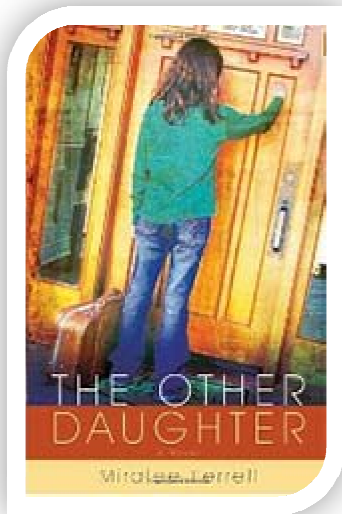


Readin' & Writin' with Lauraine- November 2012

I hope you've been enjoying this glorious weather like I have. The ash tree is all red and the liquid ambers are every shade of red, yellow and green imaginable. I'm usually traveling about this time of year, so this is my first time to see my ash tree turn color. Sure glad I planted it. I can now walk a bit later in the morning because it doesn't get too hot by nine. Ah, bliss.



I couldn't find the book I wanted to review, and then realized it was on my Kindle. I never dreamed I would really be reading more of the newer books on this intriguing gizmo, but it sure was helpful when I was traveling on my annual pilgrimage to Minot, ND to the Norsk Hostfest, the largest Scandinavian festival in the entire world, let alone the U.S.A.

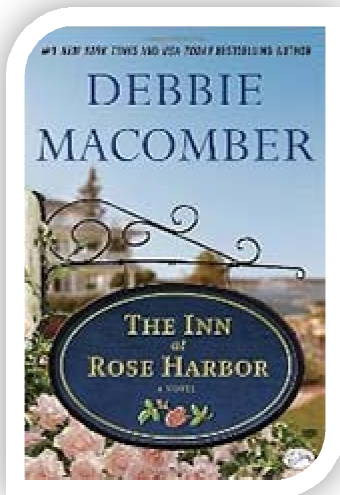
Miralee Ferrel is a friend of mine from Washington state and it has been a pleasure to watch her mature into a delightful creator of books that not only keep a reader's interest, but whose characters remain in your mind long after you've finished reading. So this month I introduce *The Other Daughter* by Miralee Ferrel.

In the story, readers meet a marriage that has gotten a bit rocky and the husband, David Carson, with a business of his own, hurrying home so he and his wife Suzanne can have a real celebration for their anniversary. In the meantime, Suzanne answers the door to find a strange young girl, about twelve who asks for Mr. Carson. She glimpses a truck driving away and doesn't understand the situation, until she learns that this waif on her doorstep, Brianna, believes Mr. David Carson is her father.

Now if that isn't a great set up for lots of conflict and heart wrenching action, I don't know what is. As I watched these two adults and their three children struggle with all the ramifications of something the father did—one night that got out of hand while he was dating his now wife, and never mentioned. But then, why would he? He'd made a mistake and regretted it, but he didn't want to hurt the love of his life.

The Other Daughter raises plenty of questions in a reader's mind about faith, marriage, the destructive force of keeping secrets, and how mistakes affect so many more people than one ever dreams of. Will these two good people manage to remain together and rebuild the marriage they committed to?

I think you'll enjoy Merilee's other books, too, and she'll become one of your favorite new authors.



I also read Debbie Macomber's latest release, *The Inn at Rose Harbor*, about a woman who opens a bed and breakfast and her adventures in her brand new venture, along with the fascinating people who come to stay there.

This novel reminds me of Debbie's *Blossom Street* series which were my favorite of all her books.

If you enjoy books about family secrets and what they can do to people, a quick mention of my latest release, *Reunion*, fits in right here. This contemporary novel is inspired by an event in my life which made the book even harder to write. I hope you enjoy it.

So happy fall, happy reading and maybe even writing a family Christmas letter. Which reminds me I better get to thinking on mine.

Until next time,

Happy readin' & writin' from Lauraine