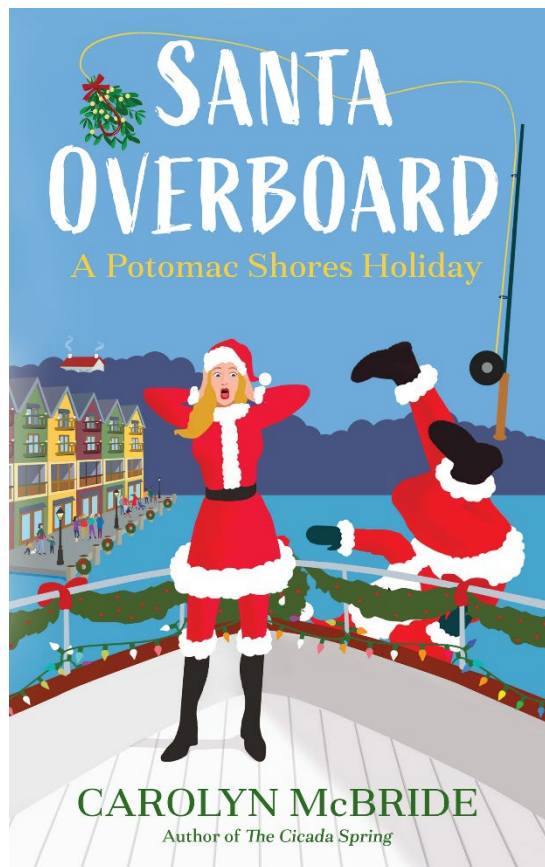


'Twas the night before *Cruisemas*...



Starting over in the little town of Occoquan, Katie Young finds solace in small-town life with best friends at their thriving gallery and a deepening romance with the town's resident scientist. Her college-age daughter bakes up holiday memories in their river house. And Katie can't wait to captain the boat parade and deliver Santa to the town dock on her new ferryboat.

But when the holiday-averse Deke flies south for the season and Santa goes swimming, Katie wonders if she needs a survival suit—or just a really strong cocktail—to weather midlife mayhem. Can the single mom save the holiday festival *and* salvage her belief in love?

With the help of the Beach Bonfire Babes, a dash of holiday magic, and a lot of heart, Katie just might navigate life's choppy seas to kick off the town's festival and get her perfect Christmas gift: **a second chance at a forever love.**

Filled with heartwarming humor, time-honored tradition, and the soul-stirring natural world, Carolyn McBride's second book in the Potomac Shores series is a delightful escape to the enchanting banks of Virginia's Potomac River.

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Early Praise for *Santa Overboard*

"A fast-paced, enjoyable holiday read that incorporates some of Occoquan's cherished traditions."
—*Earnie Porta, PhD, Mayor, Town of Occoquan*

"True to what made *The Cicada Spring* a reader favorite, McBride delivers a charming book full of realistic relationships with a little humor and mystery woven in. Peppered with facts about the region and beautiful imagery of the town, *Santa Overboard* will leave you wanting to plan your own visit to Occoquan this holiday season - 5 out of 5 stars!"

—*Read With Lindsey*

"Grab a cozy blanket and your favorite Christmas scented candle because we're back with Katie and the Beach Bonfire Babes! This was just the book to get me into the spirit of Christmas plus lots of laughs along the way."

—*Simply Nicole*

"Carolyn McBride's *Santa Overboard* is a delightful continuation of the Potomac Shores series. The way she weaves history and culture in her novels makes her books so special. The holiday spirit of the small town is reminiscent of a great holiday movie. I wish I could live in Potomac Shores and be a member of the Beach Bonfire Babes!"

—*Colie Reads*



About Carolyn McBride



CAROLYN McBRIDE is the author of *The Cicada Spring* and *Santa Overboard*, the first two novels in the Potomac Shores eco-fiction series. Carolyn writes about the places she lives and loves, from South Florida waters to the Potomac and Occoquan Rivers. Like Carolyn, her characters are grandmothers, mothers, wives, daughters, friends, pet lovers, and boat captains. Carolyn is a former editor and columnist for *National Geographic Traveler* and a professional copywriter. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, she is completing an MFA in fiction writing at Lindenwood University.

About the Potomac Shores Series

Discover heartwarming relationships, enduring friendships, and the profound connection between humanity and nature in the Potomac Shores series. Set against the inviting backdrop of the Potomac River and the small town of Occoquan, the series explores the complexities of midlife as Katie and the beloved Beach Bonfire Babes navigate challenges and celebrate life's precious moments with humor and resilience. Carolyn McBride's evocative storytelling and relatable characters bring eco-fiction to life and will leave you longing for your own beach bonfire.

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