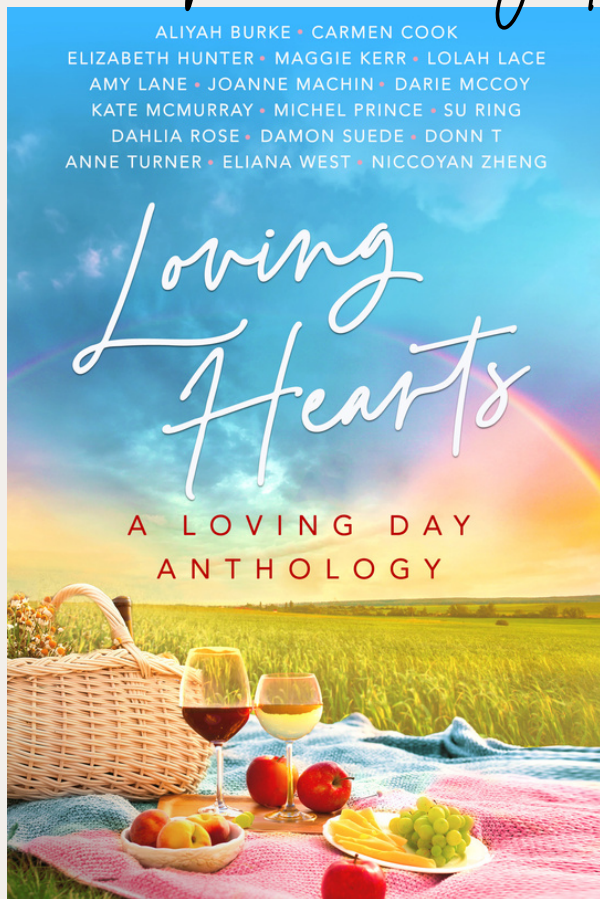


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In 1967, Richard and Mildred Loving challenged the laws against interracial marriage leading to the landmark Loving v. Virginia Supreme Court decision which ended centuries of discrimination and changed the face of American civil rights, including setting the stage for marriage equality.

Now, your favorite authors have come together with brand new stories celebrating love's courage, hope, and diversity. Representing all genres, **Loving Hearts** unites best-selling, award-winning authors with a few exciting fresh voices across a range of cultures and orientations for a collection that embraces love without limits.

Mildred Loving's words still ring true today and embody the spirit and purpose of the Loving Hearts Anthology.

"I am still not a political person, but I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness, and the family that so many people, black or white, young or old, gay or straight seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about." Mildred Loving

A message from anthology creator, Eliana West

I'm Eliana West, creator of the **Loving Hearts**. Ever since I wrote my first story in 2011, I've dreamed of creating this anthology. Loving Hearts is a project that is deeply personal to me. My father is Black and my mom White. They were married in 1967, six months before the Loving v. Virginia decision, and faced discrimination throughout their marriage, just as my husband and I still experience at times even today.



Yet, much has changed since 1967. According to the Pew Research Center, among newlyweds in 2019, approximately one-in-five (19%) were intermarried — and that number is growing.

Still, there is work to do.

Even with the passing of the Respect for Marriage Act, there are religious organizations, state and Federal lawmakers, and Supreme Court justices who are committed to seeing laws protecting interracial and same-sex marriages overturned.

For this reason, proceeds from **Loving Hearts** will benefit the LDF (Legal Defense Fund) to support the fight to ensure everyone has the fundamental right to marry the person they love.

The Lovings leave a legacy along with a fitting last name that truly embraces the saying “love conquers all”. I can't think of a better way to honor the Lovings than an anthology that celebrates hope and believes everyone deserves a happy ending.

Eliana

About the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF)

The Legal Defense Fund (LDF) is America's premier legal organization fighting for racial justice. Using the power of law, narrative, research, and people, we defend and advance the full dignity and citizenship of Black people in America.

For more information please visit <https://www.naacpldf.org>.



About Loving Day

"Our mission is to steward a shared Loving Day tradition as a way to fight racism through education, create visibility, and build community."

For more information about Loving Day please visit <https://www.lovingday.org>.

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