



EXCERPT

The words used to describe what we'd witnessed varied, but we'd seen darkness itself in form. We referred to them collectively as the Fury, a name that felt appropriate because they were what was left when God removed his hand of protection. They were death itself, and that death could ravage not only our minds but our bodies.

We'd all seen them, erupting from the air as if they'd been waiting for a thousand years to show themselves. No one could experience what we had and not be permanently altered.

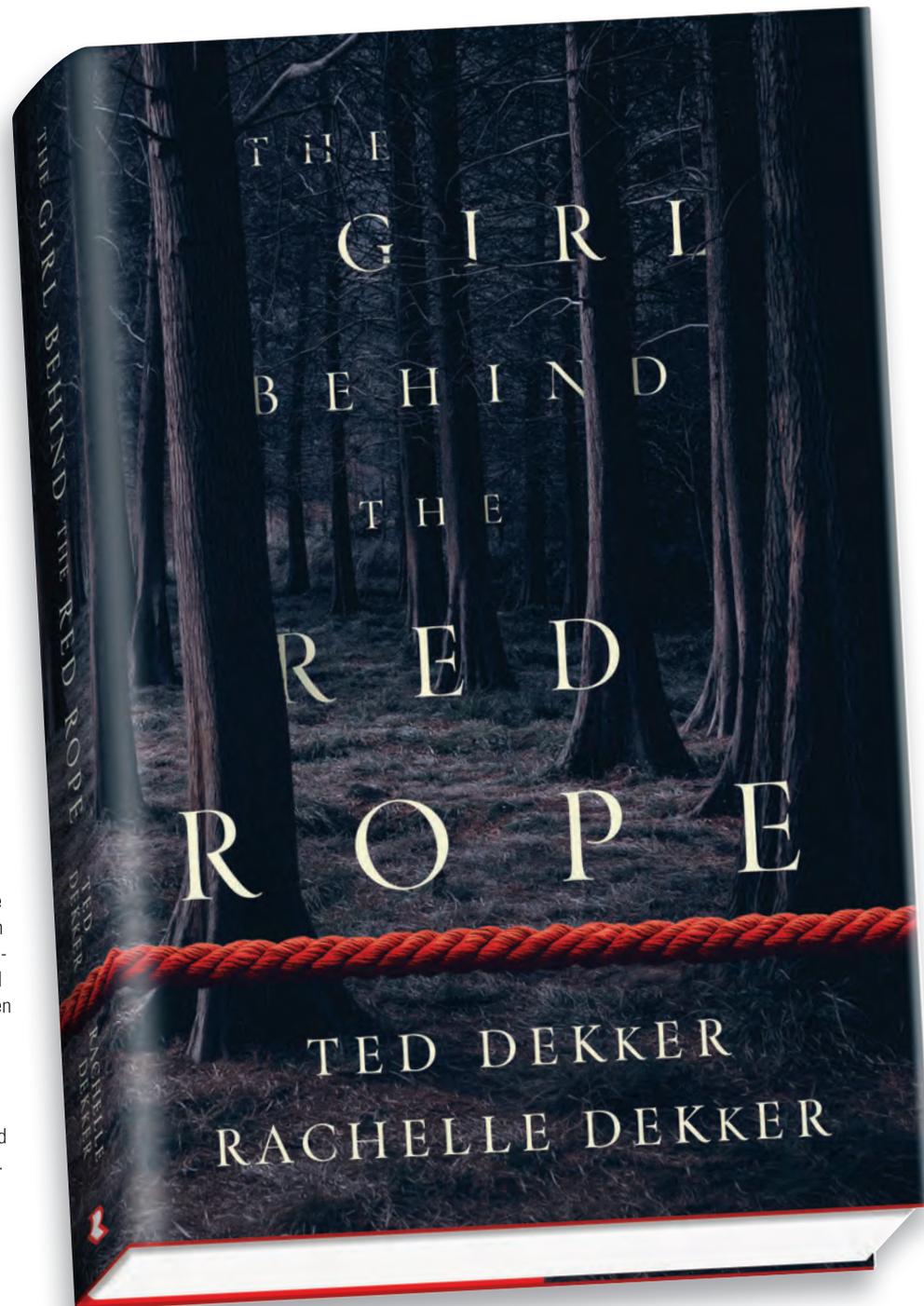
Even as the rest of the world remained in blindness, we had been given true sight to see the evil coming to destroy the earth, straight from hell, unstoppable and more terrifying than one could imagine.

Three years after we'd been given sight to see the coming scourge, and only six months after Rose had led us to the safety of Haven Valley, the Fury swarmed the earth. We didn't see them this time, but the world had gone dark and lightning had ripped jagged tears in the sky. Crackling thunder punctuated the terrible howling and screams that echoed from the hills beyond our perimeter.

But we in Haven Valley were spared as Sylous had promised.

They had come alright. And even now they were out there, beyond the red rope that kept us safe, hunting and feeding on every wayward soul, and they would continue until the whole earth was cleansed of wickedness. They had been present ten years, so maybe the purging would end soon, but not yet. Not until Sylous told Rose it was time to leave the valley and inherit a new, purified earth.

And yet Jamie had broken the law and ventured out already. And I'd helped him. What had I been thinking?



# A Powerhouse Father-Daughter Writing Team Delivers the Suspense Dekker Fans Love

- *New York Times* bestselling author Ted Dekker's sales are more than 10 million copies
- Previous collaborations by Ted Dekker have sales approaching 500,000 units
- Rachelle Dekker is a Christy Award-winning author

Ten years ago, Grace saw something that would forever change the course of history. When evil in its purest form is unleashed on the world, she and others from their religious community are already hidden deep in the hills of Tennessee, abiding by every rule that will keep them safe, pure—and alive. As long as they stay there, behind the red perimeter.

