

Diane M. Wylie

Author of Historical Romance Dream...Imagine...Escape...Read



Historical romance author, Diane Wylie, loves books that will take her on an emotional roller coaster ride. What better genre than romance to do that? She has always particularly loved historical romances for their dashing heroes and beautiful heroines.

Since watching *Gone With the Wind* as a child, she has had an avid interest in the American Civil War. This interest comes to bear in her acclaimed novels, *Adam's Treasure*, *Secrets and Sacrifices*, *Jenny's Passion*, and *Lila's Vow*, along with short story, "A Soldier to Love."

Diane makes her home in Maryland with her husband, Ed, a former racecar driver, and two wonderful children.

Visit Diane's website: <http://www.dianewylie.com> to learn more about her and her upcoming novels.

Professional Background

Diane holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Animal Science from Cook College at Rutgers University, graduating cum laude. A technical writer since 1982, she has researched, written, and published many technical manuals and documents.

Writer's Groups

Diane belongs to the Romance Writers of America and Maryland Romance Writers, as well as several online writers/readers groups. In her capacity as a technical writer, she belongs to the Society of Technical Communication.

Writing Awards

2010 Reviewer's Choice Award from Two Lips Reviews for *Lila's Vow*

November 30, 2009 Voted Best Book of the Week by Long and Short Reviews for *Lila's Vow*

2009 Coffee Time Recommended Read Award from Coffee Time Reviews for *Lila's Vow*

2007 Cameo Award Winner for *Secrets and Sacrifices* book trailer

2006 CAPA Award Nominee from the Romance Studio for *LOVE Anthology*

April 2006 Publisher's Pick for Writing Excellence, Whiskey Creek Press, for *My Enemy, My Love*

2004 Award of Merit, Society for Technical Communication, Philadelphia Metro Chapter, for *DMA Q Series Online Help*

1997 Award of Merit, Society for Technical Communication, Philadelphia Metro Chapter, for *DMA 2980 Operator's Manual*

1994 Award of Merit, Society for Technical Communication, Philadelphia Metro Chapter, for *SDT 2960 Operator's Manual*

Publishing Credits

LOVE Anthology, "A Soldier to Love"

Whiskey Creek Press

Release Date: January 2006

ISBN [POD only]: 1-59374-514-1

ISBN [ebook]: 1-59374-513-3

Secrets and Sacrifices

Vintage Romance Publishing

Release Date: September 2006

ISBN: 0-9785368-5-1

Jenny's Passion

Vintage Romance Publishing

Release Date: November 2008

ISBN-10: 0981559247

ISBN-13: 978-0981559247

Lila's Vow

Vintage Romance Publishing

Release Date: June 2009

ISBN 978-0-9819896-0-0

Adam's Treasure

The Wild Rose Press

Release Date: June 2010

Print ISBN: 1-60154-753-6

Print ISBN 13: 9781601547538

Diane M. Wylie's Showcase of Historical Romance

Secrets and Sacrifices By Diane M. Wylie

Release Date: September 30, 2006
ISBN: 0-9785368-5-1
Genre: Historical Romance
Time Period: 1863 to 1865

The Confederate army is starving and badly in need of clothing. Add to that the mounting numbers of battle casualties, a lack of medical supplies, and army surgeon, Captain Daniel Reid, of the Twenty-Fifth Virginia, knows he has to take action, no matter the consequences.

Charlotte Garrett loses her husband and her identity when she takes on the guise of a Southern soldier. Learning to march, fight, and even spit like a man is to be expected. But what she doesn't expect to find is a situation that leads her into the arms of a new man and into big, big trouble with the North and South!

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"In *Secrets & Sacrifices*, Diane Wylie gives the reader a well-written and haunting tale filled with tragedy, triumph, and the enduring power of love."

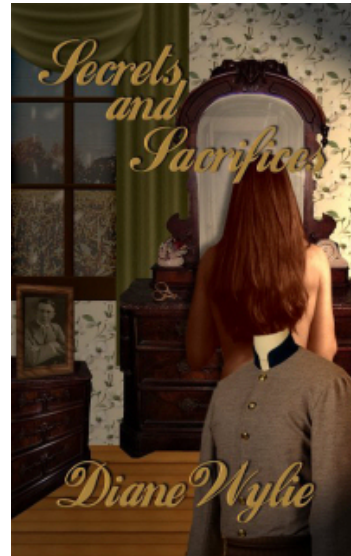
Hannah Howell, New York Times Bestselling Author of *Highland Lover*.

