

# From the Desk of Elaine Overton

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## Inspirational Quote

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!  
Live the life you've imagined. As you simplify  
your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler.”

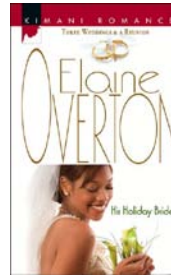
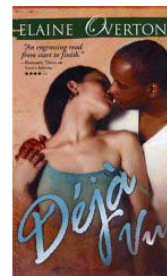
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Henry David Thoreau

Dear Reader,



Welcome to Autumn!! Ready for back to school? Time to start shaking out the sweaters and corduroys. ☺As much as I love the beautiful fall colors, it is always hard for me to surrender summer.



Just a reminder that the book trailer and excerpt for *Seducing the Matchmaker* is now available on my site. As I mentioned in last month's letter, mark your calendar **Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – for my first **online chat!** During the chat, I'm hosting a small contest (prizes to be announced) so drop by and say Hi. ☺

If you live in the metro-Detroit area, my **Reader Appreciation Luncheon** is coming in December. It's just a small, intimate gathering of "us", and my way of saying thank you. Details will be posted on the **Appearance page** on my website as they are finalized. I'm hoping that the luncheon will become an annual event that will allow me to travel to different parts of the country to thank my readers in person .

This month, I start work on my **December-09** book, but other than that I don't have a lot to report. So, I thought instead I would share my favorite poem with you. Over the years it has become more of a "creed", and it never fails to inspire me to embrace and accept both the beauty and the flaws in myself and the world around me.

## Desiderata



Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

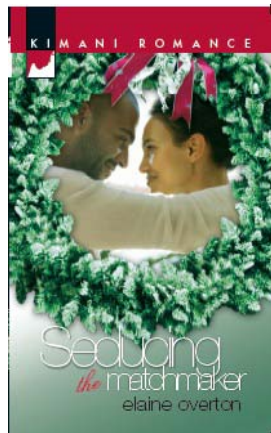
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



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To the *Everyday People* who represent the nuts & bolts of our society and economy.  
Happy Labor Day !!!



Take care,  
Elaine

