



EXCERPT

Christy shrugged out of her jacket, draped it over the back of her chair, and perched on the edge of the seat. Wrapping her fingers around the computer case in her lap, she held on tight.

What if she'd made a mistake by going to the authorities?

The knot that had been lodged in the pit of her stomach since she'd made the call tightened. If this decision turned out to be wrong, the consequences would be dire. That much had been clear.

Yet she wasn't equipped to deal with a kidnapper. She needed the kind of resources law enforcement could provide.

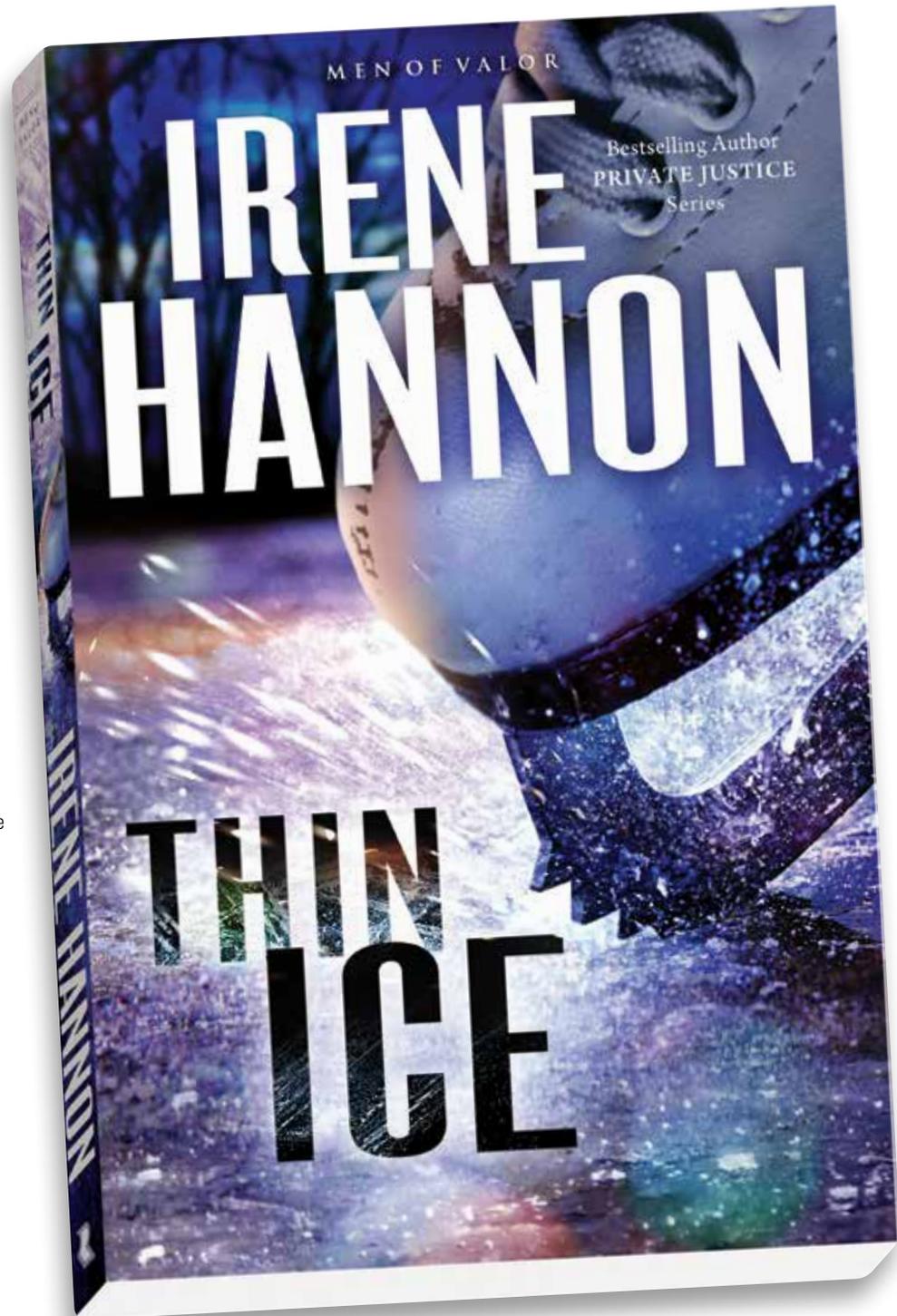
Prying one hand off the case, she tucked her hair behind her ear. She could have hung up while the operator transferred her to Agent McGregor. In fact, she almost had. She could also have severed the connection at any point during her conversation. He didn't know her name, and using a pay phone had allowed her to keep her options open.

But the man had sounded confident and professional, with a subtle take-charge, I'm-in-control manner that reeked of competence.

All of which had convinced her to take the leap.

Now it was too late for second thoughts. He'd be here any minute. All she could do was hope she hadn't misjudged him.

And pray she wasn't making a fatal mistake.



# Two-Time RITA Award Winner Continues to Bring Chills to Readers

- If Ginny Reed is still alive, who is the woman buried in her grave? FBI Special Agent Lance McGregor is determined to find the truth
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After losing her parents in a car accident and her sister to a house fire, Christy Reed has been mired in grief. Life is finally starting to feel normal again when an envelope arrives in the mail—addressed in her sister’s handwriting. And the note inside claims she is still alive.

FBI Special Agent Lance McGregor, a former Delta Force operator, is assigned to reopen the case, but he’s coming up with more questions than answers. If Ginny Reed is still alive—who is the woman buried in her grave? Where *is* Ginny? And is Christy a pawn in a twisted cat-and-mouse game—or the target of a sinister plot? As he digs deeper, one thing becomes clear: whoever is behind the bizarre ruse has a deadly agenda.

Bestselling author and two-time Christy Award finalist Irene Hannon warms readers’ hearts as they root for a romance between Lance and Christy, but she pulls out all the stops as this high-stakes thriller chills to the bone in a race to the finish.

