

## **VOLUME 8 - ISSUES 5 & 6 MAY/JUNE 2008**

This newsletter encompasses both May and June. A happy belated Mother's Day to all the Mothers!!

Regretfully, you did not get a May newsletter. May was such a busy month for me, which included traveling to Los Angeles to attend the BEA (Books Expo America); traveling to D.C. to attend my youngest son's graduation when he received his Masters Degree from Georgetown University; as well as me taking part in my retirement festivities.

Yes, after 36 years I officially retired from working in management for State Farm Insurance Company on June 1. There was a lot to do to get ready for that last day. Already I miss everyone but look forward to moving into a new and exciting chapter of my life. Gerald retired in October so now we are enjoying not having to wake up to an alarm clock and doing all the things we've looked forward to doing.

I also want to share some good news with all of you. Thanks to you, I made history when my book, *Irresistible Forces*, made the New York Times Bestseller List. I am the first African American novelist to achieve such a milestone with a genre romance novel. Thanks to all of you who purchased *Irresistible Forces*.

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy birthday to all my readers whose birthdays are in May and June. May all of you have many, many, more!

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### **BEST WISHES TO ALL THE GRADUATES!!**

Best wishes to the graduates and the parents for achieving such a wonderful milestone!!

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### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS!!**

I hope you enjoyed your special day!!

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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED FROM HARLEQUIN ENTERPRISES!!**

***Brenda Jackson Inks Brand-New Deal  
with Kimani Press***

**Award-winning author Brenda Jackson hits major milestone  
in literary career with a *New York Times* bestseller!**

New York (May 30, 2008) - Kimani Press is proud to announce that bestselling author Brenda

Jackson has signed an exclusive 5-year deal with the publisher. Known for her outstanding series novels with the ***Kimani Romance***, and ***Silhouette Desire*** imprints, as well as ***Arabesque*** single titles, and Harlequin special releases, Brenda will now also pen single title trade women's fiction for Kimani Press.

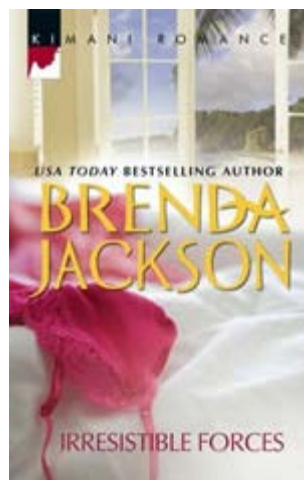
Recently hitting the *New York Times* bestseller list with her sexy new release, **IRRESISTIBLE FORCES** (Kimani Romance, May 2008, \$5.99 U.S./\$5.99 CAN.), Brenda Jackson is the first African-American novelist to achieve such a milestone with a genre romance novel. Reached for comment, Brenda stated that she was "deeply touched by the display of love and kindness from [her] readers and fellow authors."

Brenda Jackson's next novel, **JUST DESERTS**, is due to be released in July 2008 by Kimani Romance.

Brenda Jackson is a *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author of over fifty romance titles. She is now a full-time writer having recently retired after a successful management career with a major insurance company. For more information, please visit her website at [www.brendajackson.net](http://www.brendajackson.net). Brenda Jackson is represented by Pattie Steele-Perkins of the Steele-Perkins Literary Agency.

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**NEW STEELE FAMILY NOVEL  
NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER!!!  
IRRESISTIBLE FORCES**



***An offer he couldn't refuse...***

One week of mind-blowing sex on a beautiful Caribbean island. Of all the business proposals financial tycoon Dominic Saxon has heard, Taylor Steele's is definitely the most tempting. All Taylor wants in return is for Dominic to father her baby. No strings, no commitments...just a mutually satisfying arrangement. Make that *very* satisfying. For a man with no intention of marrying

again, it sounds ideal.

Taylor wants a baby, not a relationship. And sexy, intelligent Dominic seems like a man with perfect genes. Turns out, Dominic has perfect *everything*. Their "procreation vacation" is a whirlwind of sensual ecstasy. But when it's over, will either of them be able to say goodbye?

**PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF IRRESISTIBLE FORCES AT A BOOKSTORE NEAR YOU!**

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**SAN FRANCISCO HERE I COME!!**

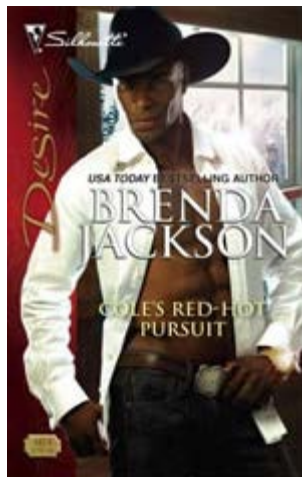
**I will be in San Francisco during the week of July 30 – August 2 attending the Romance Writers of American Convention. There will be a Literacy Book-signing of over 300 authors – *Yours Truly included* – in the ballroom of the hotel on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.**

**The San Francisco Marriott  
55 Fourth Street  
(415) 896-1600**

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**ANOTHER WESTMORELAND IS COMING Meet another one of Corey Westmoreland's triplets!!**

**COLE'S RED- HOT PURSUIT**



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**WHAT IF . . .**

**AT THE FUNERAL OF YOUR HUSBAND YOU DISCOVERED YOU WEREN'T HIS ONLY WIFE?**

## STARTING IN MAY 2008, A THREE BOOK SERIES –

### THE THREE MRS. FOSTERS

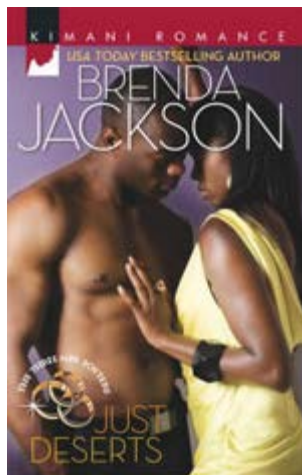
**BOOK 1 - (May) -This Time for Good by Carmen Green**

**BOOK 2 – (June) -The Perfect Man by Carla Fredd**

**BOOK 3 – (July) - Just Deserts by Brenda Jackson**

*Learning that her estranged husband has passed away is the biggest shock of Danielle Timmons-Foster's life – until she learns that she wasn't his only wife. Though Danielle and Mark were separated, she believed they were about to reconcile and start a family. Rocked by betrayal, Danielle sees her dreams slipping away. Until her brother's best friend, Tristan Adams, offers support, comfort – and a chance to have the child she's always wanted. Danielle is drawn to Tristan's strong, sensual nature, but she wed Mark in haste and regretted it. Is she about to repeat her mistake? Or will a marriage of convenience turn into the soulful union she's always longed for?*

### JUST DESERTS IS AVAILABLE IN JULY!!



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### THE MADARIS MEN RETURNS

**Below is the schedule for the reissued Madaris books:**

December 2007 - **Tonight and Forever** (Justin Madaris)

January 2008 – **Whispered Promises** (Dex Madaris)

February 2008–**Forever Mine** (Kyle Garwood)-previously titled **A Valentine Kiss**

February 2008 – **Eternally Yours** (Clayton Madaris)

March 2008 – **One Special Moment** (Sterling Hamilton)

December 2008 – **Fire and Desire** (Trevor Grant)

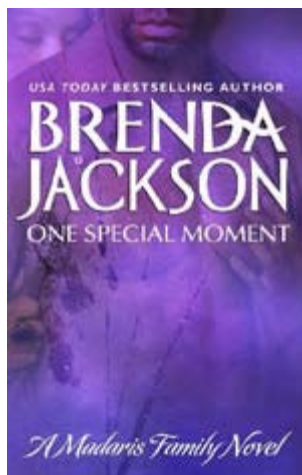
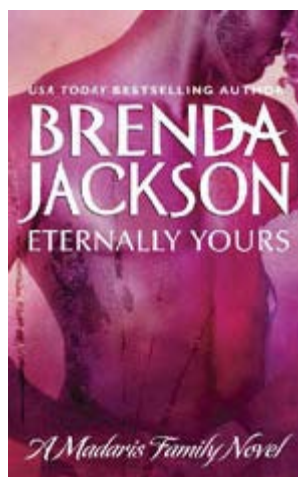
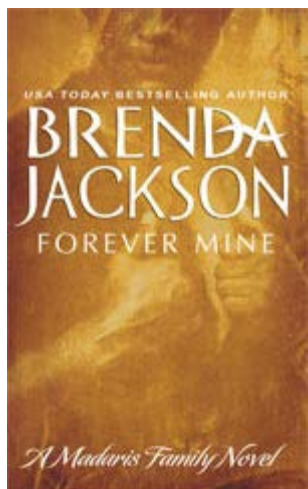
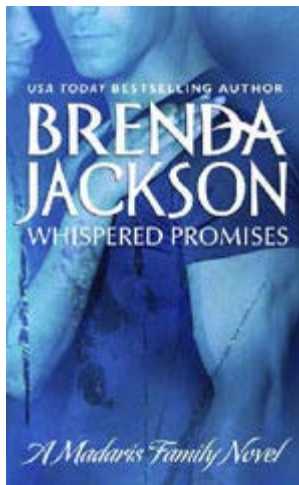
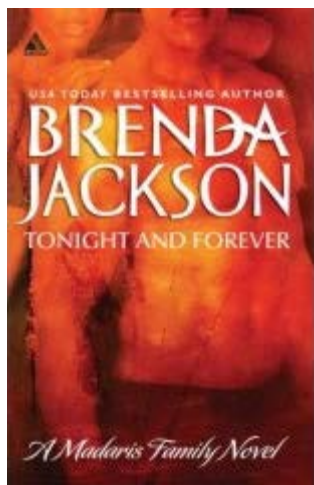
December 2008 - **Essence of Desire** (Trask Maxwell)-previously titled