Four and a half Stars from Romantic Times Book Club~ *Donna M. Brown*

This heartfelt drama delivers tension, passion, hope and fear. The heroine begins in the guise of a boy but grows into a passionate, caring woman who meets her soul mate after losing her husband. The research is meticulous, and a grand cast of characters leaps off the page. This is one for the keeper shelf.

5 Shamrocks from CK2S Kwips and Kritiques

Since her stunning award winning debut novel *MY ENEMY, MY LOVE* [reprinted as *JENNY'S PASSION*], this author has impressed me with her richly detailed emotional storytelling talent. She has taken the Civil War, thoroughly researched her facts of battles, conditions and written powerfully complex characters interacting in a powerful tableau to engage the readers emotions. With Charlie you are introduced to a marvelous unforgettable heroine, where the author has the reader feeling her abject grief as she holds the lifeless body of her beloved husband, then details her struggle back to living and finding love once more with the wonderfully honorable and stalwart Dr. Reid and the sacrifices they would make to be together. Woven throughout Wylie describes it all including the blood, the gore, and the shameful inhuman treatment that was faced



by all in one of the costliest wars of human suffering and death of one of the most horrific times in the history of America.

This is a stunning and powerful read that I most highly recommend from an author who displays a rare talent and leaves you wanting more.

Five Angels from Fallen Angel Reviews ~Reviewed by Naomi

Diane M. Wylie's debut novel, ***My Enemy, My Love*** [reprinted as JENNY'S PASSION] was a runaway success. Once again, this author's solid research and talent for creating a believable, heart-warming romantic tale will transport her many fans back to the foundation of America's unique spirit in ***Secrets and Sacrifices***. In the name of love, a young woman fought for her country, but the pain and passion of Charlie's journey will change many lives.

Five Hearts from The Romance Studio. ~ Reviewed by Anita

Readers will be fascinated by the strength that is demonstrated by the character of Charlie. Charlie fights to do the right thing and protect love ones. When Joshua dies the sadness threatens to overwhelm Charlie. When Charlie finds a reason to go on readers will cheer the effort it takes. Each emotion demonstrated is effective and conveyed strongly to the readers

Secrets and Sacrifices by Diane Wylie is a creative and wonderfully accurate depiction of the Civil War. Readers will find themselves drawn into the story from the very beginning. This is a story readers will remember and return to read again. I highly recommend it to the readers that enjoy historical romance

Five Roses from MyBookCravings.com ~Reviewed by Sherry

Ms. Wylie has written a wonderful story filled with emotion. As you read this book you will feel like you are reliving life in the south during the Civil War. The emotions that both the Confederates and the Yankees must have felt during the war are described in perfect detail. As you read about the pain and suffering endured you will discover that many secrets and sacrifices were made on both sides. This book will show you that even though the pain and heartache seems more than anyone should have to endure, love can help you to overcome tragedy and become whole again. This book is a keeper.

Jenny's Passion
By Diane M. Wylie

Release Date: November 30, 2008
ISBN-10: 0981559247
ISBN-13: 978-0981559247
Genre: Historical Romance
Time Period: 1863 to 1865

David Reynolds joined the cavalry out of a sense of duty and adventure. As he rides into battle at Mine Run he has no idea his life is about to change forever.

The forbidden Yankee attracts Jennifer Winston like no other. She would do anything to save him...even kill.

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Five Roses from Romance Writers United ~Reviewed by: Rie McGaha

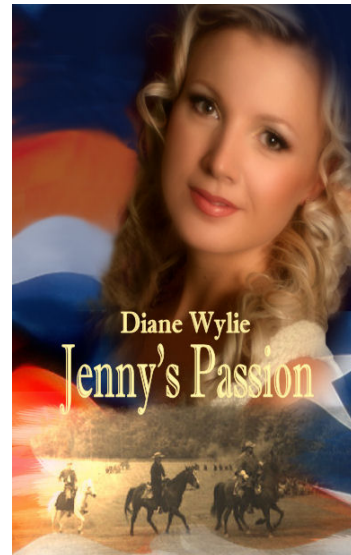
"First, let me preface this review by saying that I am a huge American history buff, especially the 1880's that encompassed so much change in this country. I have had an ancestor, or relative, who fought in every American war from the Revolutionary War to the current situation in the Middle East. So when I read a period piece such as this one, I look for the mistakes, the literary license, and lack of research in manuscripts many authors attempt to pass off as "historical" pieces. So imagine my absolute delight when I read *Jenny's Passion* and found nothing I could pounce upon!