## Thin Ice

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Irene Hannon is the bestselling and award-winning author of more than forty-five novels, including *Buried Secrets*, the HEROES OF QUANTICO, GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE, and PRIVATE JUSTICE series. Her books have been honored with, among others, two coveted RITA Awards from Romance Writers of America, three HOLT Medallions, a Daphne du Maurier Award, two Reviewers’ Choice Awards from *RT Book Reviews* magazine, and a National Readers’ Choice Award. She lives in Missouri. Learn more at [www.irenehannon.com](http://www.irenehannon.com).



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EXCERPT

She had finished picking all the apples she could reach from one tree when she heard someone behind her.

"Liesbet, *Mamm* wants you to . . ." Hannah had turned as she spoke, but Liesbet wasn't behind her. It was the young man from the wagon.

"I wondered if you needed some help. I can reach the taller branches."

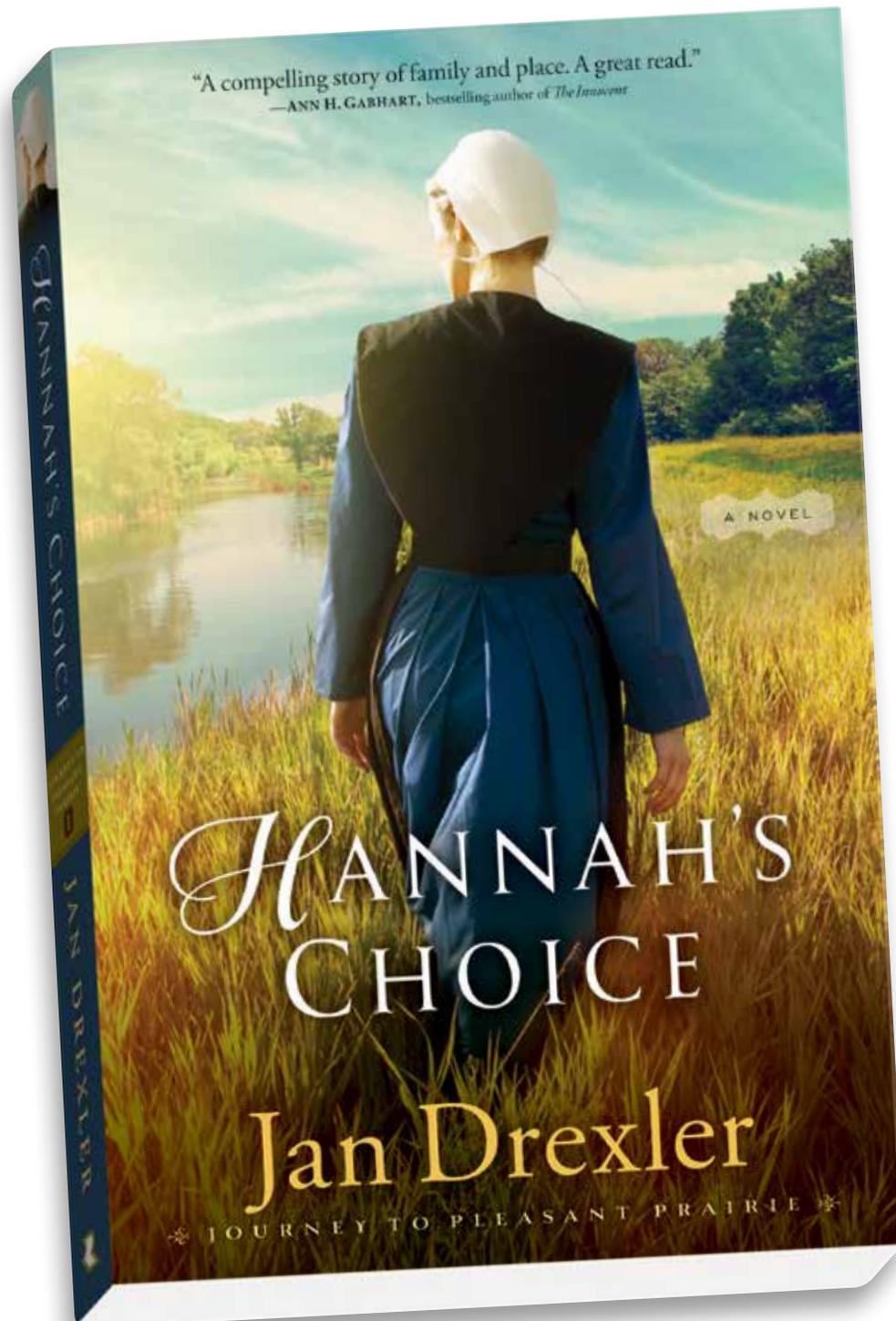
His accent was strange, but he spoke *Deutsch*, the Pennsylvania Dutch, just like all the Amish. His cheeks turned pink when she didn't answer right away, and he pointed to the apples clinging to the branches above her head.

"*Ach, ja.*" Hannah felt her face turn as pink as his. She had never seen eyes quite the color of his. They were blue, but when he tilted his head down to look at her, they turned gray. He smiled again—a slow, gentle smile that made his eyes crinkle. Light brown hair curled around his ears.

He stepped around her and climbed up into the fork of the tree, reaching from that higher perch to pick the apples and toss them down to her. He worked without a word but smiled at her as he jumped down from one tree and climbed the next, every motion effortless. He continued until Hannah's apron was full.

"I have enough now," Hannah said as he climbed down from the last tree. "*Denki . . .*"

"Josef." He leaned against the tree, gazing at her. "Josef Bender."



# Talented New Voice in Amish Fiction Launches Dramatic Series

- Author's ancestors were among the first Amish, Mennonite, and Brethren immigrants in the 1700s
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Hannah Yoder loves her quiet life on the banks of the Conestoga Creek. In 1842, this corner of Lancaster County is settled and peaceful—yet problems lurk beneath the placid façade. Hannah's father worries about the spread of liberal ideas from their Mennonite and Brethren neighbors. And Hannah blames herself for a tragedy that struck their home nine years ago. She strives to be the one person who can bind the threads of her family together in spite of her mother's ongoing depression and her sister's rejection of their family. But her world is threatening to unravel.

