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“Makes you want to hunker down on a chilly day in a comfy chair and read straight through 'til dark...a poignant, heart-tugging story.”
— *The Washington Post Book World*

LOVE WALKED IN

❧ *Marisa de los Santos* ❧

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- **Soon to be a major motion picture from Paramount Pictures starring *Sex in the City*'s Sarah Jessica Parker!**
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“A touching, triumphant story of the power and variety and responsibility of love.”
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“Love indeed walks in, and with it, a breath of fresh air!”
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“It is impossible not to cheer for these characters...A timeless gem.”
—*Kirkus Reviews* [*starred review]

“Smart, funny writing about the risks we take for love.”
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“A sassy, modern love story, with passages of beautiful human wisdom.”
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This past January, critically acclaimed poet Marisa de los Santos's poignant and inspirational debut novel **LOVE WALKED IN** became a surprise bestseller, a Book Sense Pick and an instant bookseller hand-selling favorite. Paramount Pictures, responding to the enormous buzz generated by the novel, immediately optioned it as a star vehicle for Sarah Jessica Parker, who hailed **LOVE WALKED IN** as an “exquisite and stylish” love story. Now, just in time for the holidays, Plume Books will publish **LOVE WALKED IN** (\$14.00; November 28, 2006) in an elegant trade paperback edition.

When Martin Grace enters the hip Philadelphia coffee shop Cornelia Brown manages, her life changes forever. Charming and debonair, the spitting image of Cary Grant, Martin sweeps Cornelia off her feet, but as it turns out, Martin Grace is more the harbinger of change than the change itself. Meanwhile, on the other side of town, eleven-year-old Clare Hobbes must learn to fend for herself after her increasingly unstable mother has a breakdown and disappears. Taking inspiration from famous orphans (Anne Shirley, Sara Crewe, Mary Lennox and even Harry Potter) Clare musters the courage to seek out her estranged father. When the two of them show up at Cornelia's café, Cornelia and Clare form a bond as unlikely as it is deep. Together, they face difficult choices and discover that knowing what you love and why is as real as life gets.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Marisa de los Santos is an award-winning poet and currently teaches English at the University of Delaware. Her first collection of poems, *From the Bones Out*, was published by the University of South Carolina Press in 2000, and her work has appeared in numerous publications including *Poetry* and *Southwest Review*. She lives in Wilmington, Delaware, with her husband and two children. **LOVE WALKED IN** is her first novel. Learn more about Marisa de los Santos at www.lovewalkedin.com.

More Praise for **LOVE WALKED IN**

““A bewitching, warm-hearted grown-up fairy tale about old movies, charming princes, and finding happily ever after in the place where you'd least expect it.””

—Jennifer Weiner, author of *Goodnight Nobody*

“This is a book that will be passed from friend to friend with the words

‘You have to read this.’”

—*Richmond Times Dispatch*

“An elegant romance.”

—*Guardian UK*

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