

from the desk of Susan May Warren

Rejoice Oh My Soul!

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***We're Whos, here, we are Whos here,
smaller than the eye can see.
Whos here, we are Whos here,
I'm a Who and so is she --***

I've always wanted to live in a musical. When I was a kid, I loved Oklahoma, Sound of Music, West Side Story. I seriously thought that, if the moment was right, maybe if the stars aligned, people would break out into song and dance. I was sorta right. Because in my house, one needs to be able to talk in movie lines and song lyrics to effectively communicate. At any moment, someone might break out with a quip from the Princess Bride, or Finding Nemo. They might sing Tomorrow from Annie, or My Favorite Things like Julie Andrews. But, most recently we've found ourselves speaking in "Seuss" --

*It's supertime, son, and the time is near
To call far and wide the sneetches who hear
Just the sound of their bellies, the whirl of their gear
The gurgles and bubbles that give them great fear*

*Tell them all, tell them loud, tell them clear
Their hands they should wash, check their face in the mirror
Because the food is now ready and it's time to steer
Close to the table, where they'll find hot gribbles here.*

Why, you ask? Because David and Sarah are performing in the community theater's production of Seussical, a hilarious conglomeration of Dr. Seuss' fun work, from Horton hears a Who to Horton Hatches an Egg.

*On the 15th of May, in the jungle of Newel, in the heat of the day, in the cool of the pool
He was splashing *splash!* enjoying the jungle's great joys
When Horton the Elephant heard a small cry — "help!"*

As the Christmas season draws close (and the songs from the play linger in my head), one line has stood out to me-- "We are here, we are here!" You know the story -- that part where, after everyone has called Horton names and they're about ready to boil the speck that contains Whoville, Horton calls out to the Whos to send up a cry to prove themselves as real. "We are here, we are here!"

It strikes me that sometimes we can feel like Whos-- smaller than the eye can see. Tossed hither

and yon by the wind, helpless and facing being boiled. Tired, perhaps, or alone. Wishing someone might find us and pay attention. Someone has, and that's the good news about Christmas. Because we don't have to "make ourselves heard," like the Whos. In fact, even before we realized we were headed for the cauldron, God intervened. *God demonstrated his own love for us in this – while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* (Rom 5:8). That's what Jesus is all about – he's the answer to even the unspoken cry of our hearts, saying, "I am here, I am here." *Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

*So as this season approaches with its whistles and bells
I hope you hear the voice where the Mighty One dwells --
down deep in your hearts, so nothing can shake
the knowledge of his love, given all for your sake.*

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm this year – your letters have been a great blessing to me. I'm thankful for all the Lord has done in my life, for giving me stories that I pray touch lives, for letting me do what I love best for the One I love best. Thank you for sharing in the journey with me!
Merry Christmas!



Susan May Warren



Take Nick Home!

A promotional banner for the book 'Reclaiming Nick' by Susan May Warren. The banner has an orange background with a sunburst pattern. On the left, it says 'MEET NICK NOBLE' in large blue letters, followed by a row of stars. Below this is a short synopsis: 'Nick Noble hadn't planned on being the prodigal son. But when his father dies and leaves half the Silver Buckle—the Noble family ranch—to Nick's former best friend, he returns home to face his mistakes . . . and to guarantee that the ranch stays in the Noble family...'. At the bottom left, it says 'READ MORE ABOUT BOOK 1 IN THE NOBLE LEGACY SERIES'. On the right, there is a book cover for 'Reclaiming Nick' by Susan May Warren, featuring a man in a cowboy hat.

Nick is here!

I nearly bust my britches with joy with Nick came galloping up to my door (aided by the UPS man!). Finally, the book that has been in my heart for years -- the one that has a country music soundtrack in my head! **The Romantic Times** calls Reclaiming Nick a compelling "page-turner":

"Warren's first novel in her Noble Legacy series will win her many fans. Characters with hidden agendas -- both good and bad-- along with some humorous interactions between the hero and heroine, will keep readers glued to the pages while they deduce who the villain is and imagine the wonderful Montana land so dearly depicted."

Thank you to the over 200 people who entered my promotional contest! The following readers WON a hot-off- the-presses copy ! For those of you who entered, there are more chances to win Nick (okay, you know what I mean!) Next month I'm starting a "Tell-A- Friend" contest. Check out the details below.

The following people have Nick heading their way!:

Tammie S.
Jennifer A.
Joy M.
Bonnie J.
Jenn S.
Heather D.
Bekah P.
Shauna S.
Wilma D.
Bill M.
Mindy H.



Kerry D.
Joanna A.
Jennifer H.
Marie W.

If you haven't already been contacted by my really awesome promotions coordinator, then send me an e-mail with your addy and we'll send Nick to your door!

Now for those of you who are so kind as to give a feller a chance to win your hearts and maybe say a word or two on one of them thar book sites, like Amazon, or B & N, I have 10 more copies lassoed and ready to send out. The first ten people to email me with a "Boy's Howdy there Suz, I'd be happy to read Nick fer ya," I'll send you a copy over to yer neck of the spread. (tired of the cowboy talk yet? *VBG*)

And, if you just dunno what the tarnation I'm a-talkin' about, you can **Meet Nick**. (aka, read an part of [Chapter One](#))

Upcoming Events!

A Recipe for Love from your Favorite Christian Authors!

For those who live in the Minneapolis area join me and other local authors in celebrating St. Valentine's Day-- I will be appearing with fellow CAN authors

([Christi an Author's Network](#))

on February 9th at the Northwestern Book Stores in Burnsville, MN . And then on February 10th look for us at the Northwestern Book Stores in Roseville, MN and then Maple Grove, MN.

We'll be giving away some hints on romance, creative dates, sharing recipes, making cards and generally talking about LOVE. *grin*

Stay tuned for more details, or write to me and I'll fill you in!



What's Your Favorite Book to Give?



I've been conducting a poll recently with this question: "What is your gift book?" You know, that one book that you would give to someone as a gift because it spoke most passionately to your heart. My gift book is Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers because it so overwhelmingly portrays a God who loves us despite ourselves.

What is your gift book, and why? If you want to share, send me a little note – we'll add it to my next newsletter!



A little Christmas fun

Tasty Thyme Stuffing

From my Mother-in-law's delicious recipe collection to your home for the holidays! This stuffing is always a hit. It's a little "Merry Christmas" treat from inside my kitchen -- I hope you like it!

Gather and prepare:

2 loaves of bread, cubed
2 sticks of butter, melted
4 celery stalks, chopped up small
1 large onion, chopped up small
4 Tbsp thyme
4 teasp salt
1 teasp pepper

Combine, stuff bird. --or-- Cook for 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Contest: Tell-a-Friend About Susan May Warren Books

Sometimes the best way to find a good "read" is from a friend.

When you [forward](#) this newsletter to a friend and your friend signs up for the Susan May Warren email newsletter you will both be entered in my Tell-A-Friend Contest.

How do you forward this email? [Click here](#) and fill in your friend's name and e-addy. Thank you for your support!!

Dear Friend -- if you've receive this newsletter from a pal, and want to know more, go to: www.susanmaywarren.com and sign up for my newsletter. Be sure and mention that your friend sent you, and you will BOTH be signed up to receive a copy of Reclaiming Nick - my newest release! Thank you for reading!!

Only one contest entry per household will be eligible for each contest drawing. By entering the contest you are giving susanmaywarren.com permission to publicly list your first name and city/state on promotional announcements regarding the contest in the event that you are the winner.

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