When two young men seek her hand in marriage—one offering the home she craves and the other promising the adventure of following God's call west—Hannah must make a choice. Faithfully perform her duties to her family? Or defy her father and abandon her community?

With a tender hand, Jan Drexler teases out the threads of a romance that will captivate readers in this brand-new Amish historical series.

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jan Drexler brings a unique understanding of Amish traditions and beliefs to her writing. Her ancestors were among the first Amish, Mennonite, and Brethren immigrants to Pennsylvania in the 1700s. Their experiences are the basis for her stories. Jan lives in **Rapid City, South Dakota**, with her husband, their four adult children, two active dogs, and a cat. When she isn't writing, she enjoys hiking the Black Hills and the Badlands. She is the author of the Love Inspired novels *The Prodigal Son Returns*, *A Mother for His Children*, and *A Home for His Family* (September 2015).

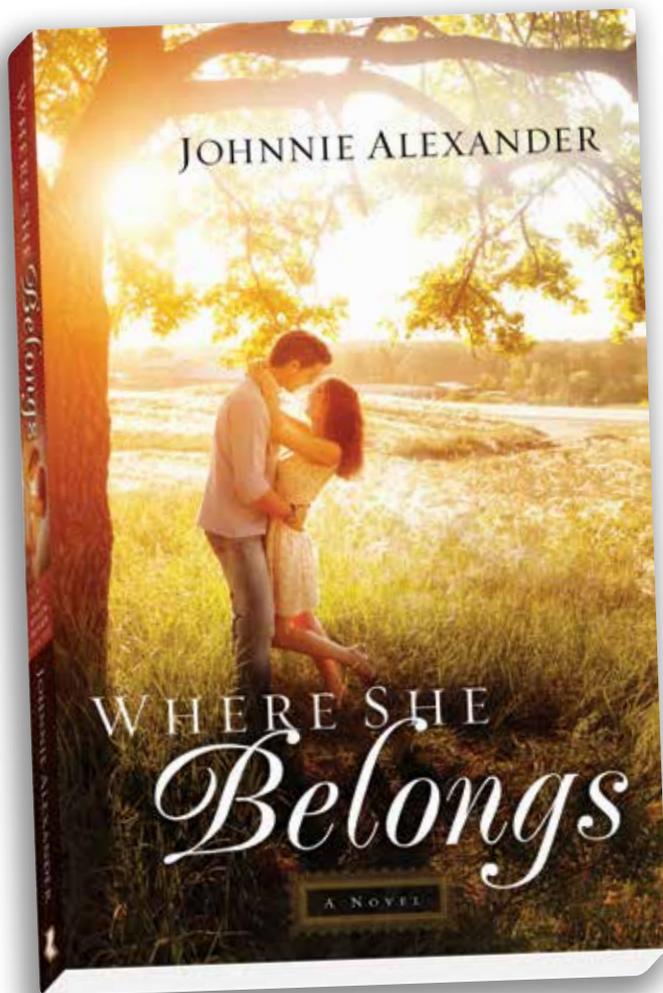


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### ENDORSEMENT

"*Hannah's Choice* is a compelling story of family and place that demonstrates how choices in life can be difficult and yet exciting at the same time. Jan Drexler's Amish family is so engaging that we're right there sitting down with them at their supper table, sharing their joys and sorrows as they embrace the adventure of life. A great read for anyone who enjoys a page-turning mix of appealing characters, exciting story action, sweet romance, and interesting history."—**Ann H. Gabhart**, bestselling author of *The Innocent*

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Johnnie Alexander is the award-winning author of *Where Treasure Hides*. Johnnie is an accomplished essayist and poet whose work has appeared in the *Guideposts* anthology *A Cup of Christmas Cheer*. In addition to writing, she enjoys reading, spending time with her grandchildren, and taking road trips. She lives near **Memphis, Tennessee**.

