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*NY Times* Bestselling Author  
Mary Alice Monroe

**Tuesday, November 1  
6:30 p.m.**

at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute  
104 Hendrix Street, Lexington, SC

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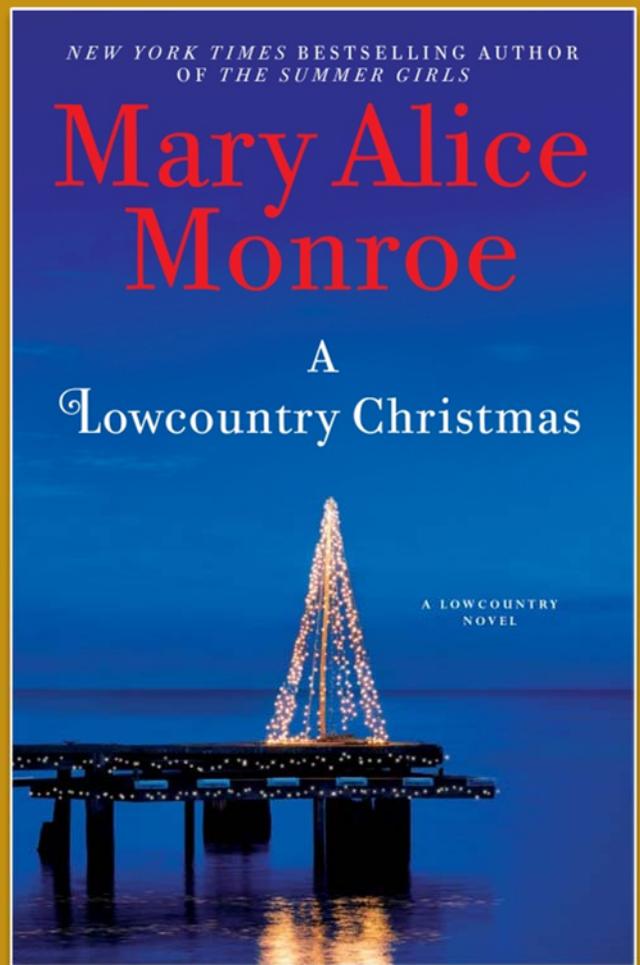
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*A Lowcountry Christmas*, and appetizers.  
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A wounded warrior and his younger brother discover the true meaning of Christmas in this timeless story of family bonds. A poignant continuation of bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe's Lowcountry Summer series.



## the book

The story of *A Lowcountry Christmas* revolves around Taylor, the spiritually-wounded veteran introduced earlier in *The Lowcountry Series*, and his 10 yr. old brother Miller, excited for his brother's return from Afghanistan to their coastal town. However, Taylor's PTSD—evidenced by episodes of anger, isolation, and night terrors—complicates an already stressed family predicament. The lack of financial resources (his father's shrimping business has become nonoperational) prevents Miller from the gift of a dog he desperately wants and even the purchase of a Christmas tree.

Frustrated by the unhappy circumstances in the family—the final blow being the arrival of a service dog for Taylor when it is he, Miller, who wanted a dog—the young boy goes into Marion National Forest to cut a tree for Christmas by himself. He takes Thor, Taylor's service dog, with him. When Miller's journey becomes a misadventure, the family, and Taylor in particular, face the challenge of coming together to revive their bonds and remember the importance of Christmas.

## the author

Mary Alice has received numerous awards, including the 2008 SC Center for the Book Award for Writing, the 2014 SC Book Festival Award for Excellence in Writing, the 2015 SW Florida Book Festival Distinguished Author Award, The RT Lifetime Achievement Award, and the International Book Award for Green Fiction. As is true in most of her works, Mary Alice draws on themes from the natural world to parallel human nature in *A Lowcountry Christmas*. Her commitment to animals and the environment deeply affects our understanding and appreciation of Thor (and all the dogs like him) in the novel. Mary Alice is involved with a number of environmental groups, including board member of the South Carolina Aquarium and The Leatherback Trust.

### Mary Alice Monroe Visit “A Lowcountry Christmas”

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