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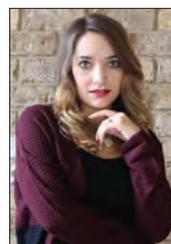
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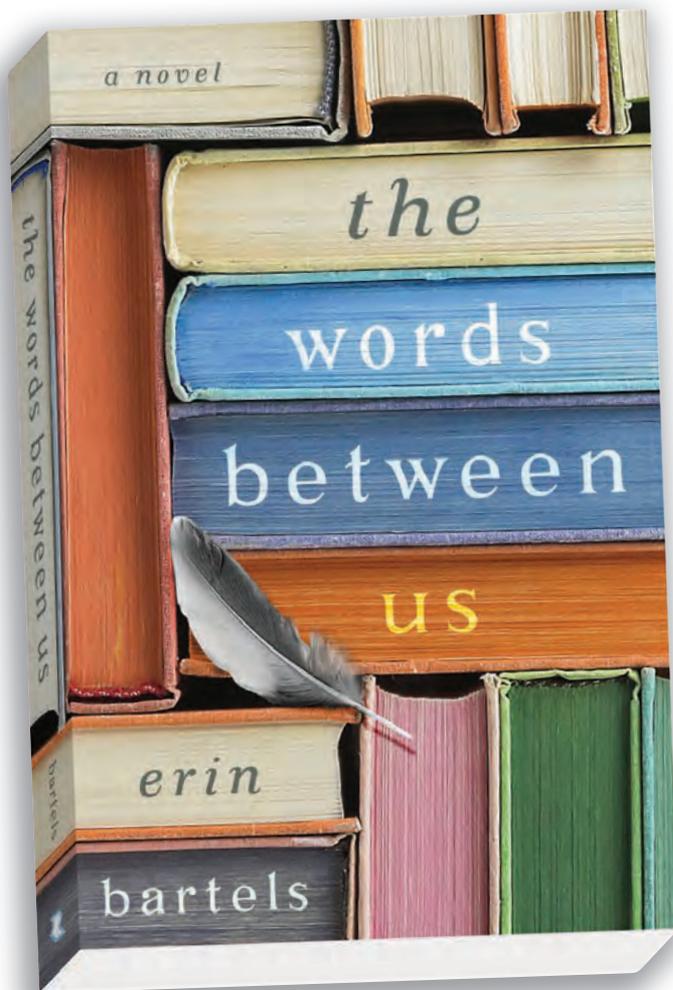
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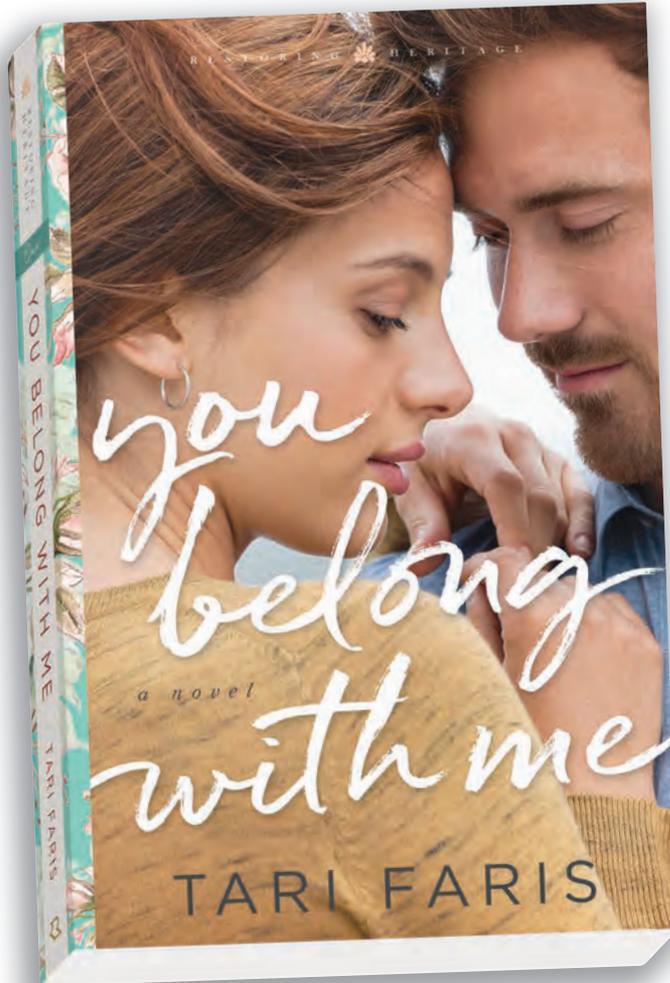
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Luke Johnson may have grown up in Heritage, but as a foster kid he never truly felt as if he belonged. Now he has a chance to score a job as assistant fire chief and earn his place in the town. But when the interview process and Hannah's restoration project start unearthing things from his past, Luke must decide if belonging is worth the pain of being honest about who he is—and who he was.

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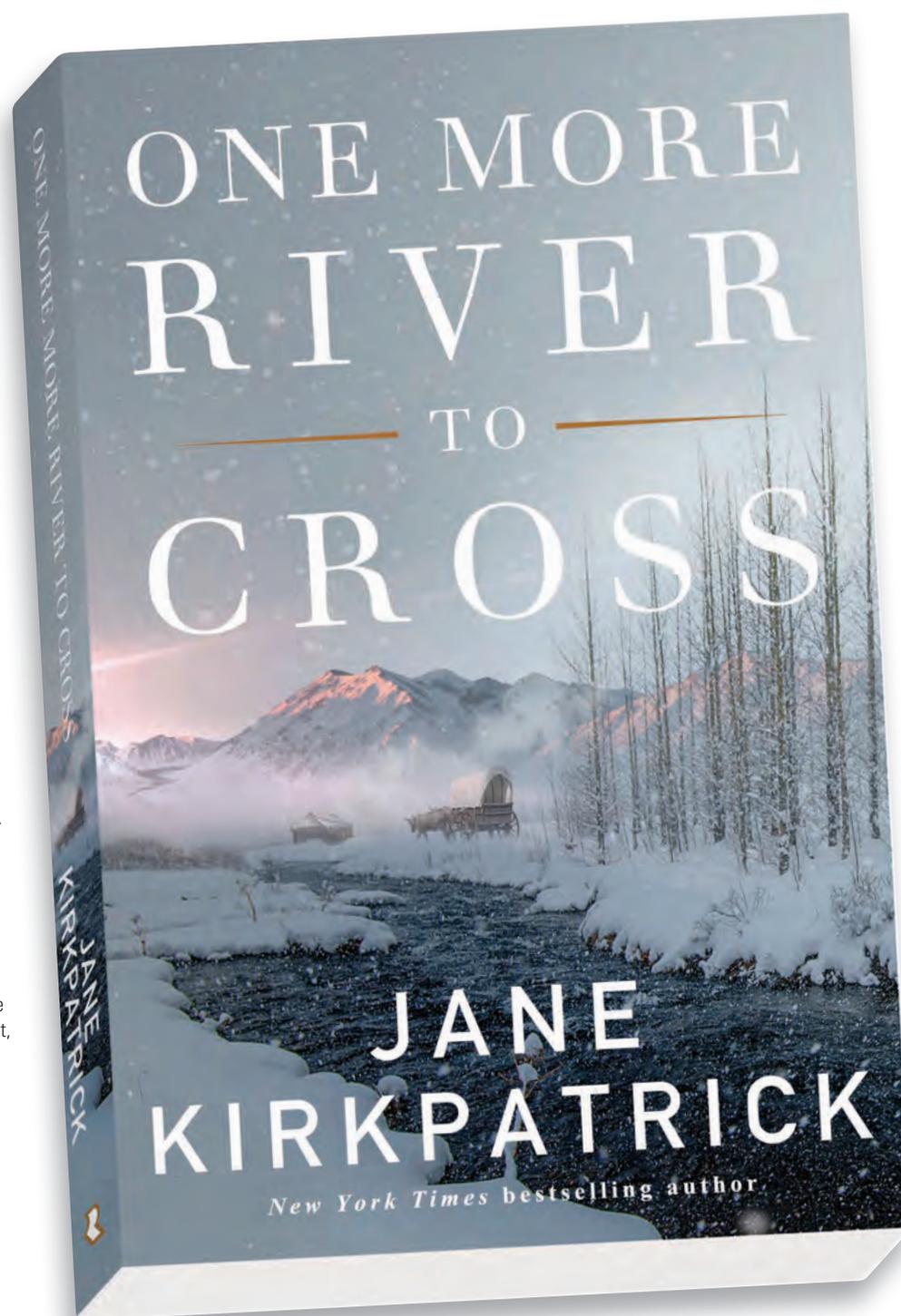
Mary Sullivan would have gone south if anyone had asked her, just as she'd preferred to go to Oregon at that fork in the dusty trail weeks before. Her brother had chosen California Alta, and now here they were in a foot of snow beside a creek with a mountain fortress before them. It had not been a good day.

