

## Why I wrote SINGLE DAD, NURSE BRIDE

I have a confession to make. During my twenty-plus years as a Registered Nurse in California, I was always a bit frightened by surgeons. Something about their similar personalities made me take pause. OK, I'll come right out with it, many seemed overconfident or demanding, especially if things weren't done exactly to their wishes.

When I started writing SINGLE DAD, NURSE BRIDE, I finally decided to tackle my fear, once and for all, and write the exact type of hero who used to have me running for the supply closet to hide. I've never forgotten how hard it was to face one particular doctor who held me accountable for an error I never made.

During the process of writing this book, I discovered that no one is flawless. In creating my overbearing surgeon, Dane, I found out he was just as vulnerable as Rikki, my school-of-hard-knocks graduate heroine. Thank goodness she knew how to stand up to him! And in creating Dane's challenging life circumstances, he became quite endearing to me.

I don't know about you, but nothing gets to me more than to see a father with his children. Now, that is sexy! When I see grown men bend down to tend to the needs of their small children, I get all gooey inside. Nothing could be tenderer. In this story, I've chosen a suitable match for my overwhelmed surgeon-single dad. An unselfish, though emotionally imperfect nurse shows him the true meaning of giving, helps him learn to be a better father, and manages to steal his heart in the process.

One last thing, not all heroic acts are big and splashy. Bone marrow donation is a wonderful way to save another person's life. If you've never considered it before, I hope after reading this book, you'll look into the National Marrow Organization [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) and learn about a whole new way to help make our world a better place.

Best wishes and happy reading,  
Lynne Marshall