



Book of the Week

***Merry and Bright* by Debbie Macomber**

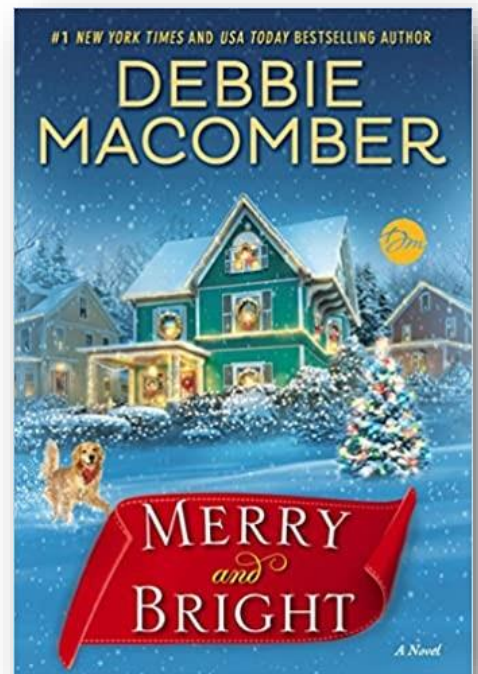
Book Review by Maureen Lang

Reading a Debbie Macomber Christmas book rates right up there with Christmas lights, holiday songs, and the smell of cinnamon to get you into that warm fuzzy mood we love this time of year. The book I want to tell you about is called *Merry and Bright*.

First there is a girl named Merry Knight, who is working until the end of the year for an accounting firm to raise money to go back to college. Then there is a boss, who seems to be so good at catching her not doing things strictly according to a company policy handbook she has never seen. Finally, add in lots of responsibilities helping her widowed mother and her special needs brother, baking batches and batches of cookies for friends in need, and finally, getting ready for Christmas.

Neither is interested in dating due to heartache from the past. Both get signed up for a dating service and use names that are close to, but not quite the ones they are known by. You guessed it; they are drawn together through emails, and the fun begins. Watch as Merry discovers who this secret date is and the dilemma she finds herself in. Can second chances really come true?

This is a light-hearted, touching story that will get anyone in the mood for Christmas. Find an easy chair, a cup of hot chocolate, and your Christmas spirit will be ready to start the moment you open this book.



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