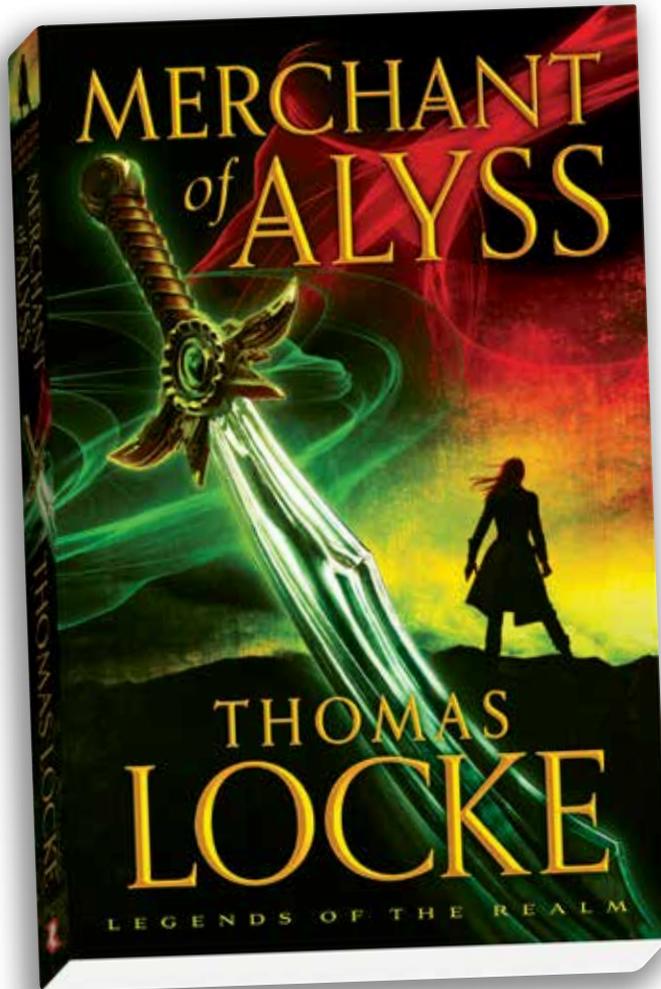


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## Merchant of Alyss

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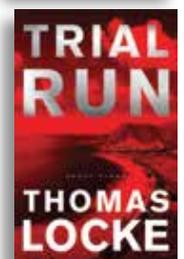
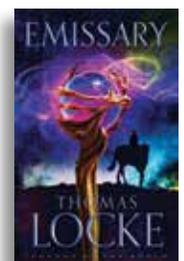
**Thomas Locke** is a pseudonym for **Davis Bunn**, the award-winning novelist with total worldwide sales of seven million copies. With a lifelong passion for speculative stories, he is also the author of *Emissary* and *Trial Run*. His work has been published in twenty languages, and critical acclaim includes four Christy Awards for excellence in fiction. He divides his time between **Oxford** and **Florida**. A screenplay adaptation of *Emissary* is currently under development as a feature film with a British production company. Learn more at [www.tlocke.com](http://www.tlocke.com).



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EXCERPT

A flash of light shot through the driver's window then was gone. Maddy sat up straighter and looked in the direction the light had come from. When nothing else happened, she didn't relax. Instead her nerves began that little hum they did whenever she needed to be on alert. Aware. The light flashed again, further away and not hitting the car, but still there.

Ignore it? She continued her rhythmic tap on the steering wheel, debating. Then grabbed her phone and sent a text requesting some back up. She didn't know if she'd need it or not, but it never hurt to be prepared. Maddy had a good view of the front door of the radio station from her strategic position. She'd backed up and parked next to the building just across the lot from the building Wade had entered almost three hours earlier.

When the light swept across the front of the station doors, Maddy's pulse picked up speed and her nerves hummed faster.

Her fingers curled around the handle of the driver's door.

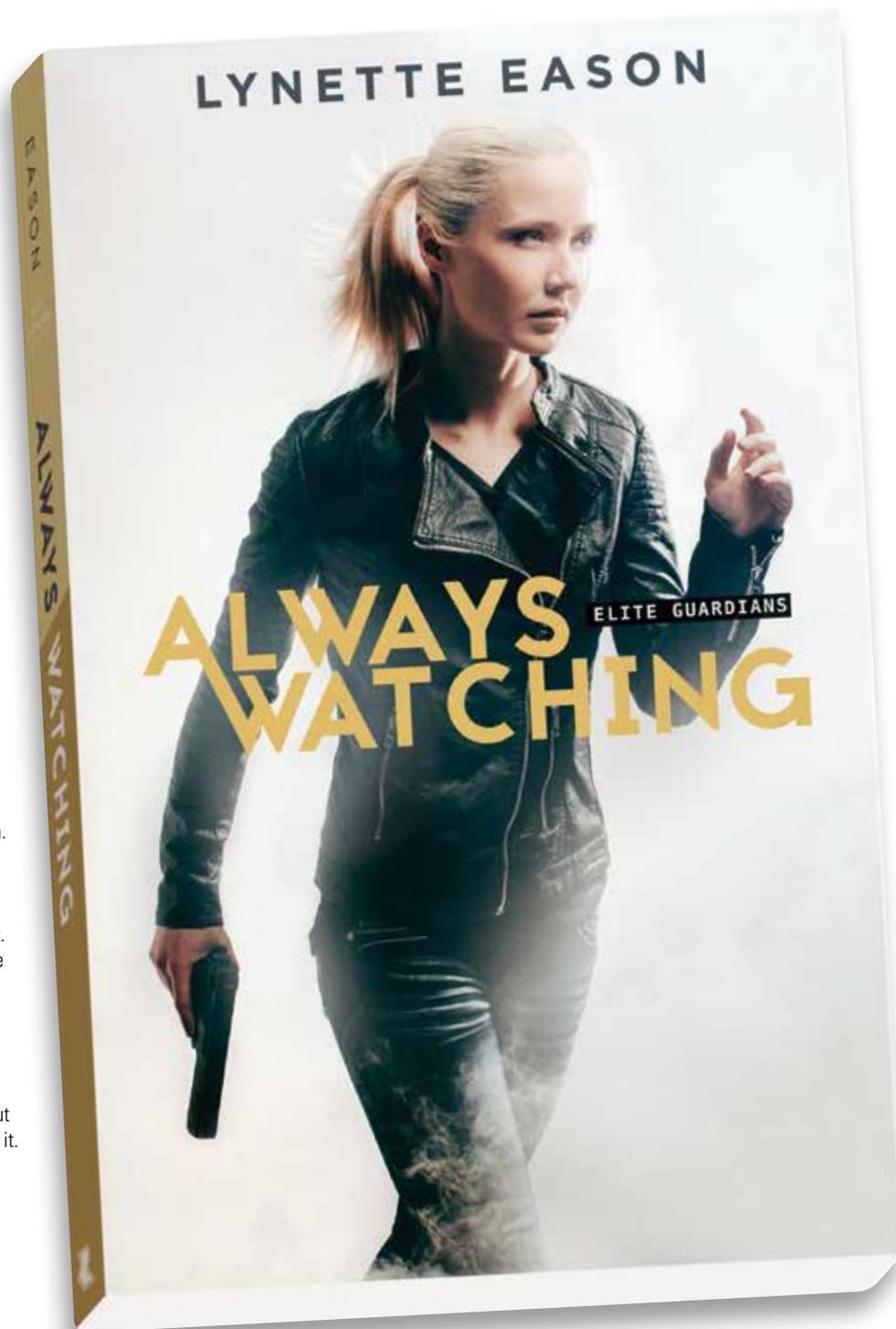
The glass to the passenger window exploded. Maddy ducked, flinched away from the shards hitting her, reached for her weapon. Felt a prick in her upper arm. Looked down to see a small dart sticking out. She grabbed for it and pulled it out. What? Her head began a slow spin and nausea climbed up the back of her throat. Weakness consumed her and she felt the darkness start to grab at her consciousness. She fought it, struggled to get her fingers wrapped around the door handle, her only thought to get out, get help. But her eyes wouldn't stay open. Her phone. She needed her phone to call for help. But her hand was too heavy. She couldn't lift it.

