of Christmas mysteries, I couldn't help think that this would be the perfect gift to give myself to unwind from the busyness of the holidays. Since it's a 3-book set, I plan to read one before the holiday, one during and one after so that the enjoyment and spirit of Christmas last beyond that special day.

What I like most is that I can trust Guideposts to create mysteries that have the perfect blend of mystery and faith. Not too dark, yet they keep me guessing until the end. So after a day of holiday shopping, I will look forward to putting up my tired feet and taking time out to enjoy one of the **Merry Mysteries** novels.

And just in case you need another good reason to treat yourself to these books, just remember that Guideposts is a non-profit organization and your purchase helps people all over the world through our many outreach programs. Thanks to you, we are able to send our magazines and other inspiring materials to hospitals, military personnel, nursing homes, veterans' facilities and more.

So why not treat yourself to the **Merry Mysteries** collection. You deserve to give yourself the gift of a great holiday read!

Sincerely,



Lisa Britt  
Product Manager, Guideposts Books

P.S. We're happy to send you a FREE set of 6 Christmas magnets, each with a Scripture highlighting the birth of Christ. They're our way of saying "Thank You" just for trying **Merry Mysteries**.



# Enjoy This Yummy Recipe Courtesy of Guideposts!

## Merry Mysteries' Festive Macaroons

Easy French-style macaroons add a colorful, elegant touch to your holiday table.

- 3 egg whites
- 1-2/3 cups confectioners' sugar
- Red and green food coloring
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup almond flour

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. Beat egg whites until foamy, adding desired amount of food coloring towards the end. Beat in sugar until whites are glossy, fluffy, and hold soft peaks. Sift confectioners' sugar and almond flour and quickly fold into egg whites.
3. Spoon a small amount of batter into a plastic bag with a small corner cut off, or use a pastry bag fitted with a plain round tip. Pipe 1-1/2" disks onto the baking sheet

leaving space between each. Let them stand at room temperature until they form a hard skin on top, about 1 hour.

4. Preheat oven to 285 degrees. Bake until set but not browned, about 10 minutes. Cool completely and fill with your favorite icing. Decorate edges by rolling in sprinkles or applying sugar pearls.

**TIP:** When piping, if the disk holds a peak instead of flattening immediately, gently fold the batter a few more times.



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# Your FREE Gift

## 6 Holiday Magnets

These beautiful magnets featuring Scripture quotes about the birth of our Lord make for beautiful reminders of the holiday season. They can also be used as a bookmark or you can pop them in your Christmas cards as a nice little surprise gift for the special people on your list! No matter how you use them, they're sure to become a treasured part of your holiday celebrations.

**Best of all, they're yours FREE TO KEEP no matter what you decide about *Merry Mysteries!***

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