This is a wonderfully written, exquisite story of love during turmoil, and of following one's own heart in spite of opposition. I loved this book and couldn't put it down once I started reading it. I found myself wanting to be Jenny's friend, all the while swooning over David, as well as Jack, David's friend and fellow soldier, whom David believes was killed in battle."

Four and a half Shamrocks by CK2S Kwips and Kritiques ~Reviewed by Marilyn Rondeau – Reviewers International Organization (RIO)

In a tone reminiscent of *Gone With the Wind*, this debut author chronicles a deeply moving romantic adventure, that will make you both laugh and cry. The author writes with a very distinct voice in a compelling story that has been thoroughly researched and brought to life with vivid imagery and mature characterizations.

Though the story has been told many times of the brutality of Americans fighting one another it still has the power to pull you in when told with a new voice, perspective, and the thorough enjoyment of placing a beautiful romance as the focus to counteract the brutality of war. The writing is fresh, spontaneous, yet controlled and focused. Ms. Wylie has written a superb debut book showcasing a budding talent that I will be watching for in years to come. I was thoroughly entertained and totally enjoyed this fabulous novel that I recommend for lovers of American Civil War romantic adventures.



Five Angels and Recommended Read from Fallen Angel Reviews ~Reviewed by Naomi

"Diane M Wylie has created characters that are so lifelike that the reader is dragged into all of the agonies and joys as they occur. The author has done considerable research into this time period, and this enthralling story unravels as if the reader were reliving events. My Enemy, My Love [Jenny's Passion] is much more than an impressive debut. It is a heart-warming romance that will have readers sighing as they relive "first-kiss" moments, then despairing over the fate of the many fine young men who rode off to battle. If you enjoy historical romance, I strongly urge you to read this story. For this reader, it is a keeper with a + + +!"

Also from Fallen Angels Reviews ~Reviewed by Ruby

"This [book] is so good it would be a wonderful movie. I thoroughly enjoyed the romance between David and Jenny. The scenes are well written taking you into where you can just about see the lands and the characters. There are many emotions running rapid in this book, between friends, lovers, family and the love of lands the characters call home. This was a page-turner and highly recommended."

Five Hearts from Love Romances ~Reviewed by Gina

"Diane Wylie's premier book, My Enemy, My Love [Jenny's Passion], is the kind of love story the reader will want to sit and savor. From the brutality of the Civil War, to the tender love between Jenny and David, the reader is swept up and transported back to another time and place."

Four and a half Ribbons from Romance Junkies ~Reviewed by Sherri Myers

"Diane Wylie's debut novel is sure to take you on an emotional roller coaster ride, from the hauntingly realistic battle scenes to the tender love scenes between Jenny and David. If you enjoy Civil War era historical romances, this is one book that shouldn't be passed over... Diane Wylie is one of those up-and-coming authors we should keep our eye on."

Four and a half Rating from Historical Romance Club ~Reviewed by Sandra Marlow

"Ms. Wylie gives historical romance a breath of fresh air in giving us a hero and heroine who meet early in the story to let you share in their life together much longer than the usual last few pages of a book. You invest so much in these characters early on. You care about every obstacle they encounter and how they get through each one and you cheer at each triumph. A beautiful love story to be slowly savored."

Four Cups from Coffee Time Romance ~ Reviewed by Sheryl

"My Enemy, My Love [Jenny's Passion] is an emotionally moving story of betrayal, hope and love. Jenny has never known a love like the one she has with David and in the turbulent times of war, together they will risk everything to make it work. I thoroughly enjoyed this story as it relates of how far they would go to stay together and keep their sanity, from freeing Jenny's father from incarceration to rescuing David and others from an enemy prison camp. This is definitely a wonderful story of hope."

Four Hearts from The Romance Studio ~Reviewer: Patrice

"The love between David and Jenny grows deep and true as they fight to overcome the many challenges and hardships of their times. Endearing family relationships keep you turning the pages to see what will happen next. There is just enough suspense to keep you involved and the story flows along quickly to its conclusion. Diane Wylie is a new voice in historical romance who will please many fans with her fresh perspective of an old story."