"You're contrary, Mary. Of course, you'd have gone the other way. West is best," her brother told her when she mumbled about the Oregon fork they hadn't taken.

She didn't think of herself as contrary. She just had opinions, but what woman didn't?

At the top of the ridge Dr. Townsend had described, Mary Sullivan looked down upon that exquisite lake sparkling in the distance, welcoming them forward, just as that Indian had told them there'd be, just as the exploring party had seen. But she hadn't realized that fifteen miles beyond would rise a formidable wall of snow-topped mountains they'd have to find their way through.

As they'd worked going up the bluff, the animals seemed equally taxed going down toward the lake. The Sullivans' lead team, Pierre and Prince, pulled well together, and the men helped each other by putting log braces under the wheels to keep the wagons from overcrowding the oxen's heels. It was like putting the cart before the horse or, in this instance, avoiding putting the wagon before the ox. John kept Mary at a distance from the animals, but she liked to walk beside them. He allowed little Robert, only eight, and ten-year-old Michael to walk closer. But she was a woman.



# New York Times Bestselling Author with Total Sales of More Than 1.5 Million Copies

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In 1844, two years before the Donner Party, the Stevens-Murphy company left Missouri to be the first wagons into California through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Mostly Irish Catholics, the party sought religious freedom and education in the mission-dominated land and enjoyed a safe journey—until October, when a heavy snowstorm forced difficult decisions. The first of many for young Mary Sullivan, newlywed Sarah Montgomery, the widow Ellen Murphy, and her pregnant sister-in-law Maolisa.

When the party separates in three directions, each risks losing those they loved and faces the prospect of learning that adversity can destroy or redefine. Two women and four men go overland around Lake Tahoe, three men stay to guard the heaviest wagons—and the rest of the party, including eight women and seventeen children, huddle in a makeshift cabin at the headwaters of the Yuba River waiting for rescue . . . or their deaths.

Award-winning author Jane Kirkpatrick plunges you deep into a landscape of challenge where fear and courage go hand in hand for a story of friendship, family, and hope that will remind you of what truly matters in times of trial.

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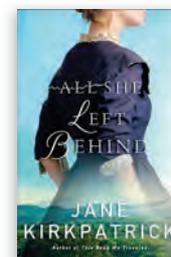
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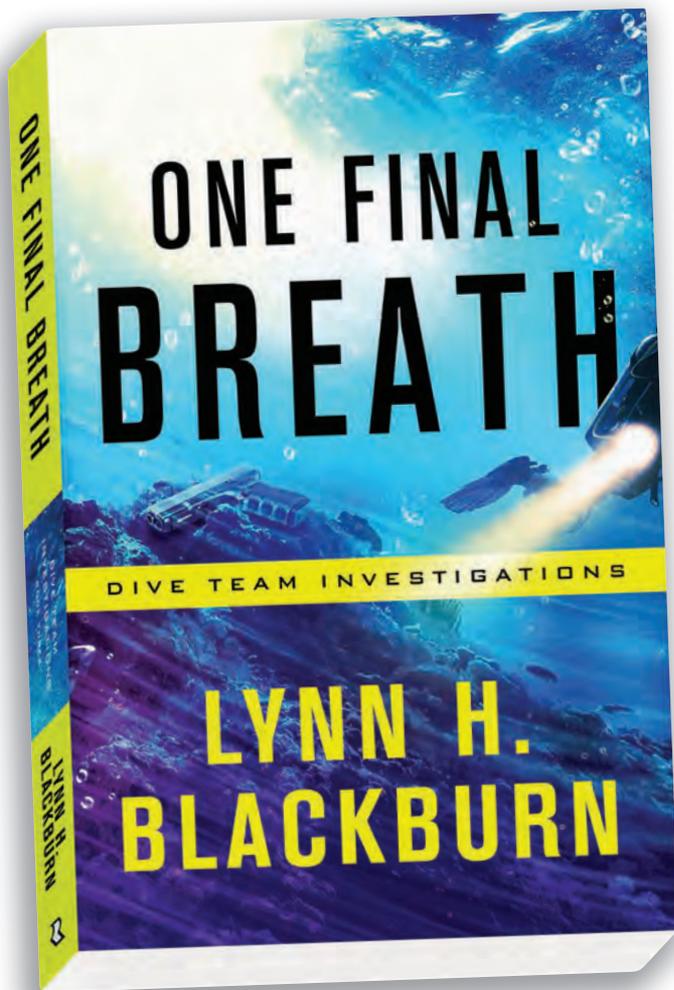
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When investigator Gabriel Chavez had his cover blown by an aggressive reporter, the silver lining was being able to rejoin the dive team. The downside? Dive team captain Anissa Bell—a woman who both fascinates and frustrates him.

