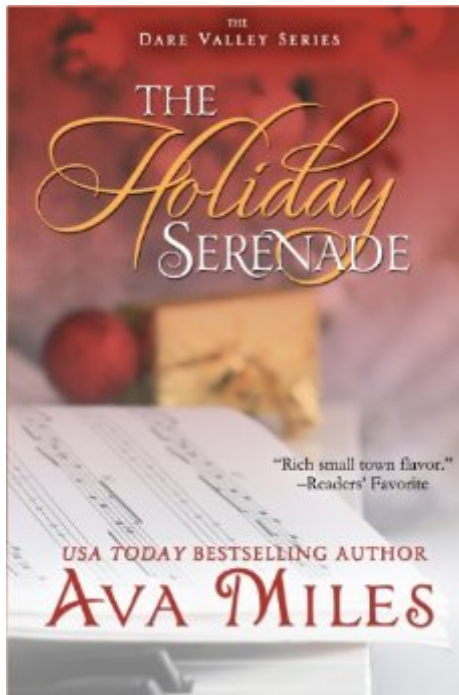


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# The Holiday Serenade (Dare Valley Series, Book 4)



## Synopsis

Over one million readers have fallen in love with Ava's bestselling Dare Valley and Dare River series. Come join the family. USA Today Bestselling Author Ava Miles of the #1 National Bestseller NORA ROBERTS LAND presents a sweet contemporary romance novella about family and empowerment between a millionaire cowboy and a single mom Martha Stewart wannabe in her bestselling small town series, Dare Valley. Professional gambler Rhett Butler Blaylock is everything Abbie Maven doesn't want in a man: flamboyant, flashy, and unreserved. After a horrible experience in her youth, she has spent her life trying to make all the right choices, pouring her energy into being the best possible single mother to her son. But though Rhett doesn't seem to be husband and stepfather material, he awakens emotions in her that are as frightening as they are powerful. They had a fling she's never forgotten, and now he has followed her to Dare Valley, Colorado with the intention of winning back her heart...this time, forever. Rhett's determined to show Abbie he can be the man of her dreams. He'll do whatever it takes for the woman he loves, including giving up his flamboyant lifestyle and bad-boy image. As Christmas approaches, he prepares a special surprise for her, hoping the holiday will work its magic and grant him a miracle. Will his holiday serenade heal Abbie's heart and convince her to give love a second chance?

**REVIEWS:**

- On par with Nicholas Sparks' love stories.
- Jennifer's Corner Blog "Ava's story is witty and charming."
- Barbara Freethy #1 NYT Bestselling Author on Nora Roberts Land "I am adding Ava Miles to my list of always reads like Susan Mallery, Jill Shalvis, Kristen Ashley, and NORA ROBERTS."
- Marjay's Reading Blog "Miles' story savvy, sense of humor, respect for her readers and empathy for her characters shine through."
- USA Today "Finding love like in the pages of a Nora Roberts story."
- Publishers Weekly WW Ladies Book Club

**AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY:** USA Today Bestselling Author Ava Miles joined the ranks of beloved storytellers after receiving Nora Roberts' blessing for her use of Ms. Roberts' name in her debut novel, the #1 National Bestseller NORA ROBERTS LAND. A mere six months after her debut in 2013, she'd hit the USA Today Bestseller list and released five books. So far, over a million readers have discovered Ava's stories, which have reached the #1 spot at Barnes & Noble and ranked in and iBooks' Top 10. Ava's books have been chosen as Best Books of the Year and Top Editor's Picks and are being translated into multiple languages.

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## Customer Reviews

Since I'm not interested in making a gingerbread house this book was a total waste for me. All of the "excerpts" were from the books I've already read. I really liked this series and thought this was a new book.

The Holiday Serenade is book four in the Dare Valley series by Ava Miles. It is a really good romance and shows how everyone needs a second chance. Rhett Butler Blaylock is a flamboyant, fleshy, unreserved, sexy, poker player. He always travels with his two companions- Raven and Vixen. They are always on his arms or near him when he plays poker. No one knows they both are Harvard graduates and are his scouts. They also serve to distract the other players as needed. He is wealthy and has no reason to quit what he is doing. However, since his secret affair with Abbie Maven, he can't get her off his mind. How can he prove his love to her and get past her prejudices against him. He has come to Dare Valley to play in a poker tournament to get the resort off the ground; but he stays to win Abbie back forever. Abbie Maven loves Rhett Butler Blaylock but is not ready to admit it nor is she willing to put up with his lifestyle. She follows her brother Mac from resort to resort and helps get them underway after they are finished. She lives for her brother Mac and her son. She also carries a deep secret about her son's father. She is not letting anyone close to her, especially Rhett. Can Rhett convince Abbie that he is serious about her and making a

life with her? He already loves her son and sees him as his own, so what else can there be?

The set up Rhett Blaylock is on a mission to get Abbie Maven to give their relationship a chance. She doesn't trust her judgment when it comes to men because the last time she did, the results were disastrous. Rhett's waited patiently the last six months, playing by her rules. Now he's pulling out all of the stops during the Christmas season to get her to admit she loves him and he's a man she can trust her heart and her teenage son to for life. The issues While Abbie has given Rhett the impression that his flamboyant professional style is one of the barriers to their being together, it's clear that there's more behind her reluctance than his poker persona. Her son, Dustin, and her brother, Mac, are all supportive of the relationship and her friends are all rooting for the couple. Abbie's almost paralyzed by her fear despite her deep feelings for Rhett. What I liked about the story Rhett's a larger than life character, almost too much but you really cannot help falling for the guy. He declared his love for Abbie in the last book and never waivers, publicly or privately. He adores her son who reciprocates those feelings. Rhett's sense of humor kept me smiling and his romancing efforts were touching, even when he went overboard. The Christmas theme made everything even more magical. Abbie was a bit uptight but given her history, it was understandable. The bottom line You've gotta love a character called Rhett Butler Blaylock who is every bit as dashing as his namesake. This story is all romance, steam and humor with a touch of the holiday spirit added just to make it even sweeter. It's a nice installment in the series and the perfect ending for Abbie and Rhett. (I received an ARC from the author)

Five (5) stars for number 4 in the Dare Valley Series. Here the author proves that with genuine love any problem can be overcome. And Abbie, with her sixteen-year-old fatherless son Dustin, and Rhett, a flamboyant professional poker player, face some seemingly insurmountable ones. But this is Nora Roberts Land, and yes, they do arrive at their happily ever after. • But of course we knew they would. It is again the magical way that Ava Miles accomplishes a happy resolution and solution to the timely and controversial problems her characters face.

Rhett....Abbie... Loved every single minute of it. I love Christmas books and movies, so this was an automatic, no brainer, I was going to like it. Well, I LOVED it! Rhett is definitely the type of man EVERY woman wants - that will fight for the one he loves and won't leave or back down. He was there every single time Abbie needed him. Ava puts such detail into her books, during the scene where she is making the gingerbread houses, I could visualize it as I was reading. The holiday's

making romance so much more breathtaking! Great job on another home run Ava!

4th book in the Dare Valley series. The time is the Christmas season and the main characters were in book 3 (The Grand Opening). In this novella Rhett's goal is to make Abbie believe/trust that he's going to stay and wants to marry her. It takes a lot of convincing. Things happen that force some truths to be revealed and that leads to the HEA. I enjoyed it.

Story started out well, but started to repeat itself. I looked forward to this story because I liked the character Rhett, but I felt he gave a lot up to be with Abbie and she used a lot of excuses to keep their lives separate. Yes, she was trying to prevent a repeat of the past but was blinded to what was actually going around her.

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