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NEW BOOK CELEBRATES COLORADO-STYLE ROMANCE

EVERGREEN, Colo.— Gail Riley has spent most of her life immersed in romance. Married for 35 years, she and her husband, Tom Statzell, own one of the country’s most romantic getaways, the Highland Haven Creekside Inn. Now, she shares her secrets for keeping romance alive in her new book, *Colorado Romance, Love Notes and Recipes for Happiness*.

Undoubtedly one of the Rocky Mountain West’s premier authorities on romance, Riley has compiled definitions, advice, musings and anecdotes about romance. Her 151-page, hardcover book features gorgeous photos from the inn’s Rocky Mountain setting, poems and song lyrics, and recipes for romantic picnics, dinners, and cocktails. Among the book’s most touching attributes are quotes taken from guest journals, along with guests’ completions of the sentence, “Romance Is...” The book also includes pages for journaling, with titles such as “How we felt on our wedding day” and “Our first Thanksgiving.”

“From the moment my husband and I bought the Highland Haven 32 years ago, the romance of this beautiful, natural setting washed over me,” said Riley. “Meeting the thousands of couples who have begun and revived their romances here has inspired my

work, as well as my life and marriage. I wrote the book because I wanted to share what I've lived and learned – that romance is the very best of life.”

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Colorado Romance is Riley's second book. Her first, *Colorado Cravings*, captures Riley's passion for cooking, entertaining and decorating. Both books reflect her great love for the Rocky Mountain West.

Situated along 400 feet of Bear Creek just off Main Street in historic downtown Evergreen, the Highland Haven is known not only for its stunning setting, but also for its outstanding homemade breakfasts and uncompromising customer service. The inn features 18 rooms, suites and cottages, each distinctly appointed in “Colorado chic” décor, designed for maximum comfort and luxury. This year the inn celebrated the opening of its first freestanding addition, an extravagant 850-square-foot Tree House, a magical, one-of-a-kind getaway built among towering pine trees.

Celebrating 32 years of continuous operation, the Highland Haven earned a coveted *Fodor's Choice* award for being an industry leader in service, quality and value. The inn was also named one of the Top 10 Most Romantic Inns of the Year by www.iloveinns.com, one of the nation's Top 10 Most Romantic Cottages by *Sunset* magazine, and Best Bed and Breakfast by *Mountain Living* magazine.

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