She forced her eyes open and saw a masked figure slide into the passenger seat, the knife glinting in her attacker's right hand.

"Why?" she whispered.

Felt the blade against her throat.

Then nothing.



# The Women of Elite Guardians Stop at Nothing to Get the Job Done

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- Award-winning author whose novels have sold over 250,000 copies

The bodyguards of Elite Guardians Agency have more than just skill and prowess in common—they're also all women. When it becomes clear that popular psychiatrist and radio personality Wade Savage has a stalker, his father secretly hires Elite Guardians in order to protect his son.

But when Wade's bodyguard is attacked and nearly killed, agency owner Olivia Edwards must step in and fill the gap. Olivia's skills are about to be tested to the limit as Wade's stalker moves from leaving innocent gifts at his door to threatening those closest to him. Olivia has the feeling that she's next on the list. And to complicate things even further, she realizes that her heart may be in as much danger as her client.

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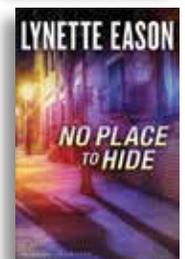
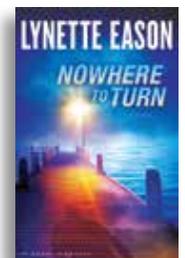
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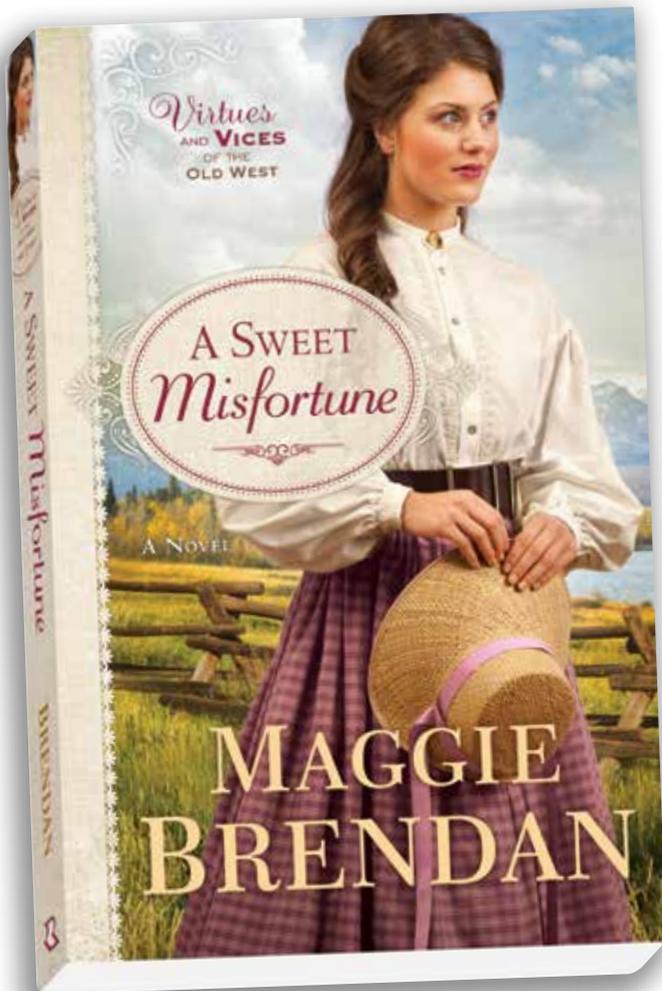
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“Charmingly quirky and endearing.”  
