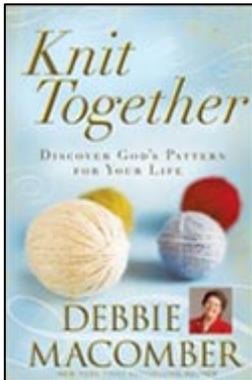


Readin' & Writin' with Lauraine- August 2007



Once upon a time there was an extremely famous fiction author who was talked into writing a non fiction book by a good friend of hers. Since this author had high principles and not only lived by them but taught them to others, her friend suggested she put those speeches into a book so that more people could read them and hopefully learn how to chart their own path to success.

And so she did.

The book, titled *Knit Together, Discover God's Pattern for Your Life*, by Debbie Macomber arrived in stores in July and is quickly joining her novels on bestseller's lists.

Debbie loves to knit and those of you who have read her *Blossom Street* series might have caught the bug too. So Debbie's use of a knitting metaphor in this book was not a surprise. She shares her own stories of heartache, frustration, and triumph as she encourages her readers to pursue their own dreams, to dream bigger than they thought they could, and to persevere in spite of all odds.

Success did not come easy to Debbie, but she learned to read and study both her Bible and many books on success principles. She quotes from these texts in her own book and shows how she applied their wisdom in her journey toward success. She is also a strong advocate for listening to teaching tapes.

The chapters in *Knit Together* all start with "Created for..." with topics like 'Purpose', 'Dreams', and 'Work', and all are filled with examples both entertaining and wise. She has knit all these stories and teachings together to form a blanket of encouragement for anyone who reads *Knit Together*...

This book is for anyone who wants to improve their life, who is willing to dream big and then put feet on that dream with hard work and discipline. This book is for anyone who has the courage to dream even more.

Learning from someone else's experiences is far easier than trying to make your own way, all by yourself. Someone famous said that the person you will be five years from now depends on the friends you have and the books you read. So why not get together with a few friends to read this book and do the exercises she suggests?

Write out your dreams, list goals that will get you there and then cheer each other on as you take daily steps on your journey to success. We all know life is more fun when shared and so is this journey we are on. Let Debbie Macomber be your coach, as you read and enjoy *Knit Together*...

You can buy this book at your local bookstore, or online at places like Amazon and Christianbook. While you're browsing the bookstore, watch for my latest historical novel, *Sophie's Dilemma*, another addition to the popular saga of the Bjorklunds.

At the end of August, you'll also have a chance to buy my new, contemporary novel, *Breaking Free*. This is a story about a Thoroughbred saved from the meat market by a young woman in prison, a boy and his father at odds, and Bonnie the Basset who makes them laugh. I hope you love this book as much as I do.

Until next time,

Happy Readin' and Writin' from Lauraine