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Deeanne Gist Returns to the Spirit of Her Runaway Bestseller *A Bride Most Begrudging*

A Bride in the Bargain by Deeanne Gist

Minneapolis, MN—Combining bestselling sales, high acclaim, and a loyal reader base, award-winning, bestselling author Deeanne Gist continues to make her mark on the inspirational historical scene. Yet Deeanne’s reach is bigger than that: her novels have become a bridge between Christian romance and secular romance.

Because so many women are tired of the explicit material in most of today’s secular reads, Deeanne offers up stories that pull on the heartstrings yet offer realistic situations and struggles. Dubbed “edgy inspirational,” her books resonate with those outside the traditional Christian market.

“I don’t think it is necessary to be graphic, but in order to reach these women, I find I sometimes have to be a little more open and frank than what you might traditionally expect in a Christian novel,” said Deeanne. “That said, it is my full intention to use my gifts and talents to glorify God. At the end of the day, I put my offering at His feet and ask Him to refine it.”

This desire shows in her newest release. With a feisty heroine, witty dialogue, and a romantic plot, *A Bride in the Bargain* returns to the perfect blend of history, humor, and love that made her debut a raving success and left readers clamoring for more.

In 1860s Seattle, redwoods were plentiful but women scarce. Yet a man with a wife could secure 640 acres of timberland for free. Joe Denton doesn’t have a wife, though. His died before she could follow him to Seattle and now the local judge is threatening to take away his claim. In desperation, he buys himself a Mercer bride—eastern widows and orphans brought to the Territory by entrepreneur Asa Mercer.

Anna Ivey’s journey west with Mercer is an escape from the aftermath of the Civil War. She signed on to become a cook—not a bride. When she’s handed over to Denton, her stubborn refusal to wed jeopardizes his land. With only a few months before he loses all he holds dear, can he convince this provoking, but beguiling, easterner to become his lawfully wedded wife?

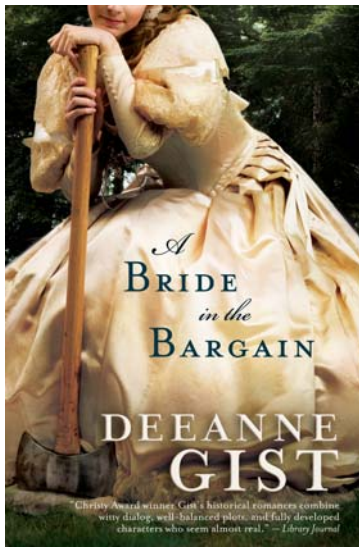
“Gist does it again! Her signature prose is consistent and she delivers a thoroughly delightful and entertaining story that’s worthy of our time and attention.”

—Romantic Times BOOKreviews (on *Deep in the Heart of Trouble*)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Deeanne Gist, the bestselling author of *A Bride Most Begrudging* and *The Measure of a Lady*, has a background in education and journalism. Her credits include *People* magazine, *Parents*, and *Parenting*. With a line of parenting products called “I Did It!® Productions” and a degree from Texas A&M, she continues her writing and speaking. She and her family live in Houston, Texas. Visit Deeanne’s Web site at www.IWantHerBook.com for more information.



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