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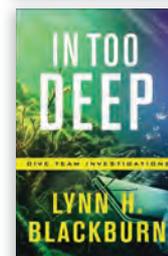
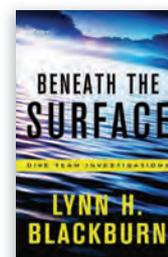
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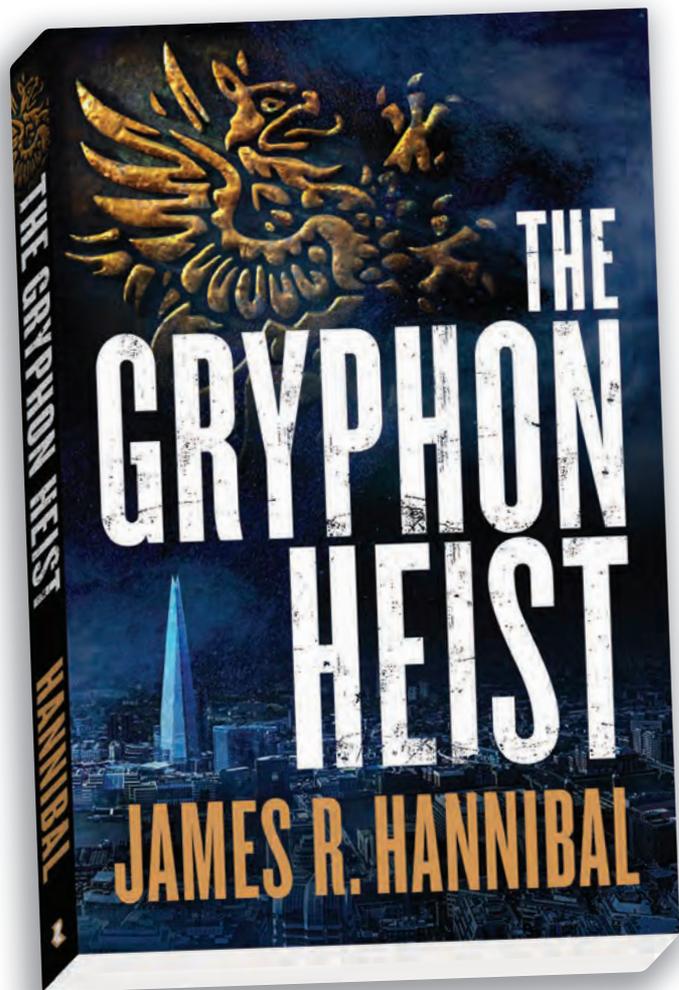
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James R. Hannibal is no stranger to secrets and adventure. A former stealth pilot from Houston, Texas, he has been shot at, locked up with surface-to-air missiles, and chased down a winding German road by an armed terrorist. He is a two-time Silver Falchion Award winner for his Section 13 mysteries for kids and a Thriller Award nominee for his Nick Baron covert ops series for adults. James is a rare multi-sense synesthete, meaning all of his senses intersect. He sees and feels sounds and smells and hears flashes of light. If he tells you the chocolate cake you offered smells blue and sticky, take it as a compliment.



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EXCERPT

Krista Galloway slowed down the U-Haul truck on the outskirts of Winter Hill. Should she have researched this move more carefully? Had she agreed to the contract too easily? Being hired as a city manager would definitely improve her résumé, but the small-town salary was a letdown. And what about her daughter's new school? Why hadn't Krista given this whole thing more consideration?

"Look, Mama!" Emily pointed to the WELCOME TO WINTER HILL billboard. "That sign says HOME OF CHRISTMASVILLE—what does that mean? Does Santa Claus live here?" Emily giggled like she knew better.

"What do you think?" Krista grimaced at the plywood Christmas tree alongside the welcome sign. It could use a new coat of paint.

"I know, Santa isn't really real. But are we near the North Pole? You said it snowed a lot here." Emily peered eagerly out the window.

"It does snow here," Krista confirmed. "But it's still late autumn, Emily."

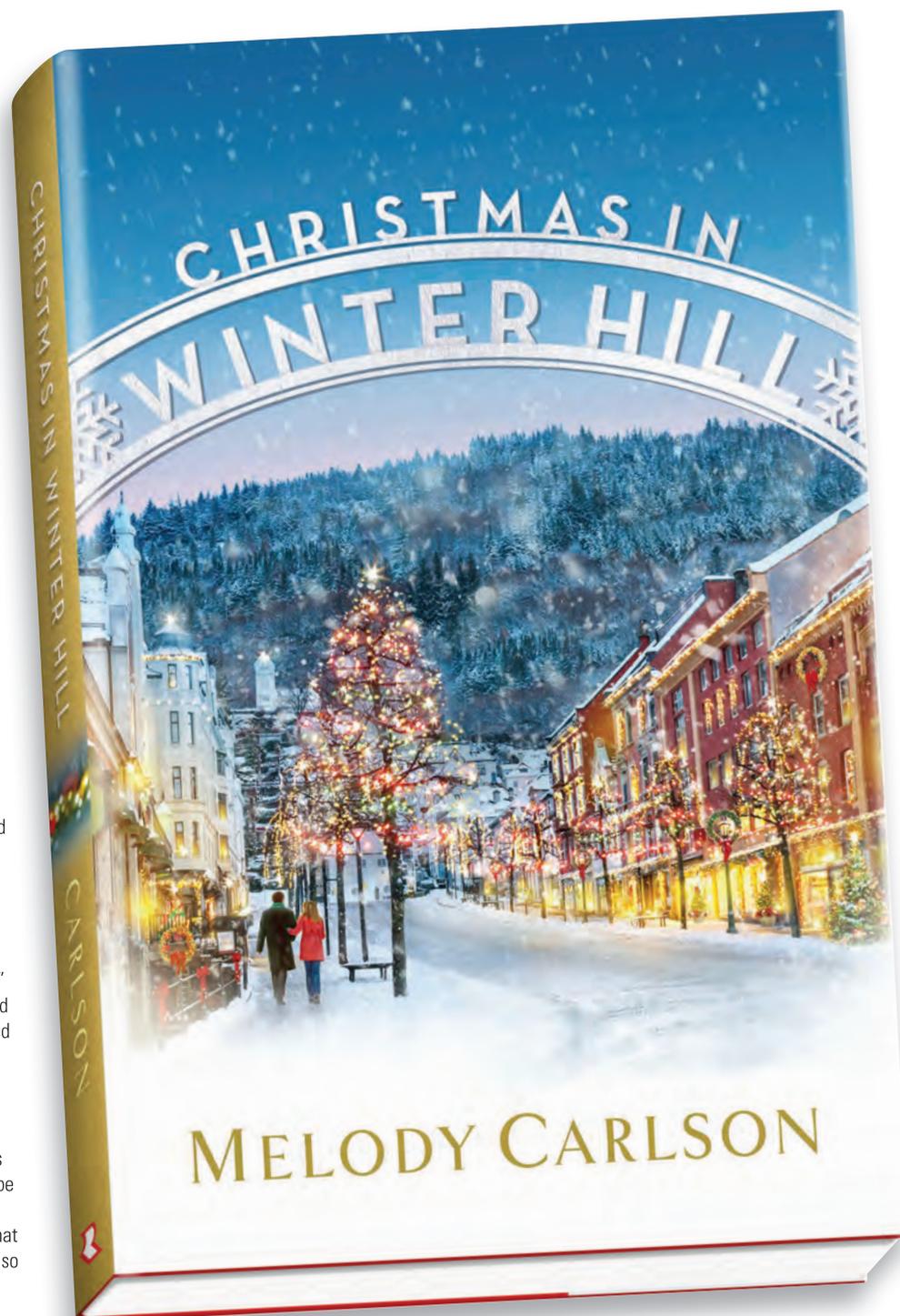
"But why did that sign say HOME OF CHRISTMASVILLE?" Emily persisted.

