Dear Readers,

With its festive decorations, gatherings with family and friends, homemade treats, and cheerful gifts, holiday season truly is the most wonderful time of the year. But it can also be downright hectic! That’s why, during this season of merry and bright, we must give ourselves time to slow down and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading a good book.

Each of this issue’s featured books (including one from yours truly!) grants an escape from the holiday rush. You’ll visit a charming village in Maine where a fabled fox brings love and luck to those who cross her path. Follow the twists and turns of a murder investigation that sends a brilliant PI and her handsome client from posh Vail mansions to breathtaking ranches in Colorado. Get whisked away to the glittering balls, witty banter, and swoon-worthy romance of the Regency era. And from me, visit a small college town where two scientists attempt to crack the chemistry of love while proving that opposites do attract. All of these stories will bring comfort and joy to your well-deserved “me time” this holiday season!

Be sure to head on over to DownHomeReads.com too for more bookish fun, and look for my next round of recommendations in the magazine’s spring issue! More Down Home Reads are on the way, so don’t go far, y’all!

Happy Reading,

Jodi Thomas

Dinner on Primrose Hill by Jodi Thomas
The Honey Creek Series
In the small college town of Clifton Bend, Texas, a buttoned-up chemistry professor and his spontaneous, outgoing colleague are researching “The Chemistry of Mating.” Soon the whole town is talking about their endeavor to quantify the science of love. But no matter what the data determines, one thing is inescapable: love follows its own rules…

The Last Goodnight by Kat Martin
Blood Ties, The Logans Series
With the first in a brand new, high-octane romantic thriller series, New York Times bestselling author Kat Martin stirs up a hornet’s nest of lies, adultery, and murder as a betrayed husband and a private detective investigate his estranged wife’s disappearance in Colorado.

A Yuletide Kiss by Madeline Hunter, Sabrina Jeffries, Mary Jo Putney
Bestselling authors Madeline Hunter, Sabrina Jeffries, and Mary Jo Putney deck the halls with this sparkling Christmas collection of three interconnected romances about stranded travelers who find merriment, mistletoe, and holiday romance at a quaint country inn.

Crazy Like a Fox by Melinda Metz
The Fox Crossing, Maine Series
In the charming mountain town of Fox Crossing, Maine, the locals are friendly, nature lovers are welcome, and a single glimpse of a legendary fox can change your life forever. This feel-good story about small-town life, unexpected love, and second chances is perfect for animal lovers and anyone looking for an uplifting read!

Infamous by Minerva Spencer
The Rebels of the Ton Series
Perfect for fans of Bridgerton, Minerva Spencer weaves a tale of second chances that turns traditional tropes on its head, as a Regency-era former “mean girl” and a geek-turned-handsome lord cross paths at a wedding house party. Their pairing is explosive and the results are unforgettable!

Jodi Thomas is a New York Times bestselling author and fifth-generation Texan who sets many of her award-winning stories in her home state, where her grandmother was born in a covered wagon. A multi-RITA® Award-winner and member of the prestigious Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame, she’s written over 50 novels with millions of copies in print. Her newest novel, Dinner on Primrose Hill, is the third in a series revolving around Honey Creek, Texas, a place where family bonds, legends, and love run deep. Please visit her at JodiThomas.com.