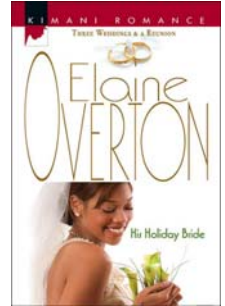




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Trouble was her middle name...

Of the four Lockharts, Amber was the wild child, a part-time student and full-time groupie who gave her older sisters sleepless nights. But even Amber was surprised when her pre-Christmas getaway turned nasty, causing her to flee from danger—right into the six-pack abs of Paul Gutierrez.

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## Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 2, 2007

Dear Readers,

It's November, and this time of year my inner "B. Smith" surfaces! For those of you who don't know her, she's the African-American answer to Martha Stewart © <http://www.bsmith.com/index2.php>

Yes, this is the time of year when I get all domestic, and Susie home-maker-ish, and you can blame my mother for this annual transformation. Despite the fact that she was a single mother with two jobs, and four small children, she always went out of her way to make sure the holidays were a special time for us. I still practice many of the traditions of my childhood. For instance, the Friday after Thanksgiving when most of America is searching the malls for great deals, I'm sitting in the middle of my living room floor untangling lights, and sorting ornaments, flipping through cookbooks for holiday treats, and counting

rolls of wrapping paper. Think of it as a kind of holiday season inventory. But, I love every minute of it, so I'm not complaining. Unlike my mother, I tend to cut corners when I can, and with that thought, I offer you a "quick and easy" peach cobbler recipe I found years ago. I've made it every year for four or five years and it comes out perfect every time! Considering my lack of culinary skills, that's saying something! (Let's just say Angie Wilcox wasn't an *entirely* fictional character☺)

Well, I'm still working on my 7<sup>th</sup> book, but unfortunately, I still do not have any definitive details to share at this time. Thank you for the kind emails regarding *His Holiday Bride*, and the supportive words left on my website guestbook. There are no words to describe the feeling of satisfaction that

comes from having a story well received. We writers spend so much of our time alone, hunched over a computer keyboard creating these "people's" lives, by the end of the book, I care about each and everyone of them, and want you, the reader, to care about them to. So, your words really matter! Thank you again.

I want to send congratulations to the winners of the *His Holiday Bride* contest - your prize packages should be arriving soon - autographed copies of the full Lockhart series! Enjoy! Finally, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday surrounded by family and friends - and try not to eat too much!☺

Take care,  
Elaine

### Quick & Easy Peach Cobbler

- 1 - cup flour
- 1 - cup sugar
- ½ - cup melted butter
- 2 - t-spoon baking powder
- 1 - egg (beaten)
- 2 - 1 lbs. can of peaches
- 1- Shallow casserole dish

Preheat oven at 350 degrees  
Combine flour, sugar, and  
baking powder in large bowl /  
add egg and blend thoroughly /  
you should end up with a  
crumbly mixture / pour  
peaches in dish / sprinkle  
crumbly mixture over the top /  
pour melted butter over  
crumbly mixture /bake for 35-  
45 minutes - and you're done!