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John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

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Dear Readers,



Happy Easter!! And yes, I *mean* happy, for had it not been for the Sacrifice . . . well, I don't want to think where I would be!!

Easter is one of my favorite holidays. I really enjoy Sunday morning, watching the adorable little girls run around in their pretty, frilly dresses and colorful bows and barrettes, and handsome little boys in their neat little suits and ties, racing around in search of Easter eggs full of goodies. I love giving out Easter baskets to my nieces and nephews, and watching their new clothes get covered in chocolate stains and jelly bean residue! Especially since my own little man has gotten beyond the age of baskets and eggs, now he just wants cash-in-a-card, and a ride to the mall - LOL-!!! But, those years were fun while they lasted, *sigh.*

Well, now that *Daring Devotion* is well on it's way, my mind is racing ahead to October when my sixth book will be released! It is tentatively entitled *His Holiday Bride*. I am really excited about this one, because it is a unique opportunity for me. It's the first time I've been involved in a continuity series. This one is called "Three Weddings and a Reunion," and it is from Harlequin Kimani.

I, along with three other writers are sharing the stories of four sisters, The Lockhart Family. I am honored to be included in this series because it has allowed me to work with some of my favorite authors. Brenda Jackson, Jacqueline Thomas and Gwynne Forster. You can't ask for better company than that!!

My heroine/sister is Amber Lockhart, the baby of the bunch, and a bit of a wild child, which is my favorite kind of heroine ☺ Just as an unofficial mini-blurb: *Amber Lockhart being the impetuous woman that she is follows current boyfriend, famed basketball player, Dashaun Kennedy, to LA for a weekend of fun and partying only to be confronted by a shocking secret. Now alone in a strange city, she has no choice but to accept the help of family friend and security expert, Paul Gutierrez. But it doesn't take Amber long to realize that Paul is offering a lot more than just his protection.*

When we get closer to October, I will post an "official" blurb, cover and excerpt on my website. But for now, please look for the 1st book in the series, *Brenda Jackson's - In Bed with Her Boss* - coming in August.

Well, Slam Jam 2007 is officially over, and preparations for next year's event is already under way. I have been told that Slam Jam 2008 is coming to Chicago, IL!!! That's practically in my backyard. I'm already looking forward to it. So, for anyone thinking of attending start planning now!!!

The lovely Ms. Alice Wootson will be the Keynote Speaker, and Deatri King-Bey is the Host Author. Deatri will be sending out newsletters to anyone who wants updates. You can sign up for the newsletter at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/RomanceSlamJamNews>

Finally, I want to congratulate the winners of my *Fever* Contest - I hope you enjoy your tote bags and books! Look for my 5th Contest for *Daring Devotion* coming in June.

Hope you and yours have an Easter filled with sunshine and smiling faces. Until next month!



Take Care,
Elaine