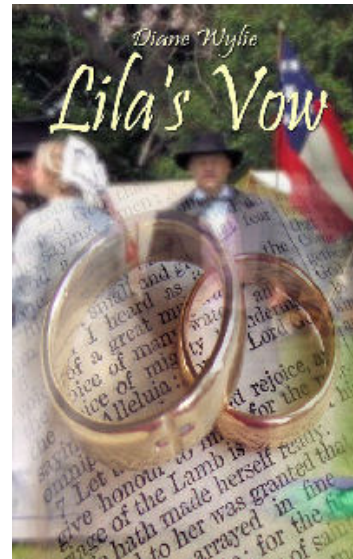
Lila's Vow **By Diane M. Wylie**

Release Date: June 30, 2009
ISBN: 978-0-9819896-0-0
Genre: Historical Romance
Time Period: 1863 to 1865

Schoolteacher Lila Sutton finds her one true love when cavalryman Captain Jack Montgomery rides into Gettysburg. But receiving word of his death leads her to seek her own type of revenge.

Imprisoned for a year, Jack returns to an uncertain future filled with turmoil and danger, when all he wants is Lila.

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Five Lips and Reviewers Choice Award from Two Lips Reviews ~ Reviewed by Sal
"...*Lila's Vow* is a fantastic ride through history and a love that would not surrender to the devastations of the most terrible war America has ever known. Ms. Wylie captured the Civil War in vivid detail and I believe I learned some things I did not know before I read this book. Ms. Wylie created a story of great joy and absolute sorrow. I could not put this book down. At times the sorrowful events ripped at my heart and, at others, it soared with the ability of the characters to overcome impossible circumstances. The characters were flawed and beautiful in their strength of purpose and pure grit. Ms. Wylie made me believe in them as if they were breathing people with all the defects and wonderful spirit of humanity. *Lila's Vow* is an unforgettable story. I look forward to reading about Jack's friend, David, in her upcoming book, *Jenny's Passion*. Bravo Ms. Wylie, *Lila's Vow* is one of the best books I've read in a long time."

Five Roses from Romance Writers Unlimited ~Reviewed by Rie McGaha
Lila's Vow is an extremely well written novel, but beyond being well written, it is also a story that touches the heart and soul. Ms. Wylie does a wonderful job of weaving the characters' stories and lives together. I also loved the fact that she brought the love between Jenny and David into this story, which flowed seamlessly from *Jenny's Passion* to *Lila's Vow* and gave the feeling that this really wasn't two separate novels, but one incredible account of the lives of real people. The author didn't leave out Lila's mother either, and I loved it that she brought romance and marriage to a woman of an age I can really relate to!

Coffee Time Reviewers Recommend Award ~ Reviewed by Cherokee
"This award recognizes outstanding writing styles in all book types and genres. Your book has received this award because I feel it is above and beyond a 5 Cup Rating."
"*An absolute wonderful book, completely awesome!!!*"
"Diane Wylie describes an outstanding tale that has the reader feeling compassion for the characters. With the sudden destruction of lives and homes, along with the smell of blood in the air during the devastating war, she depicts an era that breathes life in the pages. One can feel the trepidation and sorrow, even when the soldiers storm into the people's homes. *Lila's Vow* is a

story that moved me with its emotions and in-depth sensations. When I read about Jack and the Andersonville Prison, it reminded me of the time I visited and practically could feel those who had been slain there. This is one extraordinary story that comes highly recommended and should not be missed."

Five Books by Long and Short Reviews ~Reviewed by Water Lily
Voted Best Book of the Week

"Diane Wylie has a gift for taking the harsh realities of life in the Civil War and interweaving her characters into the fabric. The battle of Gettysburg, the horrors of Andersonville, the confederate submarine Hunley all become characters under Wylie's hands. Lila and Jack's story is compelling, but for me, as wonderful as the love story is, it almost becomes secondary to the history. The Jack's capture and incarceration in Andersonville and Lila's stint with the Pinkerton agency show Wylie's grasp of the many levels of life and experience in this tumultuous time in our country. I particularly enjoyed this story's exciting and unexpected climax."

Five Clovers by Ck2s Kwips and Kritiques

"Ms. Wylie writes a powerhouse of a novel that describes a love like no other and the brave men and women who gave their all for a happy ending. Excellent reading and highly recommended."

