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Dearest ReaderFriends,

Well, here it is, another year nearly gone and the holidays upon us. The days here in New England are cold and short and dark, inviting reflection as one looks back upon the fading year, and hope and even a little excitement when pondering what the new one will bring.

For me, 2014 has brought deep joy, excitement and satisfaction on a personal level. Our beloved German Shorthaired Pointers are all full members of our family as well as show-ring competitors and finally, after eight years of planning and preparation, our beloved champion, Marcus, produced a litter of nine puppies with our beautiful Tansy. Anyone who's ever visited my [Facebook](#) page, where I post a lot more than just "book stuff," will know these characters well. We whelped the puppies right here in our home and as each one was born, he or she was given the name of one of my book heroes or heroines; the last puppy to arrive, a little girl, was named for my friend Beverly, who helped us whelp the litter. When the dust had settled after eight weeks of studying their personalities and conformation, it was little Brendan who ended up staying here as his father's son and heir, bringing our "pack" up to four. Now nearly seven months old, he's a blend of his mom and dad, has already won some ribbons in his first excursions into the show ring, and is much like the brave, cheerful, and handsome character for whom he was named.

Speaking of Brendan (the book character, not the puppy!), I'm thrilled to announce that *Captain Of My Heart* is now available on Audible, Amazon and other venues as an audiobook. Some readers have told me they feel a bit uncomfortable adding a third party (a narrator) to a rather intimate reading experience that had always been between the book and themselves, but, when you find someone as talented as Irishman Wayne Farrell to read you a story it only enhances and brings another dimension to it . . . in fact,

from my standpoint as the author, its the next best thing to having one's book made into a movie. Wayne Farrell is perfect as the dashing Irish captain Brendan Merrick, and early reviews on Audible prove that he sure does know



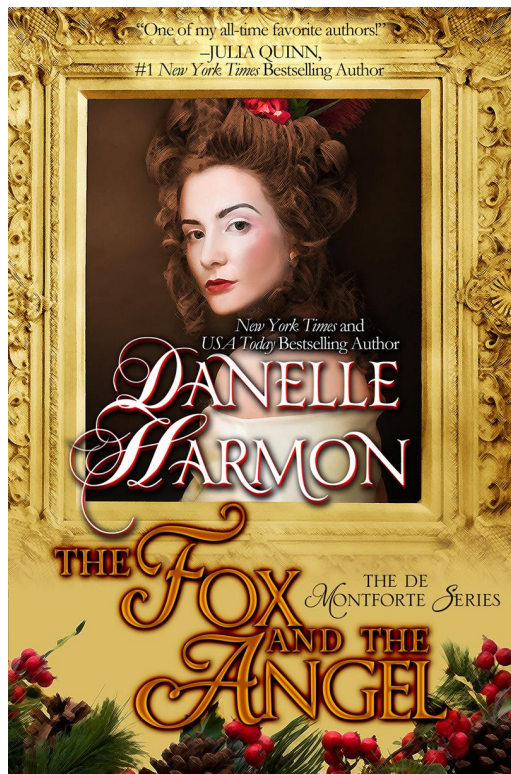
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Brendan in his third show, November 2014

how to tell a story. If you've never tried audiobooks, what are you waiting for? [Here](#) is your chance to get swept away by a master storyteller, and you can do so for FREE with your Audible trial!

[Lord Of The Sea](#) and [The Admiral's Heart](#) can also be found as audiobooks, and for those who like to keep their feet on dry land, the De Montforte Brothers series, narrated by the talented LA actor David Stifel and beginning with [The Wild One](#), are also available. And speaking of Lord Of The Sea, I was thrilled and excited to get the news that it is one of four finalists for a 2014 RT Historical Romance award! What a wonderful affirmation for me, after my twelve-year writing hiatus!



In closing I wish to leave you, my beloved readers, with a little Christmas present - another De Montforte story. Yes, you read that correctly! THE FOX AND THE ANGEL is brand new and available for your [Kindle](#), [Nook](#), and very soon on iTunes, and it's a sweet and heartwarming Christmas novella where Lucien gets to be his wily and manipulative self once more. It's only 99 cents in all venues, and if you "like" my [Facebook](#) page (or watch your email box on Christmas Eve) I'll have another delightful little surprise for you then ... it's a collaborative effort and one is a very special gift to say "thank you" for being such loyal supporters of my work. Stay tuned!

So . . . Happy Christmas ... Happy Hanukkah ... Happy Holidays ... and Happy, HAPPY reading (or listening!)

All the best,

-- Danelle Harmon