

New Memoir Highlights 50 Years of Christmas Love Letters



STORY OF A MARRIAGE

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Traverse City, Michigan Nov 24, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - A unique fifty-year tradition of handwritten Christmas love letters is at the center of a newly released memoir titled *Story of a Marriage: 50 Years of Christmas Love Letters* by author James “Jim” McCormick of Traverse City.

The book shares the collection of letters McCormick wrote to his wife, Marilyn, beginning in 1968. Each Christmas, he set aside time to write about their life together as young newlyweds, new parents, partners in faith, and eventually an older couple facing the challenges and changes of later years. The letters became a record of their marriage and a reflection of the everyday moments that held their relationship together.

Near the end of Marilyn’s life, McCormick went searching for the letters she had carefully saved. Finding them again became a personal tribute to her and the life they shared. He describes the collection as his “poor man’s Taj Mahal,” a reminder of the commitment and affection that carried them through five decades.

The memoir offers strong human-interest appeal, presenting a true fifty-year tradition preserved through handwritten letters that capture the everyday reality of a long marriage. Its Christmas setting makes it timely for the holiday season, offering readers a story rooted in love, memory, and meaningful traditions. The themes are universal, touching on marriage, family, faith, and resilience, and the book ultimately stands as both a legacy for the couple’s children and grandchildren and an invitation for readers to reflect on their own relationships and the traditions that shape them. *Story of a Marriage* is both a personal tribute and an account of a committed marriage told through the simple act of writing a yearly letter.

Review copies, author photographs, book cover images, and selected excerpts are available upon request. Interviews with James “Jim” McCormick may also be arranged. You can also visit his website at <https://jimmccormick-author.com/>

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