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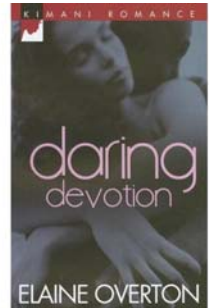
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Dear Reader,



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Happy **4<sup>th</sup> of July!!** I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. Mmmm. . . I can almost smell the BBQ from here!!

July is one of my favorite months, the sound of exploding fireworks coming from every backyard, marveling at the hundreds of antique cars that come from all around in preparation for the **Woodward Dream Cruise** next month. All the many summer festivals and outdoor concerts. The smells of charcoal briquettes, swimming pool chlorine, and insect repellent wafting on the air! Here in Michigan we take our summer seriously, seeing how we only get about three weeks of it! Just kidding.☺ It's not quite that bad, although, the beautiful warm weather never last long enough for me.

I want to thank everyone for the kind emails I have received regarding ***Daring Devotion***, and congratulations to all the winners of the contest, enjoy your Barnes & Nobles cards!

I hope you will check out my sixth book coming this October, ***His Holiday Bride***. The third in a four book series, ***Three Weddings & a Reunion***. Amber and Paul's relationship was so much fun to create. I hope to have an excerpt up on the site next month, so when you have time, click by and check it out.

Also, I need to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, I will not be attending the **RWA** convention in Dallas next month, after all. For everyone planning to attend, have a great time, and I will hopefully see you next year at the **Romance Slam Jam** in Chicago. Those of you attending **RWA**, remember to support the AA author book signing being held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, details are still on my site.

Finally, I regret to inform you that the anticipated follow up to my Arabesque title, ***Déjà vu*** (Rev. Gabriel Campbell/Angela Wilcox story) will not be published due to a couple of reasons. My publisher feels that any story line involving a minister would have to be considered Christian fiction, and since that is not the direction of the Kimani line, it would be inappropriate.

I feel that changing the characters profiles, i.e., making Gabriel something other than a minister, and abandoning the original plot line would not be cohesive to ***Déjà vu***, and would leave you, the reader, less than satisfied with the follow up book. I sincerely apologize for this retraction.

When I wrote ***Déjà vu***, I fully intended to bring you Gabriel & Angela's story as well, but this decision is a personal judgment call, and I can only hope it's the right one. I hope this will not put you off from reading future releases as I will continue to try to bring you new and interesting stories.

That's all for now, enjoy the sun and fun.

Until next time,  
Elaine



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**Nights of passion**  
Detroit social worker Andrea Chenault has always believed she can live with the fear that every firefighter's wife knows. But as her long-awaited wedding day approaches, she's tormented by secret doubts. Because it's becoming clear that deadly fires are targeting the man she loves beyond all reason.

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