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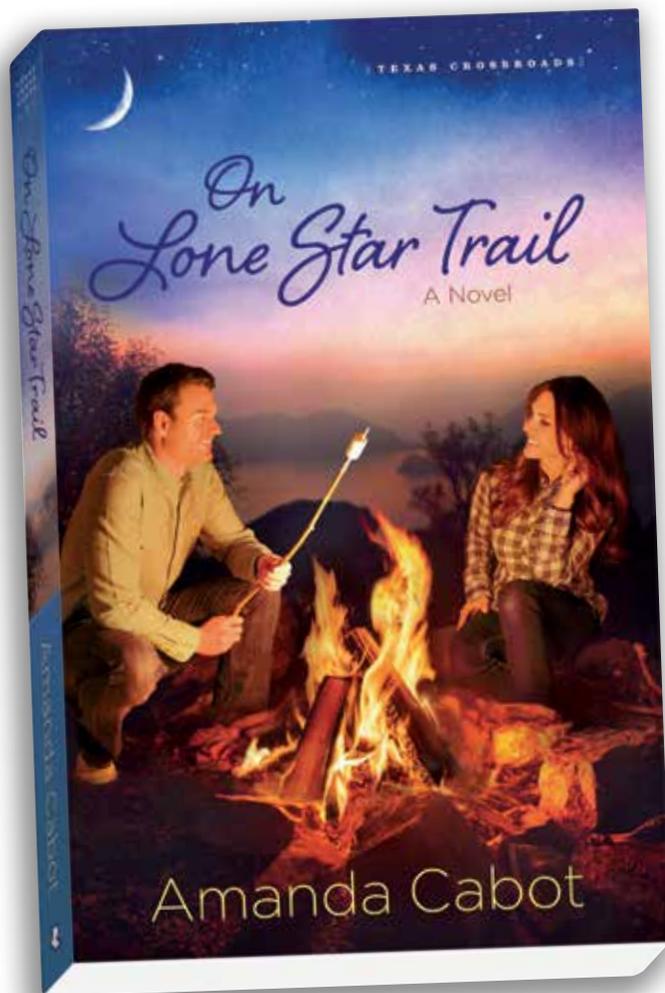
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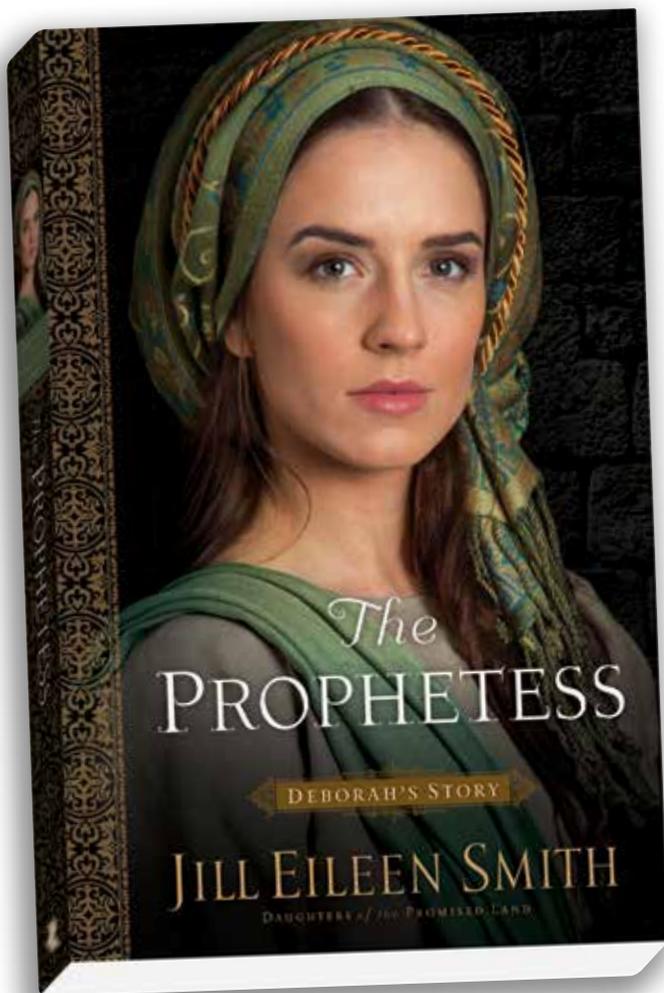
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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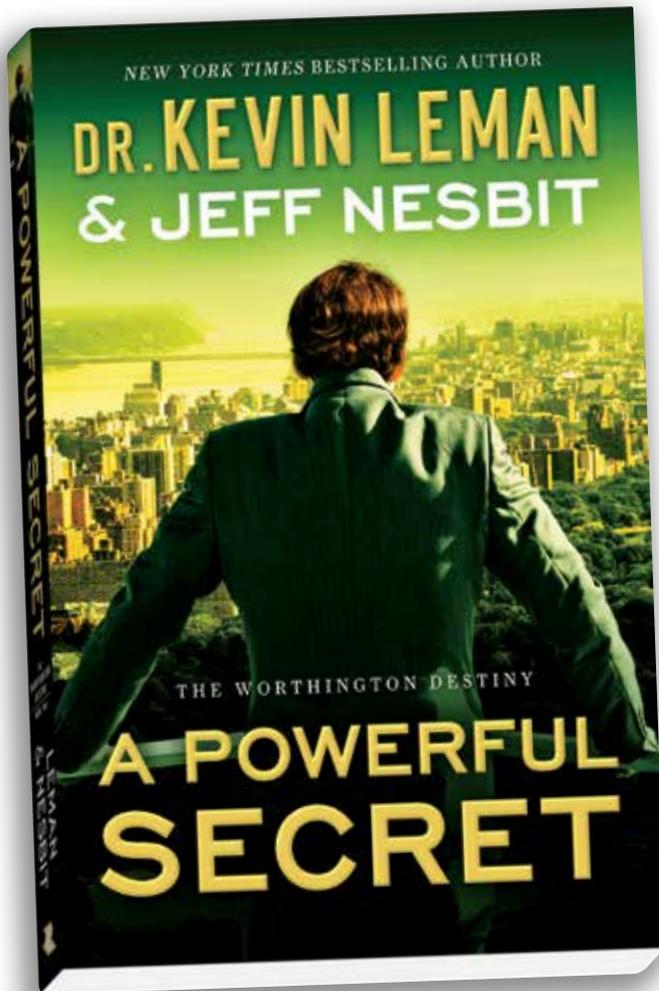
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EXCERPT

"Jack, be serious for a minute. What do you know about her? How do you know she's not running a scheme or just trying to get at your money?"

The older man's laugh bellowed to the far corners of the house. "What money? I've sunk nearly every penny I have into this place."

"That's what I'm talking about. What if she's trying to make you feel sorry for her?"

"I already do."

Her stomach knotted at a brand new sensation. No one had ever pitied her before. Envied and imitated? Certainly. But no one felt sorry for the heir to a multi-million dollar real estate conglomerate.

Except, she wasn't the heir any more. She'd given up her rights to all that her name claimed by getting on one bus.

And that decision had stemmed from eavesdropping on another conversation.

Seth sighed, probably putting his hands on his hips. "Try to hear what I'm saying, Jack." His words rang louder and clearer. Had he turned to face the door? "She's trouble."

"How do you know?"

