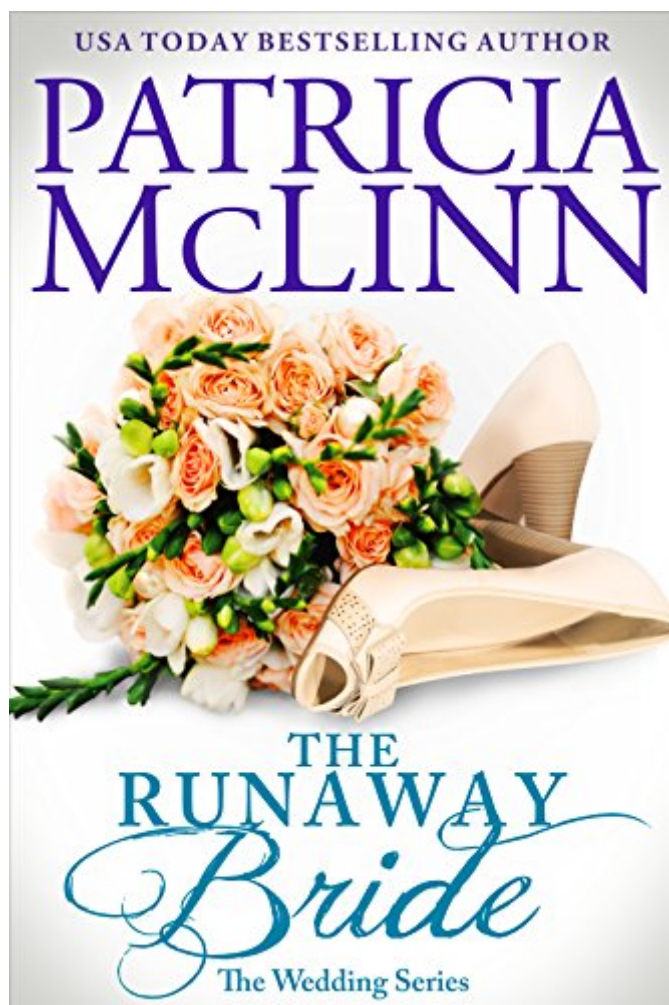


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# The Runaway Bride (The Wedding Series Book 4)



## Synopsis

“Are you sure, baby?” The father of the bride-to-be notes the confusion on his daughter’s face. Just before her walk down the aisle, Judi Monroe overhears a conversation that indicates marrying Sterling Carroll might be a big mistake. Escaping her socialite wedding in Lake Forest, Illinois, she heads west, covering her tracks as she goes. In an isolated corner of Wyoming, she swerves her car to avoid hitting a horse and rider, crashing into a tree. She’s rescued by that lone rider – or Ranger, as she fleetingly recalls -- a rugged rancher named Thomas Vance. Judi needed time to puzzle out the predicament she’d dodged in Illinois. But here she is, in the arms of a doubting Thomas, a man with a strong jaw, deep-green eyes and a commanding presence. When Judi dodges his personal questions, not to mention his penetrating gaze, Thomas dismisses his half-sister Becky’s diagnosis of amnesia. Judi seizes on this foot in the Diamond V door, staying on as a caretaker for Thomas’ beloved grandmother. Judi finds a family on the Diamond V, even as her masquerade as the home health aide "Helga" slowly unravels. But as she falls hard for her horse whisperer, she fears her secret will only cause him to bolt from her life. As for Thomas, he knows this impostor is lying, and it wouldn’t be the first time an outsider betrayed his family. Yet he can’t help but trust this sexy, independent, smart woman who has lassoed his heart. Reader reviews “Loyal readers know what to expect from a Patricia McLinn book -- a strong, emotional story, a solid plot, and characters so real you miss them when the story ends. “The Runaway Bride” is no exception.” -- Shannon Stacey, 5-star review McLinn "creates a fresh approach to the classic amnesia tale, giving “Runaway Bride” an appealing twist. ... [This] remarkable cast of characters will linger in the reader’s memory long after the last page is turned. Very highly recommended.” “ 5-star review “A fun quick read that’s filled with tenderness and passion. | Thomas Vance is sexy and heroic and Judi is lovely.” “ Goodreads review “A fantastic, fun read with memorable characters you’ll fall in love with!” “ 5-star review Praise for The Wedding Series: “A wonderful series that will make you laugh and cry. Each page is filled with love that will eventually come to the people who so need it. A must read!” “ 5-star review “Full of warmth, understanding of human nature, and great characters.” “ 5-star review Get all the books in Patricia McLinn’s Wedding Series today! Prelude to a Wedding\* Wedding Party\* Grady’s Wedding\* The Runaway Bride The Christmas Princess Hoops (prequel to The Surprise Princess) The Surprise Princess Not a Family Man (prequel to The Forgotten Prince) The Forgotten Prince\* Get all three books at a discount in one volume in The Wedding Series boxed set. About the Author USA Today bestselling author Patricia McLinn’s novels -- cited by reviewers for warmth, wit and vivid characterization -- have won numerous regional and national

awards and been on national bestseller lists. In addition to her romance and women's fiction books, Patricia is the author of the Caught Dead in Wyoming mystery series, which adds a touch of humor and romance to figuring out whodunit. Patricia received BA and MSJ degrees from Northwestern University. She was a sports writer (Rockford, Ill.), assistant sports editor (Charlotte, N.C.) and -- for 20-plus years -- an editor at The Washington Post. She has spoken about writing from Melbourne, Australia, to Washington, D.C., including being a guest-speaker at the Smithsonian Institution. She is now living in Northern Kentucky, and writing full-time. Patricia loves to hear from readers through her website, Facebook and Twitter.

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This is my favorite of the four books in the series that I have read so far. The story begins when Judi takes off from her wedding in the limousine and ends up at a ranch in Wyoming. She crashes her car to avoid hitting Thomas on the horse he is training. She is initially mistaken as Helga, the home health aide who was expected. Judi continues the masquerade, while helping Becky and her

brother with relationship problems. Judi and Thomas become involved physically, but both try to control their feelings. There is a small amount of sex, but this is not a steamy book. Eventually, Judi's former fiancé finds her and demands the ring and all of his other gifts be returned. Judi is frightened because she has reason to believe that ex-fiancé Sterling is involved in something illegal. She returns to her home and family in Lake Forest. You'll need to read the book to find out the rest of the story. I think you will like it, especially if you have read previous books in the series.

I love Patricia's books. As the story line progressed you could see Judi transform into a self assured young woman. Judi finds an honest and loving man. If Judi hadn't ran from her first wedding she would of never met Thomas and his family.

It is difficult for me to write a really comprehensive review because I don't want to give away the story. I rarely read the lengthy reviews. That said, this story was a pleasure to read, a make the reader happy story. The runaway bride finds love and a place to call home. The characters in the story are delightful.

This was the end of a series of good feel books. Was sad to come to the end. Looking forward to more books by Patricia.

I can't say enough about this series. I love this author. What a story you won't want to miss. Thomas had trust issues from the past to overcome. Judi had great wit and patience with him. Their banter back and forth was priceless. Please read it was awesome.

Loved the book

Patricia McLinn is a good/fun read. I always enjoy her books and her series.

Love it! Great believable characters, romance, humor. It was wonderful

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