

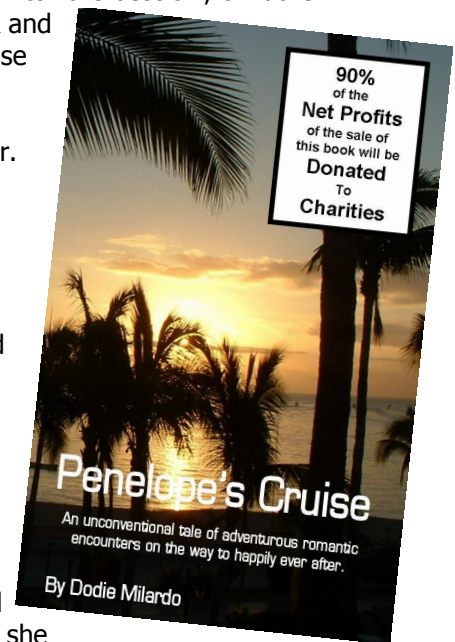
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"Penelope's Cruise" By Dodie Milardo

In 2000, Dodie Milardo's husband passed away. When she finally started to date again, what a rude awakening it was! She found that dating was a whole new world of secrets and misrepresentations. You never knew who you were going to meet, and if they were who they said they were. As she related these dating disasters to friends, they kept saying, "You should write a book!" Being a math major, that had never occurred to her. She decided to give it a try after hearing it over and over again. As she started writing and merged some of these stories into "the best of", or rather "the worst of" she also started doing volunteer work. Both book and volunteering activities merged in her mind and she decided to use the book to raise money for charities.

Her romance novel, "**Penelope's Cruise**" just spilled out of her. She's convinced the book is part of God's 'bigger plan' and that she is meant to use it to help others. As a result, she started To Give Is Divine, Ltd. whose mission is to develop and implement creative, innovative fundraising campaigns and donate a significant portion of those proceeds to American charities, initially focusing on food banks, homeless shelters and children at risk.

Penelope's Cruise is a romance novel about a woman named Gina, who dives back into the dating scene after her husband passes away. After several dating experiences, one quite intense, she finds herself back at dating 'square one' She is turning 50 and decides to celebrate her birthday by taking a cruise. On the very first day of the cruise she meets 37 year-old Greg, and they plunge into a steamy shipboard romance, which she skeptically believes will end when the cruise ends. Instead, Greg sticks around. But this voyage is not what it appeared to be. Gina must then navigate her way into Greg's soul so she may find the way to her happily ever after ending.



Dodie is using **Penelope's Cruise** as the first of her company's fundraising campaigns and is donating 90% of the net profit to charity. Someone recently asked her, "Isn't that naïve?" Her response, "What I think is naïve is to ignore the need and not give back when you are blessed with abundance."

You can learn more about Dodie and purchase her book at www.penelopescruise.com, where you may also choose which charity you would like her to support.



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