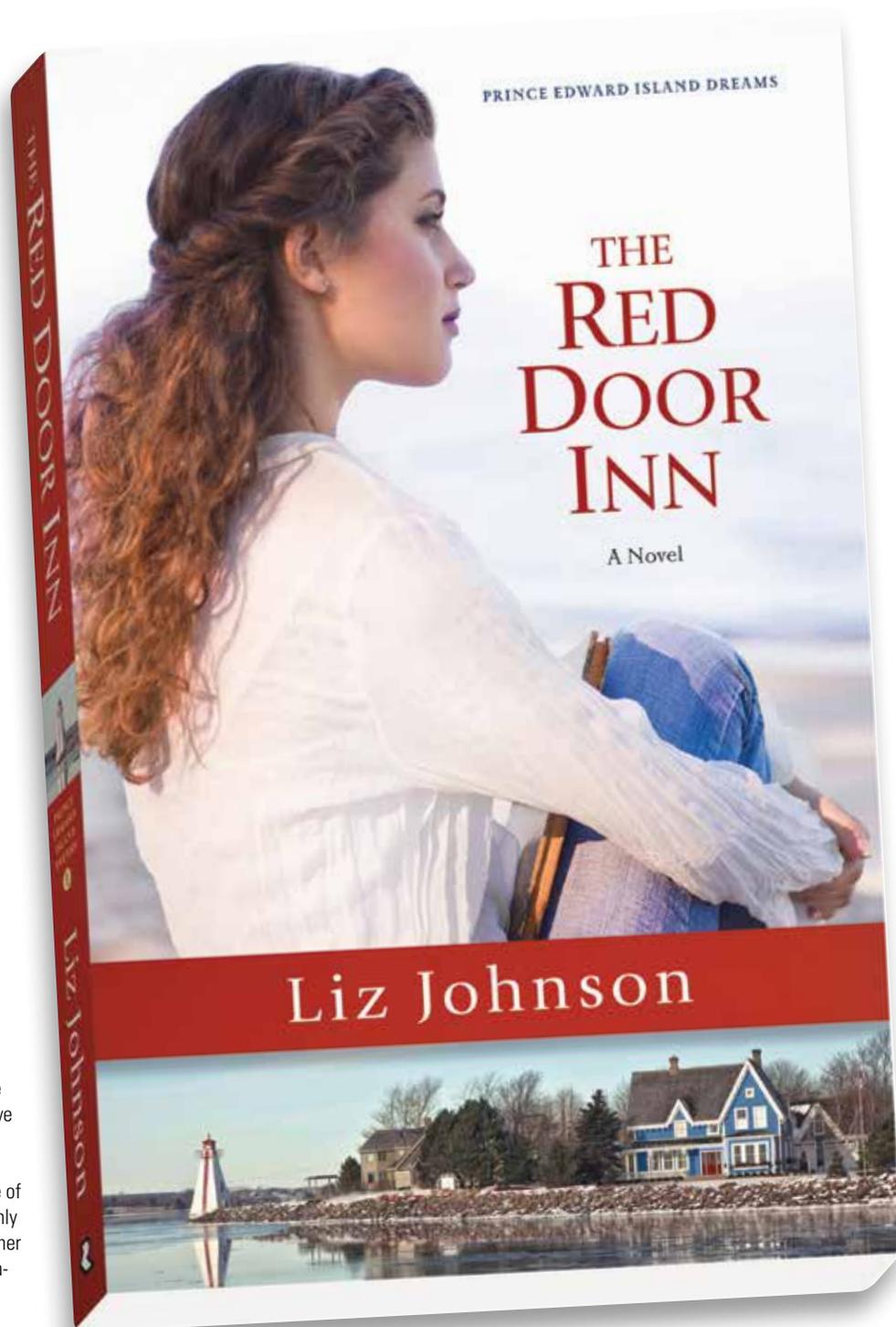
"I just do. Who shows up out of thin air like that just when you're about to be a success?"

"Rose wanted this inn more anything, and I promised her I'd open it. Success isn't a guarantee." Jack's voice cracked. He sure loved Rose.

"And would Rose want you to lose it all to a pretty hustler with glistening blue eyes and a pert little nose? She's already been gone long enough to walk to Rusticoville and back and again. Three times. Maybe she's not coming back. Have you checked to see if any valuables are missing?"

Silence hung heavily on the other side of the door, and she held her breath, suddenly afraid of being discovered. If they found her listening in on their very private conversation, they'd throw her out.

Nothing good ever came from eavesdropping.



“Liz Johnson is a rock solid writer. I endorse her heartily.”—Max Lucado, *New York Times* bestselling author

- As they restore the Red Door Inn, Marie and Seth must face their pasts to find healing for their hearts
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EXCERPT

He awoke just after 4:00 a.m., the world around him oddly blanketed in silence.

Down below, the sentry cabin was almost imperceptible in the shadows of night. The Mute forced himself not to move, and instead to listen, to understand. He wished now that he'd brought along his M39 marksman rifle when he climbed up this tree, but it remained inside the sentry post below, leaning uselessly against a wall. He made a mental check of his other weapons: a Kahr K9098N handgun with night sights, strapped to his left thigh; a Smith and Wesson knife blade, hanging on a thick metal chain wrapped around his neck and dipping inside his shirt; a .22 short mini-revolver tucked safely inside his right boot.