"I'm not sure." Krista vaguely remembered someone mentioning a Christmas festival during her second Skype interview with the hiring committee, but she'd barely registered the information. And, naturally, she didn't admit that she had a general aversion to Christmas. What did that have to do with managing a small town anyway?

"Where *is* Christmasville? What is it?"

Krista felt a mixture of amusement and aggravation at her eight-year-old's dogged determination. Her little apple hadn't fallen far from the tree when it came to questioning things. "I'm not completely sure what Christmasville is," Krista admitted. "I do know that Winter Hill has an annual Christmas festival. That must be Christmasville."

"Winter Hill," Emily said dreamily. "That does sound like a Christmassy place. I'm so glad we're moving here."



“No one captures the heartwarming fun of the Christmas season quite like Melody Carlson.” —*USA Today*

- Melody’s combined sales as a novelist top seven million, and her Christmas books have sold more than 500,000
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**K**rista Galloway is not a fan of Christmas. After her rough childhood in multiple foster homes, the holiday season just brings too many bad memories to the surface. But when she accepts a job as a city manager in the mountain town of Winter Hill, Washington, Christmas is part of the deal. The small town is famous for its Christmasville celebration, something that the city manager . . . well, manages.

As she tries to make her tiny new apartment feel like home for her and her eight-year-old daughter, Emily, Krista begins to wonder if this move was a mistake. She doesn’t always feel welcomed in the close-knit town, and Emily continually wonders, “Where’s the snow?” Can a friendly stranger and his family help restore Krista’s Christmas spirit before the big day?

Bestselling author Melody Carlson invites you to spend this holiday season in a town you’ll never forget—and never want to leave.

## Christmas in Winter Hill

Melody Carlson



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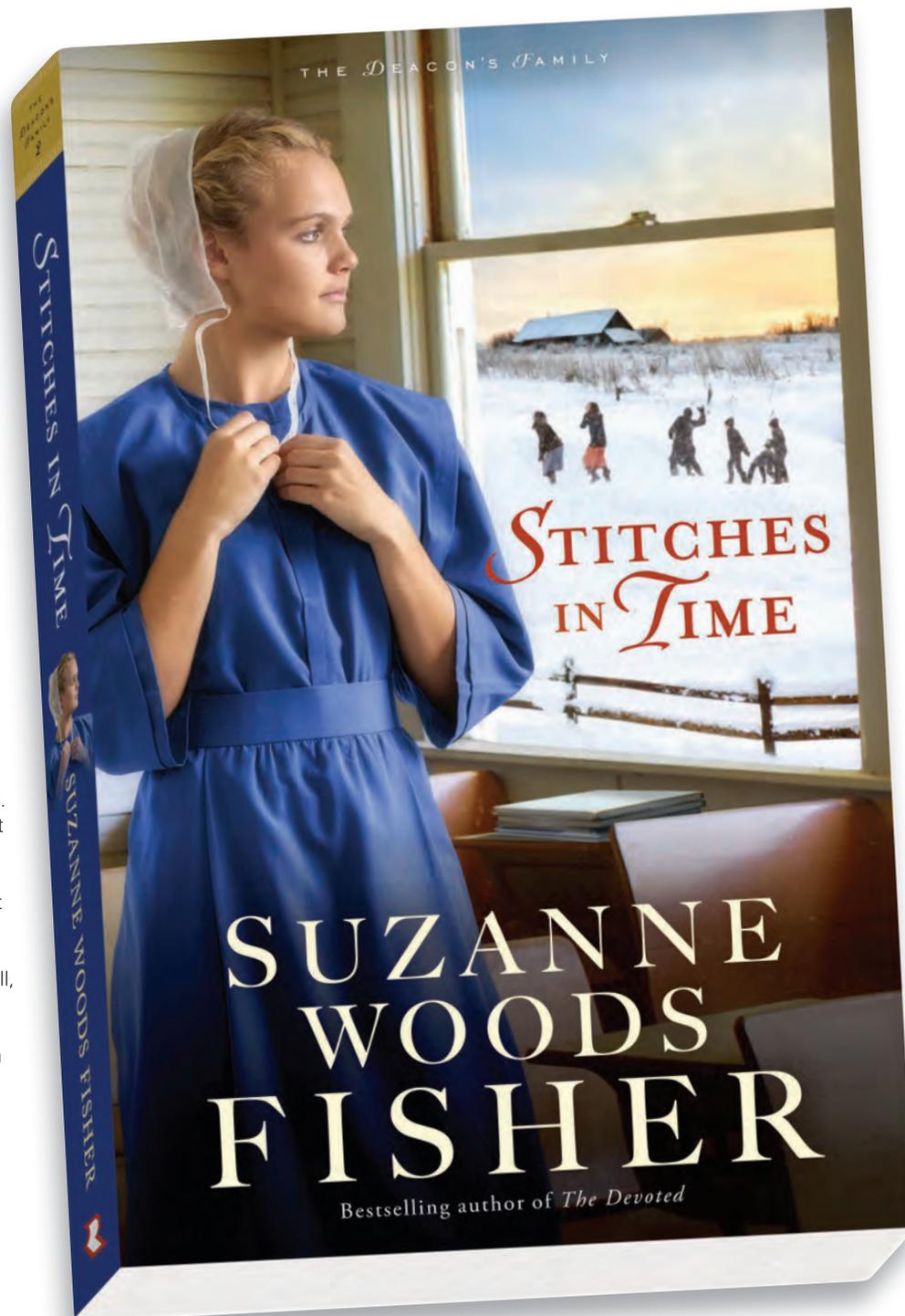
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Mollie set her thermos on her desk and took out two mugs, one for her and one for Sam, and poured one mug to the brim with hot coffee. She didn't fill Sam's mug. He hadn't come by at all this week and she wasn't sure why. She hoped it was only because his early mornings were extra busy lately, training that mare for the buggy. The saucy mare, he called her. A heap of trouble, more trouble than she was worth. Or so he said. He was smitten by that horse, Mollie could tell. Getting Sam to talk was like priming a rusty pump, but once she got him started on horse training, and even more so on that particular saucy mare, he lost that guarded look, his normal reserve, and out spilled story after story. She relished each one. Treasures.

She took a sip of coffee, thinking back to the last time she'd seen Sam. It was at the fellowship lunch following Sunday church, just after Sam's brother Luke had asked who might be interested in fostering children and Mollie volunteered. She hoped Sam's sudden busyness had nothing to do with her telling Luke that she wanted to foster a child, maybe two. Nothing was going to change her mind about that. Set in stone.

As her desk clock struck eight, she set Sam's mug back on its hook by the sink. She liked Sam Schrock, liked him quite a bit, and at times she thought there might be something growing between them. But maybe she'd been wrong about that, and maybe that was for the best. After all, as her mother continually reminded her, loving Mollie brought complications.

But you didn't come across many Sam Schrocks, that was for sure. Special.



