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Brief Synopsis:

The Warners are a typical family, with the usual rifts and arguments. Each year, they leave home on Christmas Day to spend the holiday week in a time-share condominium in Colorado. The early-teenaged children, Tim and Julie, are opposed to the idea, preferring to stay home with gifts and friends, but their workaholic father insists that they spend the rare family time together. However, he is inevitably called back to his demanding business each year and is not even there.

On one Christmas, Tim surprises his sister, taking her on an impromptu horseback ride to a mountaintop. There, he shows her an amazing and inspiring display of lights on a distant peak, a scene of mysterious origin that can only be viewed from that one spot and precisely at dusk on Christmas Day.

The next year, their father is too busy to even make the trip to the condo for Christmas. Even so, the kids can't wait to take their mother on the yuletide horseback ride up the mountain so they can show her the beautiful light show. She, too, is inspired, and when they return home, she tries once more to convince her husband to put his priorities in the right place, to return to church and spend more time with the family. However, by the next holiday, their marriage is over and so are the rides to the mountain for the Warner family.

Tim blames his mother for the breakup of the family and, when he eventually goes away to college, he ends all communication with her. Julie finally takes a Christmas journey of her own, a drive to the West Coast to convince her brother to renew the spirit they found together on that Colorado mountain peak.

He does return home, and, at the same time, their father has his own epiphany. The next Christmas, the parents renew their vows, remarrying on the mountain just as the lights seem to be burning their brightest for the reunited family.

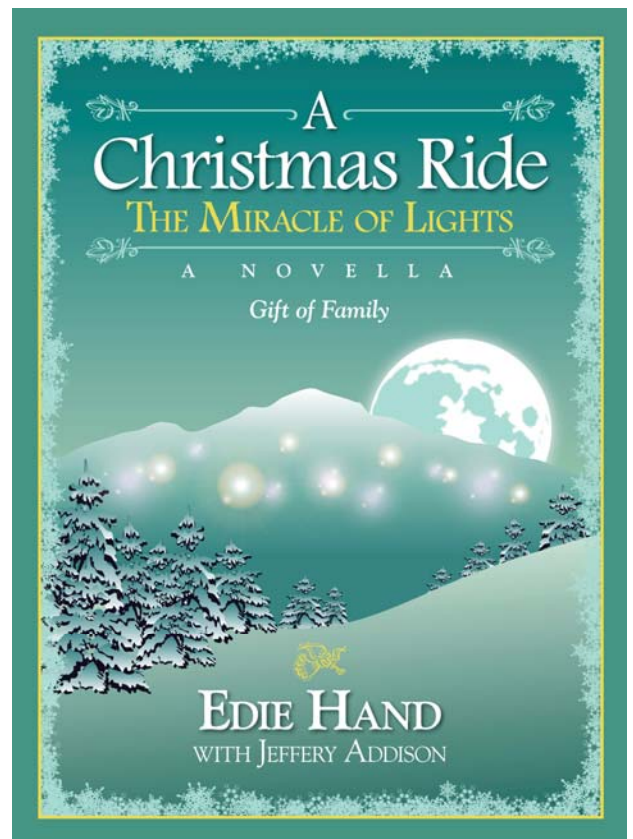
A few years later, a tragic turn brings the two siblings even closer, and a special Christmas gift makes certain their bond will never be dissolved, not by distance, hurt, or even death. A final view of the lights on the mountaintop confirms that the love of a family is the strongest tie of all. And a strange but wondrous twist shows Julie Warner the true meaning of those lights they saw on their rides to the Christmas mountain.

This book is unique because:

*A Christmas Ride* is a multi-faceted story that any family can relate to, and about sharing the miracle of the season. The wondrous display of lights on a snowy mountaintop is the perfect metaphor.

Target Market:

The strongest market is Women 35plus. Men will love to buy these books for the special lady in their lives. All ages who have loved, lost, and want to find the will to let go and live on, will identify with these books. The right Health Care Market of book stores and special organizations in communities across America will want to add these books to their home collections. Don and Edie through their life's experiences touch and provide healing moments for the Heart in their books.