#### **Something to Celebrate**

January 2009 – **Secret Love** (Jake Madaris)

February 2009 – **True Love** (Nicholas Chenault)

March 2009 – **Surrender** (Ashton Sinclair)



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## BRENDA AND THE WINNER OF THE MADARIS MEN POLL - THAT WAS HELD ON HER WEBSITE!!



(Photo of Brenda and Christian was taken at BEA Convention in May in Los Angeles)



**CHRISTIAN KEYES**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNER, CHRISTIAN KEYES!!**

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**THE MADARIS FAMILY REUNION CRUISE TO CANADA!!  
Monday, June 15, 2009 to Saturday, June 20, 2009**

We have begun accepting deposits for the 3rd Madaris Family Reunion Cruise. This time we will be cruising out of New York to Canada, visiting beautiful Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

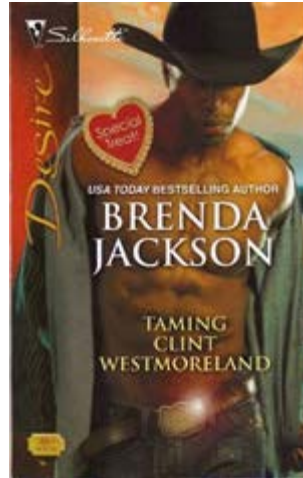
**NOTE** - This cruise is limited to the first 300 persons who sign up. Cabins are going fast so please sign up today!!

For more information about the cruise, please click here:

[Brenda Jackson Madaris Family Reunion Cruise](#)

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**MEET ANOTHER ONE OF COREY WESTMORELAND'S TRIPLETS  
IN  
TAMING CLINT WESTMORELAND**



**“In Name Only . . .”**

The moment ex-Texas Ranger Clint Westmoreland learned he was still married, he set the limits for his *wife's* stay at his luxurious horse ranch. But when she arrived, Clint's boundaries began to blur.

He and Alyssa Barkley had thirty days to untangle the legal knot that had bound them together during an undercover assignment years before. But this sexy, curvaceous Alyssa was different from the mousy, awestruck rookie agent he remembered. And now her every move had him wondering what it would be like if he really were her man . . .

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**JOIN ME AT MY SPACE!!**



**If you want to be my friend at “My Space” please visit me at**

[www.myspace.com/authorbrendajackson](http://www.myspace.com/authorbrendajackson)

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**BRENDA'S BOOK SCHEDULE FOR 2008**

**January** - Whispered Promises (A Madaris Novel); Forever Mine (a new anthology – includes a Madaris Novel, Cupid's Bow)

**February** – Taming Clint Westmoreland (A Westmoreland Novel); Eternally Yours (A Madaris Novel);

**March** – **One Special Moment** (A Madaris Novel)

**April** - **Her Little Black Book** (A St. Martin's single title)

**May** – **Irresistible Forces** (A Steele Novel)

**June** – **Cole's Red-Hot Pursuit** (A Westmoreland Novel)

**July** - **Just Deserts** (New Kimani Series – The Three Mrs. Fosters)

**November** – **The Object of His Protection** (Kimani Continuity Romance featuring the Braddock Family)

**November** - **NASCAR Holiday Anthology** under Harlequin HQN) – NASCAR Christmas 3

**December** – **Quade's Babies** – (A Westmoreland novel)

**December** - **Fire and Desire** (A Madaris Novel) featuring Trevor Grant and Corinthians Avery; **Essence of Desire** (formerly Something to Celebrate - featuring Felicia Madaris and Trask Maxwell – A Madaris Novel)

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I hope you enjoyed this newsletter and until next month, please take care, be safe and stay blessed!

Happy Reading!

Brenda Jackson