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Detachment had worked well as a life strategy for horse trainer Sam Schrock. Until he met Mollie Graber . . .

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Mollie envisions sleepovers and pillow fights. What the 11-year-old twins bring to her home is anything but. Visits from the sheriff at midnight. Phone calls from the school truancy officer. And then the most humiliating moment of all: the girls accuse Mollie of drug addiction.

There's only one thing that breaks through the girls' hard shell—an interest in horses. Reluctantly and skeptically, Sam Schrock gets drawn into Mollie's chaotic life. What he didn't expect was for love to knit together the dropped stitches in his own heart . . . just in time.

Suzanne Woods Fisher invites you back to the little Amish church of Stoney Ridge for a touching story of the power of love.

## Stitches in Time

THE DEACON'S FAMILY #2

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EXCERPT

There was blood on the ice.

Rick Jordan jolted to a stop, gaze riveted on the crimson spots blemishing the frosty ground, fingers tightening on the disposable cup of coffee he'd just nuked.

Could his eyes be playing tricks on him in the waning afternoon light of the December afternoon?

He leaned closer.

It was blood. After all the gore he'd seen, it wasn't difficult to make a positive ID.

As he peered at the ruby-colored stains, the hair on the back of his neck snapped to attention—and since metabolic cues had saved his hide on more Night Stalker missions than he cared to remember, ignoring them would be foolish.

The blood was human.

Giving the landscape a thorough, methodical sweep, he set down the cup of java he'd picked up during his supply run to town, balancing it on the uneven ground.

No movement other than the huge flakes that had begun to sift down from the leaden sky. Apparently the blizzard warning issued this morning had been spot on. Missouri would have a white Christmas.

Nothing wrong with a Currier & Ives-style holiday—except the flakes were rapidly covering the trail of splotches on the three-day-old ice crystals from Tuesday's sleet storm.

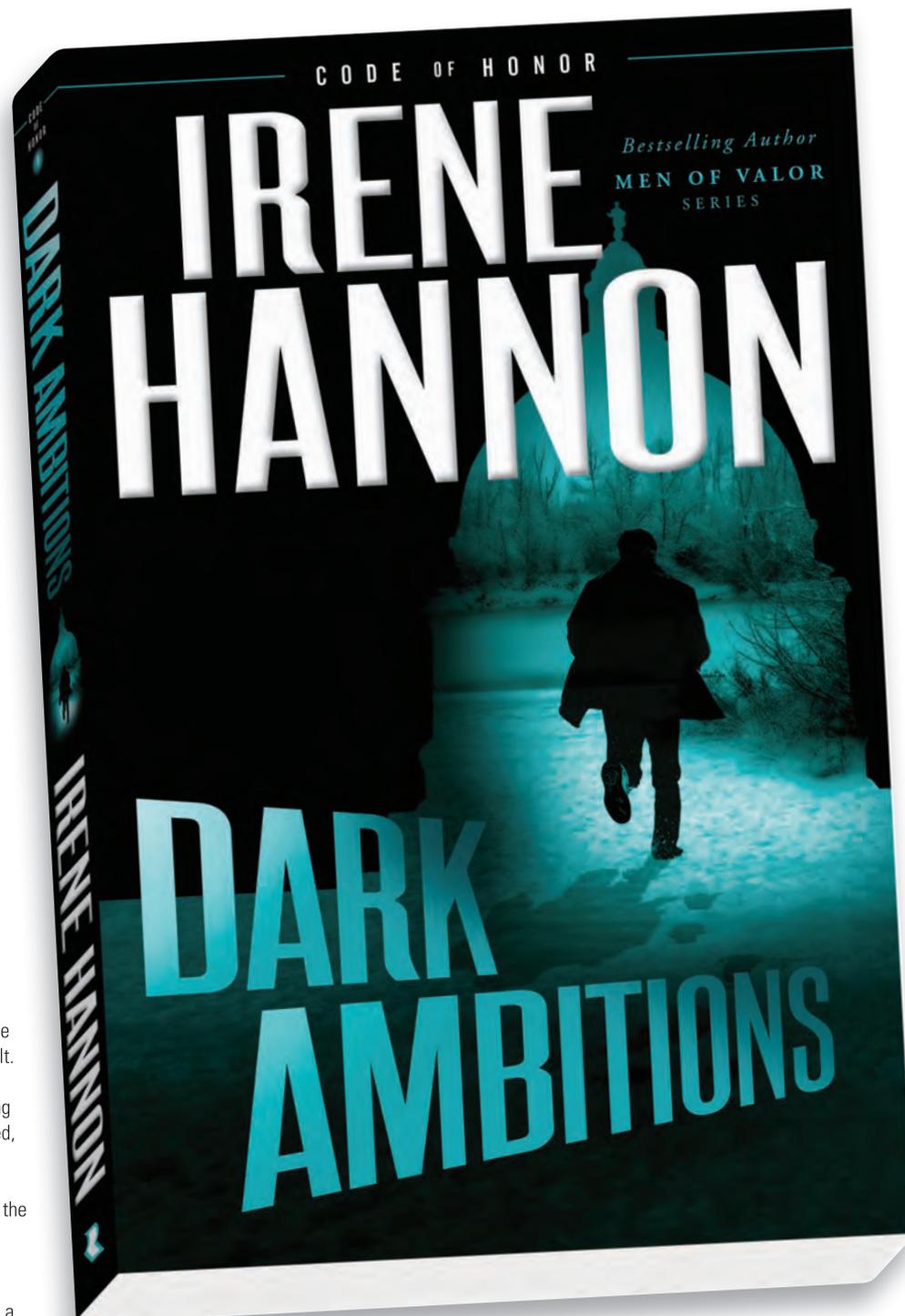
In minutes, they'd be impossible to track.

Continuing to scan his surroundings, he removed the compact Beretta from the concealed carry holster clipped to his belt. No reason to carry when the camp was full of kids and counselors, but wandering around unarmed in winter on 650 isolated, deserted acres?

Not happening.

He might never have needed a gun in the four years he'd called this rural Missouri acreage home, but it was better to risk overkill than being killed.

And while the camp had always been a peaceful refuge for him and the hundreds of kids who visited each season, his goosed adrenaline suggested that was about to change.



