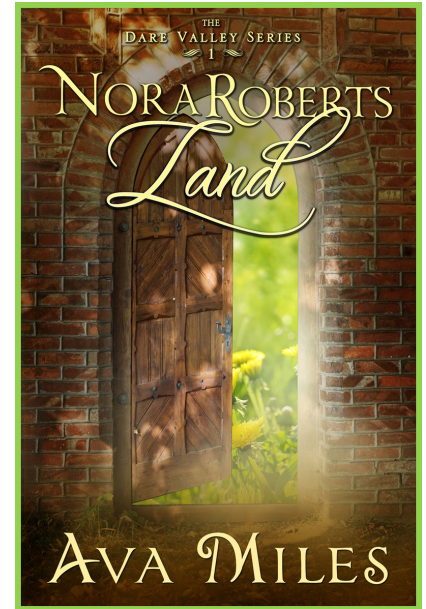


**NORA ROBERTS LAND, A CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE NOVEL INSPIRED BY AN ACTUAL EVENT AND AVA MILES' FIRST BOOK, TO BE PUBLISHED AS AN E-ORIGINAL ON JULY 2ND**

**NORA ROBERTS LAND Follows Journalist Meredith Hale as She Returns Home to Dare Valley, Colorado in Search of Her Own Happily Ever After**

Ava Miles' first novel, **NORA ROBERTS LAND**, goes on sale July 2nd as an ebook original. The first book in the Dare Valley Series, it's the story of Meredith Hale and her search for her own "happily ever after", a.k.a. Nora Roberts Land.

Like her heroine, Ava Miles has always known what she appreciates the most about romance novels. It's the affirmation of romantic love and the guarantee of a "happily ever after." Which made it all the more incomprehensible when her sister's ex-husband concluded that it was reading Nora Roberts novels that was to blame for their divorce. Later, Ava realized she had the hook for a new story and **NORA ROBERTS LAND** was born.



In the book, Meredith, a journalist, has just bought Nora Roberts' latest release. It's the first she's picked up since her divorce. Her New York power broker ex-husband blamed the break-up on Meredith's Nora Roberts addiction, saying it gave her unrealistic expectations of marriage. For awhile, their messy divorce put a damper on her dreams of happily ever after, but no more. Meredith has been asked to return home to Dare Valley, Colorado to fill in for her father at the family newspaper, and she's going with more than one agenda. She also plans to find her own small-town Nora hero, prove that true love exists, and publish an article about her quest.



That is until her ex gets wind of it. He's just hired war correspondent Tanner McBride for the international desk at his New York daily and needs him to take on a special assignment first. He's to go to Dare Valley, make Meredith fall for him and put an end to the article about love à la Nora by breaking her heart. The media mogul is sure the piece will air dirty laundry that will threaten his senate run and he wants Meredith stopped. Tanner refuses, until blackmail changes his mind.

When the two meet, the attraction between them is undeniable. As they work together to uncover the mystery behind the death of a family friend, Meredith, who vowed never to date another newspaper man, nonetheless begins to wonder if Tanner could be her own Nora Roberts hero. Meanwhile, Tanner, who knows he's fallen head over heels in love, is determined to thwart his blackmailer and keep Meredith in his life.

Ava Miles mixes humor and suspense in her small town tale as she brings readers a story from the heart and the promise of a happy ending.

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## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Far from the first in her family to embrace writing, Ava Miles comes from a long line of journalists. Ever since her great-great-grandfather won ownership of a newspaper in a poker game in 1892, her family has had something to do with telling stories, whether to share news or, in her case, fiction. Her clan is still reporting on local events more than one hundred years later at their family newspaper, much like the Hale family in her book. Ava, who's been scribbling down ideas and writing since childhood, says it wasn't until her characters "wouldn't stop talking" that she completed the first of several novels she had written.

Born and raised in the Midwest, where her family's newspaper is located, Ava went on to earn an undergraduate degree in writing and advance degrees in political science and conflict management. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America and Washington Romance Writers. She is also part of an unofficial group that regularly convenes a writing retreat at Nora Roberts' restored Inn Boonsboro in western Maryland. Now writing full-time in the peace and quiet of her northern Virginia porch-swinging-friendly community, she is putting the finishing touches on the two upcoming books in her *Dare Valley Series* and plotting her next series.

**NORA ROBERTS LAND, Book 1, Dare Valley Series, by Ava Miles**

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