Adam's Treasure ***By Diane Wylie***

Release Date: June 2010
Print ISBN: 1-60154-753-6
Print ISBN 13: 9781601547538
Genre: Historical Romance
Time Period: 1867 Post-War U.S.

Master of disguise, Adam Skelding, is a Pinkerton agent on assignment. His mission: Find the missing gold and stop the secretive Knights of the Golden Circle before they gain power. The future of the country depends upon it.

All Marilla Logan wanted was a way to escape from her life as a tavern wench. A dark stranger who breaks into her room offers her only chance. Swept up into a life of intrigue, she becomes ensnared in a tangled web of clues, danger, and emotion to break the code.

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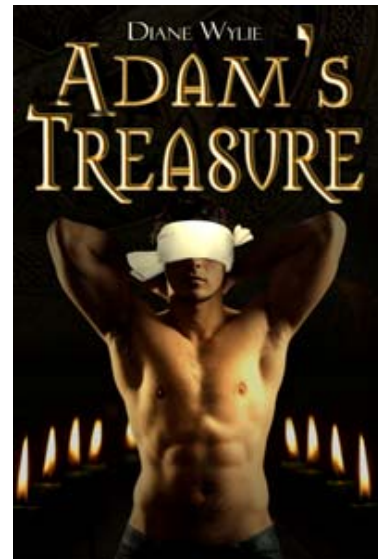
4 Cups from Kimberly, Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance & More

For me, sexy men who live life on the edge are a must have when it comes to romance. Adam Skelding certainly fills that requirement. When you add Marilla to the mix with her humor and adventuresome nature, you get a story that is fun and exciting. It was only as I turned each page that I was able to catch my breath. Ms. Wylie has managed to pack quite an entertaining tale between the covers of this book. I devoured this book within a very brief period of time. I encourage you to add Adam's Treasure to your collection so that you, too, can follow Adam and Marilla in their journey.

4 ½ lips from Sal, Reviewer for Two Lips Reviews

Diane Wylie paints a vivid picture of Post Civil War America following the assassination of President Lincoln. Adam's Treasure reflects the extensive research Ms. Wylie did before beginning this novel. For those interested, she was kind enough to give a list of resources in the back of the book.

Marilla is one motivated and determined woman. I admired the way Ms. Wylie presented this spirited lady who doesn't mind expressing her deepest feelings. Struggling with a humiliating and destructive past, Adam is a perfect foil for this outgoing woman, as he keeps his feelings to himself. I felt his distress in fighting his demons, but I had difficulty feeling the deep emotional connection between Adam and Marilla that Ms. Wylie usually establishes with her characters. I found Nickolas, the young and handsome wilderness tracker, a profoundly interesting character, and I hope Ms. Wylie can be persuaded to write a book about this budding hero. In the meantime, Adam's Treasure is a book sure to please the enthusiastic historical reader.



The LOVE Anthology

"A Soldier to Love" by Diane M. Wylie

Release Date: January 2006

ISBN [POD only]: 1-59374-514-1

ISBN [ebook]: 1-59374-513-3

Genre: Mixed anthology

Why did Daddy have to die in this hole of a town in Georgia and leave me alone and penniless? Christine Lawson was desperate. With no money and no place to live, that forty dollar enlistment fee to join the Confederate Army was sounding better and better...too bad she is a girl.

A surprise attack, one cold night in the Alleghany Mountains, lands Private Ryan Bishop flat on the ground and thankful to be alive. But his savior turns out to be someone he never expected and finds he cannot forget.

2006 CAPA Award Nominee

..."Along with the wonderfully sweet prose in this anthology, also comes beautiful poetry with three poems that have been beautifully interwoven in this collection... The masterfully written stories, combined with the amazing poetry, make this book a must for anyone who maintains a lifelong love affair with love. I was chained to the chair, waiting for what came next in this tearfully romantic book. All the contributors are masters of their trade and are to be commended for such a wonderful piece. Love is definitely a book to be purchased and read again and again."
Coffee Time Romance

"Sweet verse and captivating stories make this anthology a winner. The contributions of numerous talented authors weave tales of love that are spellbinding and brilliantly written. They bring joy to the heart and instill much to preserve the feeling of affection in one's life. The stories are moving, breathtaking and keep the reader fascinated from the first page to the last. The list of gifted authors make this Love Anthology priceless!" *The Romance Studio*