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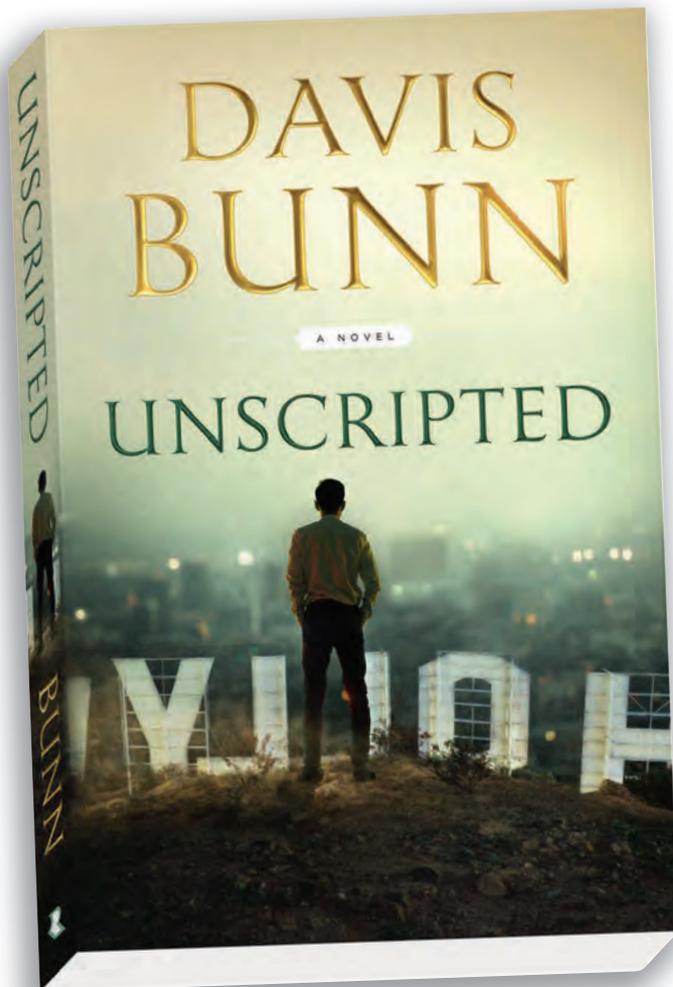
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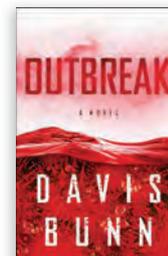
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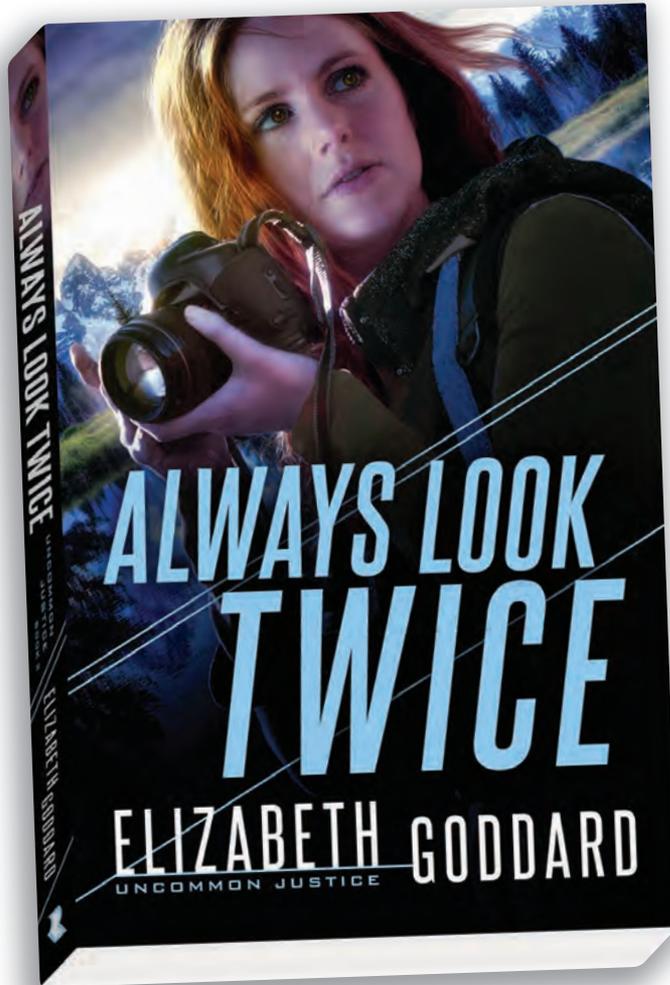
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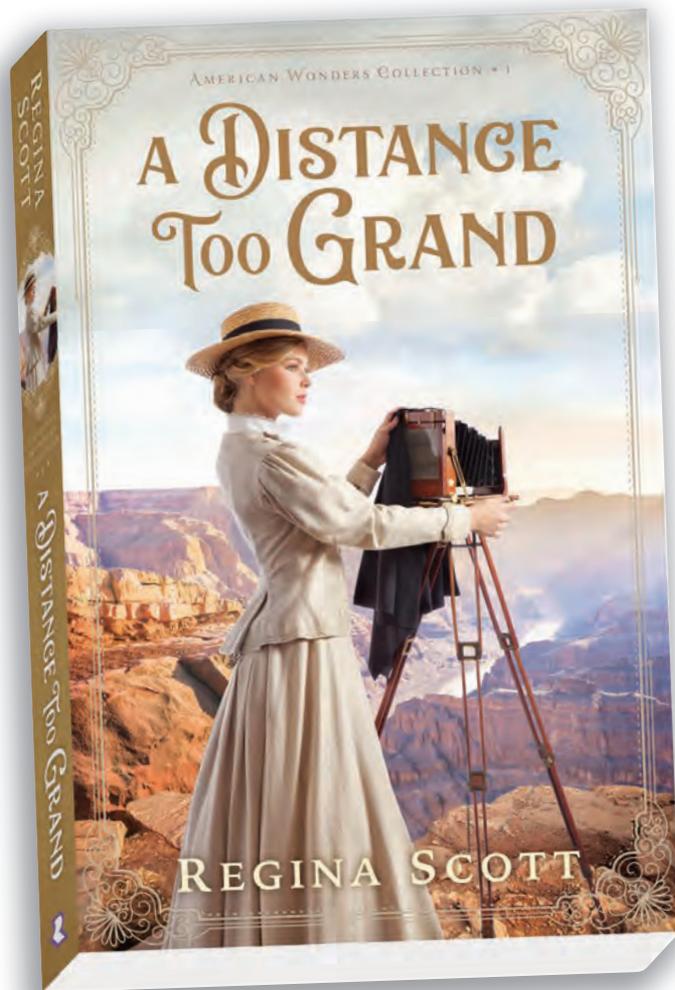
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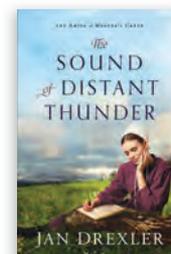
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She pressed the gas a little harder, focusing on the road in front of her and not the darkness surrounding her.

A sudden impact from behind threw her forward. Callie screamed as the car swerved and she jerked the wheel to keep the tires on the road. Heart pounding, she managed to right the vehicle only to feel the second slam, this time to her left rear.

Again her car headed for the edge of the road. Callie didn't have to see the drop-off to her right to know that if she went over, she was dead. Fighting the force of the hit, she pulled on the wheel and nearly stood on the brake. Tires squealed and tried to grip the asphalt. The vehicle shuddered to a stop and shut off.