The Ride series can be compared to "The Christmas Shoes" and "The Christmas Hope" by Donna VanLiere, "The Letter" by Richard Paul Evans, "The Shack" by William P. Young and "Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

#### Author Bios:

**Edie Hand** is one of those remarkable people who brighten up a room as soon as she walks in. Her philosophy for living life with gusto can be seen in everything she does from her work as an acclaimed celebrity chef, author, philanthropist, speaker and businesswoman. Edie learned about the simple joys of family, life and helping others from her modest childhood growing up in the rural south. She is a cousin to the late Elvis Presley and also the cousin of 2007 Nashville Star winner, Angela Hacker. She has authored and co-authored and assisted in the development of over twenty books. Her books range from inspirational cookbooks to novellas. Edie has starred in national commercials and daytime television soaps. She has hosted numerous national radio and television shows and been the CEO of Hand 'N Hand Advertising, Inc. since 1976. Edie is actively involved with American Women of Radio and Television, National Speakers Association, National Association of Women Business Owners and has worked to benefit the Children's Hospital of Alabama, Children's Miracle Network, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Camp Smile-A-Mile and Country Music Hall of Fame Foundation. She is a graduate of the University of North Alabama.

Edie lives near Birmingham, Alabama, with her husband Mark Aldridge, an educator. Her only son, Linc Hand, a working actor, lives in Los Angeles, California. Visit her web sites for more information: [www.ediehand.com](http://www.ediehand.com), [www.ediehandfoundation.org](http://www.ediehandfoundation.org)

**Jeffery Addison** is one of the pen names of award-winning broadcast journalist, radio personality, and best-selling author **Don Keith**. Don has seventeen books in print, including novels and non-fiction works. His latest book, *The Ice Diaries*, has been submitted for consideration for the Pulitzer Prize. His military thriller, *Firing Point*, has been optioned as a major motion picture by Relativity Films and is now in pre-production. In addition to his writing, he is a marketing executive and runs a full-service advertising and public relations agency. He lives with his wife, Charlene, in Indian Springs Village, Alabama. Visit his web sites for more information: [www.jefferyaddisonbooks.com](http://www.jefferyaddisonbooks.com), [www.donkeith.com](http://www.donkeith.com)

Promotional Plans: (A Work in Progress) Marketing Plan includes, Media Reviews, Television Interviews, in Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina. Promotion with the first book in the series, *The Last Christmas Ride* and *The Soldier's Ride* scheduled for release in the fall with *A Christmas Ride: The Miracle of Lights*. Author, Edie Hand was on NBC's today show with her first book and sold over 26,000 books in the first 6 weeks. Book and author to will be introduced at SIBA and a signing tour will follow to be announced.

#### Endorsements:

"Edie and Jeffery have captured the essence of the family in this heartwarming and evocative Christmas story about a family losing focus of their priorities and rediscovering them. This book brought back so many memories of my family Christmases when what was important was being together, not how many gifts one received, and sharing the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's birth." – Andy Griggs #1 Recording Artist

"A series with important messages for these times about the value of affirming love and renewing faith in families." – Dr Judy Kuriansky, Ph.D. psychologist, TV and radio commentator and top-selling author of *The Complete Idiots Guide to A Healthy Relationship*

"This is a sweet ride that reminds us all of the joy and miracle of Christmas." – Donna VanLiere  
NY Times and USA Today bestselling author of *The Christmas Shoes* and *Finding Grace*

"A CHRISTMAS RIDE: *The Miracle of the Lights* is a brand new holiday tale by Edie Hand and Jeffery Addison that reminds us that misplaced priorities and unresolved misunderstandings can threaten to destroy the priceless gift of family. Join the Warners on their annual Christmas treks to the Colorado mountains where they are forced to ultimately discover that the frigid temperatures outside can be nothing compared to the coldness that can grow in a family if left unattended. Will they ever learn to let go of old wounds and clear up decades of misconceptions, so that a true healing can ultimately take place? And what about those mysterious lights that appear each Christmas at dusk, only visible from

a certain location, accessible exclusively by horseback? What significance do they play in this family's story? All this and more awaits you from page one. Another holiday classic in the making.” – Martha Bolton, Emmy nominated writer and author of over 50 books, including *Didn't My Skin Used to Fit?*

“Edie Hand, like so many of us, has endured her own rough rides in her lifetime, yet she ends each one with hope that the next ride will be easier. That hope is what keeps her--and anyone who reads her stories – going.” – Veronica Kennedy copy editor for The Birmingham News