

VETERAN HISTORICAL ROMANCE NOVELIST ALEXIS HARRINGTON'S FIRST SELF-PUBLISHED NOVEL, HOME BY MORNING, TO BE REPUBLISHED ELECTRONICALLY AND IN PAPERBACK AS AN AMAZON MONTLAKE ROMANCE ON DECEMBER 24TH

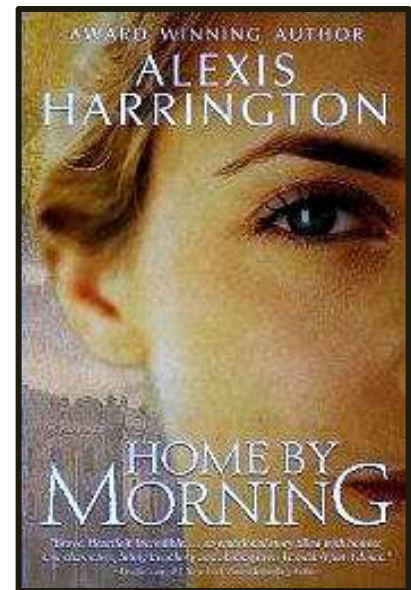
Harrington Sets Her Story in 1918 Oregon Where the Strength of an Estranged Couple's Love is Tested as the Great War Grinds On and the Deadly Influenza Pandemic Engulfs the World

"Alexis Harrington is an extraordinary talent."
—*New York Times* bestselling author, Catherine Anderson

"Emotionally moving and very tender, MONTANA BORN AND BRED tugs on your heartstrings in magical ways. Alexis Harrington delivers a story with relevance to us today as well as a wonderfully drawn portrait of the era."
—*RT Book Review*

"The balance between the romance and history is perfect. ...Thank you, Ms. Harrington."
—*All About Romance* on Home by Morning

"Brave. Heartfelt. Incredible . . . an emotional story filled with honest, raw characters, biting treachery and abiding love. I couldn't put it down."
—*New York Times* bestselling author, Lisa Jackson on Home by Morning



When Alexis Harrington's first book, Homeward Hearts, was published twenty years ago, e-books and e-readers were mere glimmers in tech-savvy eyes. The author of ten traditionally published print books, Alexis published her recent historical romance novel, **HOME BY MORNING**, as an e-book original. The book caught the attention of editors' at Amazon's new Montlake Romance imprint, which then acquired print and electronic rights to it as well as Alexis's upcoming novel, **HOME BY NIGHTFALL**. Set in the first part of the 20th century, both books take place in the small town of Powell Springs, Oregon and share several characters. **HOME BY MORNING** will be republished by Montlake for sale on December 24th and **HOME BY NIGHTFALL** follows in July 2012. Both will be available in e-book and paperback editions.

HOME BY MORNING begins in October, 1918 as Dr. Jessica Layton returns to her hometown of Powell Springs for the first time since leaving for medical school in the east. The Great War is in its fifth year, shortages abound, the home front mourns the massive loss of life, and women physicians remain an anomaly. Her efforts to treat New York City's desperately poor left her drained and exhausted, in need of time to recuperate physically and emotionally. Having done so, she has now given up on a traditional medical practice and is headed to a research position in Seattle.

The stop in Powell Springs will be difficult. The town holds bitter memories and reminders of failure. Jess couldn't save the family home, she broke her promise to continue her father's medical practice and it's the first time she'll face Cole Braddock, the man who broke her heart and who her sister Amy is planning to marry.

Convinced to stand in for the absent town doctor for a few weeks before continuing north, Jess treats her first patient that very day, a soldier about to leave for Europe. Crossing paths with Cole, she hardens her heart, but can't help but see he is still the same man with whom she fell in love, and still the only one who stirs her passion.

Cole is fighting his own demons. After his brother Riley enlisted, he was left to run the family business supplying desperately needed horses to the Army. Cole feels guilt about not fighting—a frustration exacerbated by his alcoholic father who belittles him at every turn. He worries, too, about Susannah, Riley's wife, who is exhausted by work and worry. Drifting toward marriage with Amy, Cole has yet to put aside his anger over Jess. Seeing her stirs up memories of all they shared and the pain that has never healed.

The young soldier dies, the first person in Powell Springs to succumb to the influenza pandemic gripping the world. As more and more townspeople take ill, it is clear that a new war has come to the home front. Now, Jess and Cole work side-by-side as they struggle to save lives, an intimacy that makes it impossible to ignore their feelings for each other. Amid the turmoil, as Jess desperately treats the sick, she incurs the wrath of a minister bent on revenge and becomes the target of a slanderous campaign to keep her from her patients.

Jess has to decide. She can choose to fight on all fronts, or leave, turning her back on her hometown, its people and Cole forever.

ABOUT ALEXIS HARRINGTON

Historical novelist Alexis Harrington has entertained readers since her first book was published in 1994. She has been spinning tales of characters and situations that include mail order brides, the Yukon Gold Rush, seafaring, ranching, and protagonists heading west ever since. Her latest, **HOME BY MORNING**, is the first of her books published as an e-book original. Initially available in 2010, it will be re-released on December 24th electronically and, for the first time, in paperback by Amazon's new Montlake Romance imprint.

Since that first novel, Homeward Hearts, was published Alexis has written and published ten more books, all historical romances. They include Homeward Hearts, A Light For My Love, A Taste of Heaven, Desperate Hearts, and Harper's Bride, originally published by New American Library (NAL). Her novels Allie's Moon, Montana Born and Bred, The Bridal Veil and The Irish Bride were published by St. Martin's Press. Though Alexis originally published **HOME BY MORNING** independently, it has since been acquired by Amazon's Montlake Romance imprint.

Alexis lives in the Pacific Northwest near the Columbia River within ten miles of her old high school. She has numerous pets, including three chickens. In addition to being a writer for the past twenty years, she makes jewelry, is a fine needlework artist specializing in embroidery, thread crochet and sewing. She enjoys cooking, reading, entertaining, and decorating, and is a lover of all things Victorian.

She is currently hard at work on **HOME BY NIGHTFALL**, which Montlake will publish in July 2012.

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