Her attacker shot past her and Callie saw the brake lights come on. He was coming back?

Tremors shook her. She twisted the key and the engine ground, but didn't catch. She tried again. And again. The car in front of her had turned around and was heading back toward her.

"No," she whispered. She grabbed her purse and scrambled out of the passenger door. The cold hit Callie hard, stopping her for a split second. Her heavy winter coat rested on the backseat. She looked back at the car that had hit her, now idling in the middle of the road. The driver's door opened, but the interior light didn't come on.

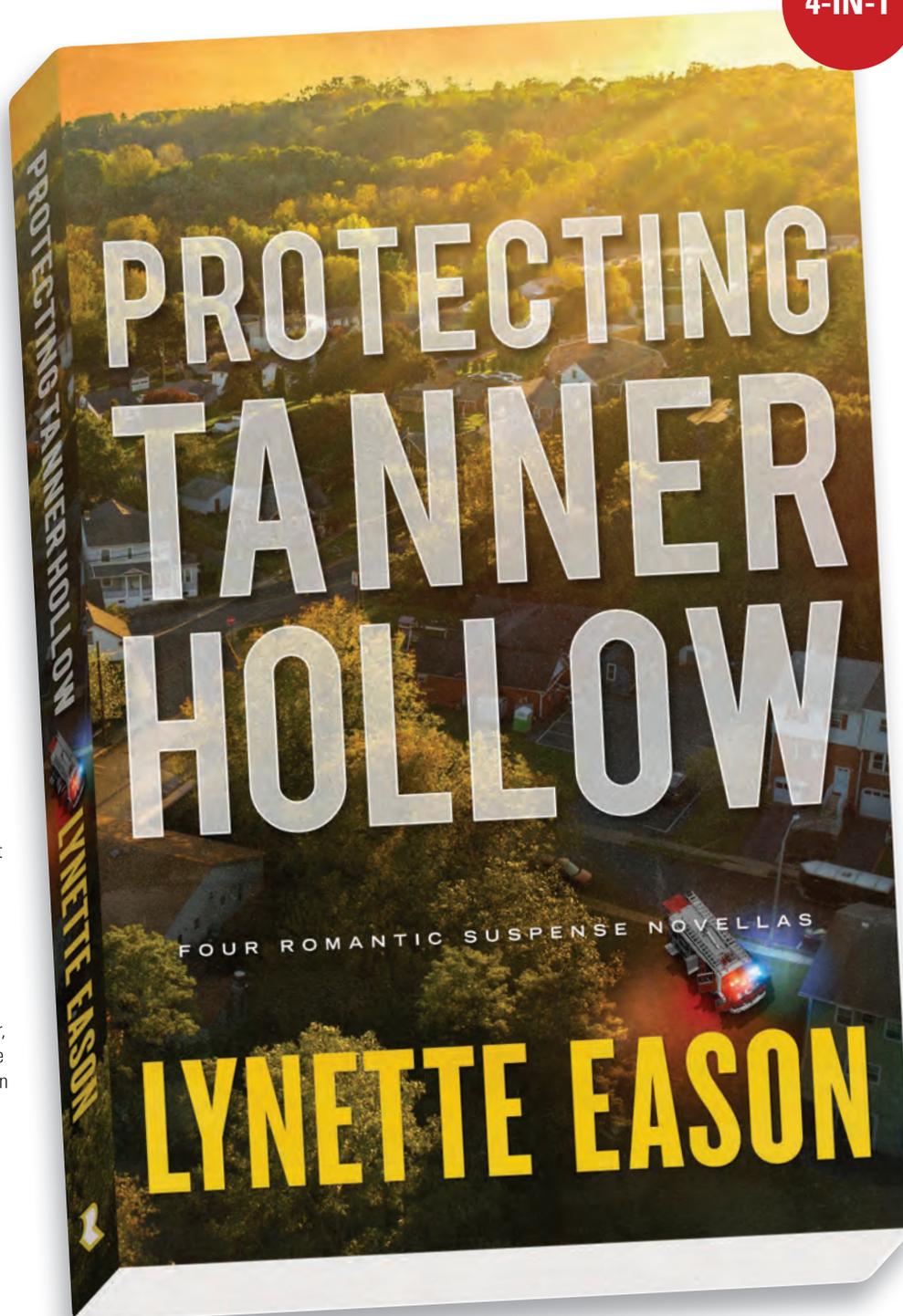
The attacker planned to continue the chase.

Callie ran to the back of her car and crouched behind it. Darkness covered her, and she hoped he couldn't see her. At the trunk, she paused, her pulse thundering in her ears. *Think, think.*

Footsteps.

He was coming for her.

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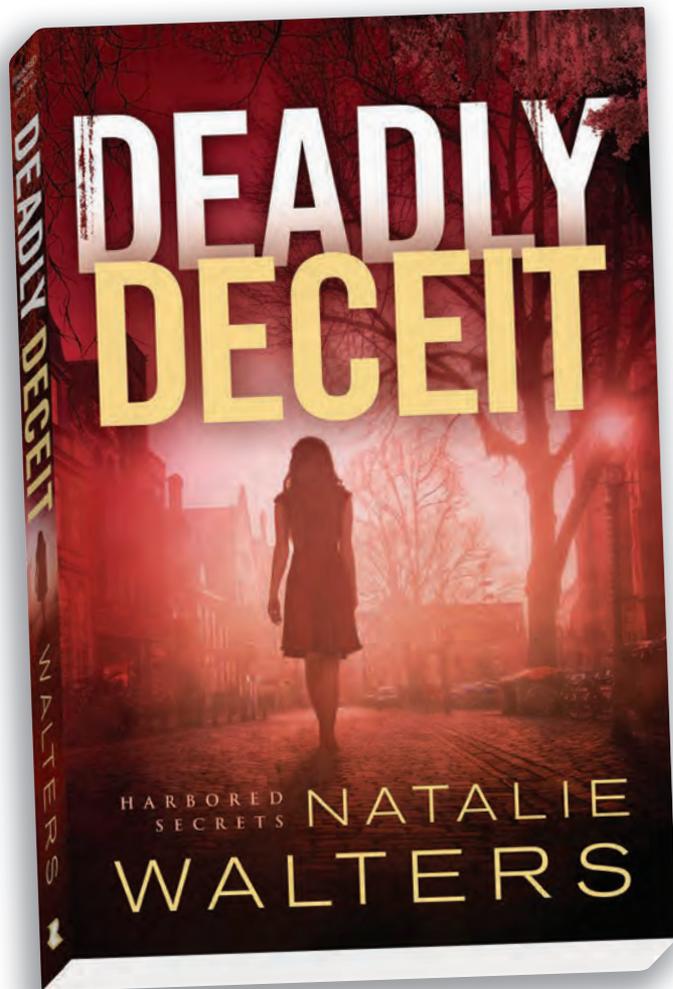
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