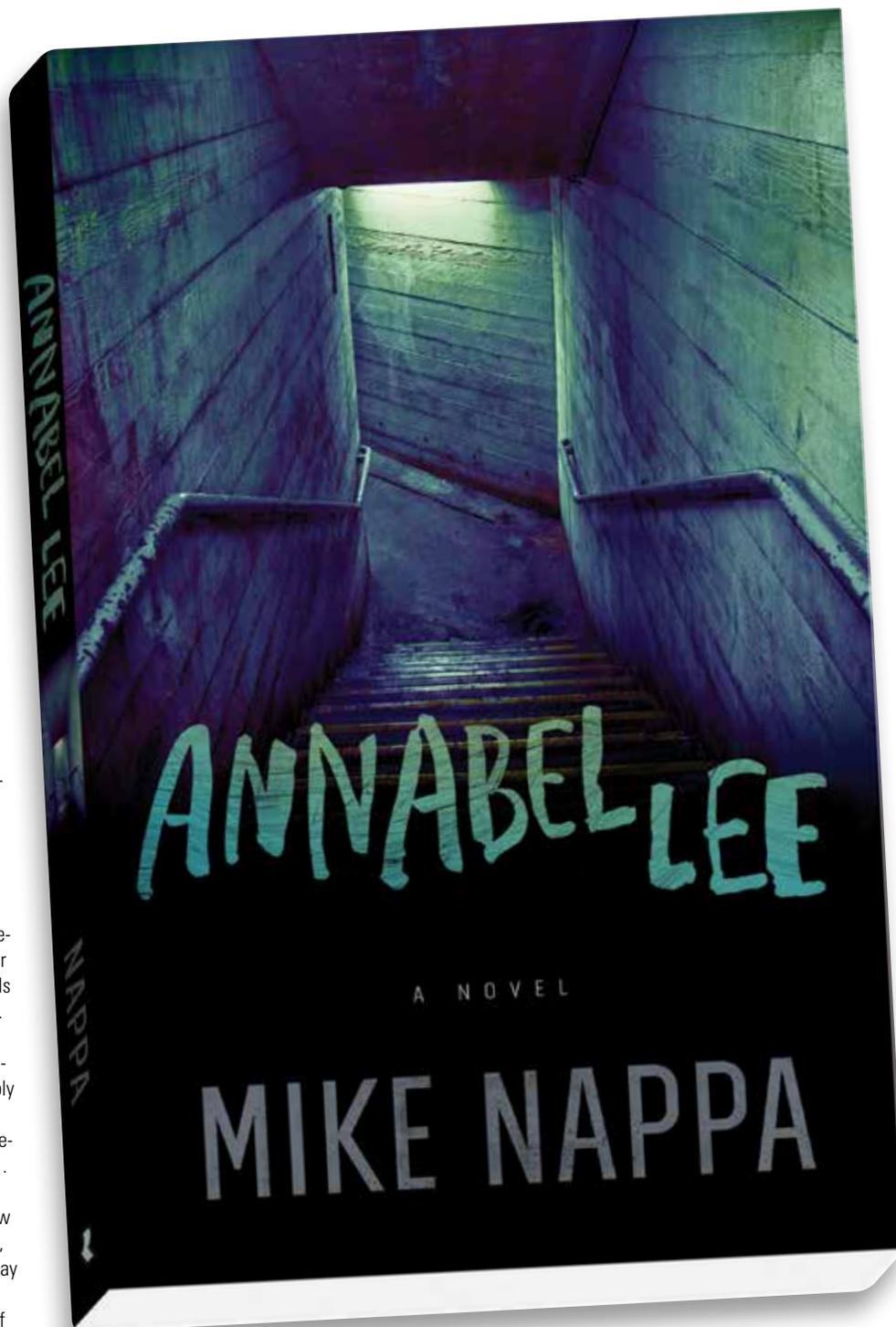
He reached inside a cargo pocket on his pants and extracted a pair of night vision goggles, turning the forest an illuminated green in one swift motion.

The intruders appeared almost as silently as the night had become, giving only a slight rustling of dead leaves and crunching of dirt as the soundtrack for their arrival. There were four of them, each taking a position in sight of one corner of the sentry outpost. They all wore black that bulged with varied weaponry, heads covered with night-vision goggles that obscured their faces. Judging from body shapes, there were three men and one woman, all moving stealthily, all carefully aware to stay out of sight of the four surveillance cameras mounted at intervals around the roof of the camouflaged shed.

The Mute calculated his odds, and dismissed his chances almost immediately. He could take out one for sure, probably two, but they were spaced too far apart. They'd have him in sight and under fire before a third shot could escape his gun. . . .

He breathed a shallow exhale and let his training kick in. "When you don't know what to do," Truck had taught repeatedly, "wait. Too many men act too soon, and pay the consequences for it. Wait, and you'll likely see the course of action make itself plain before you."

So he waited.



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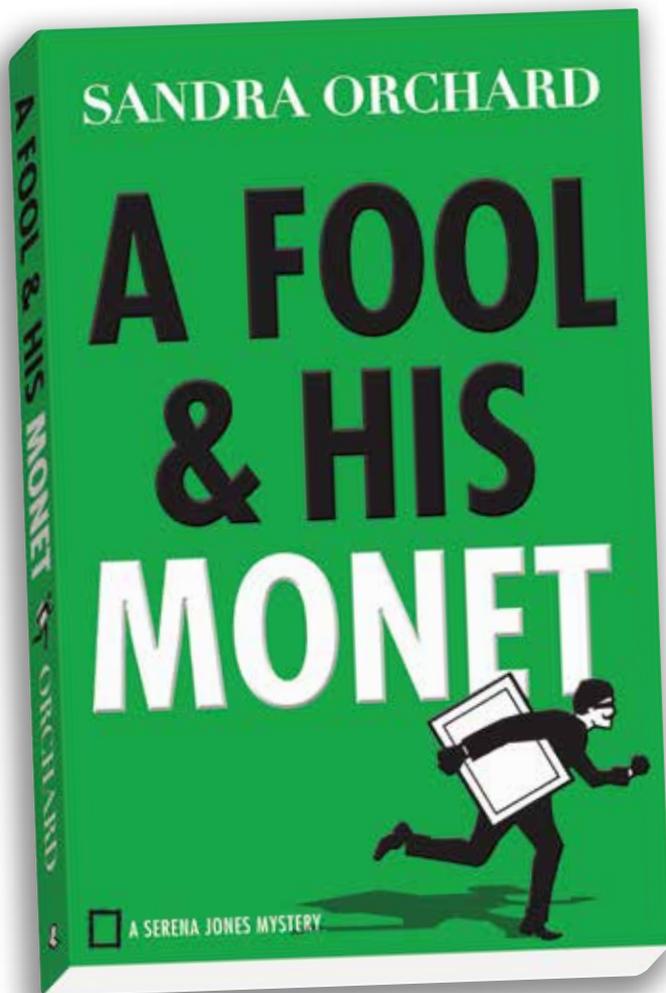
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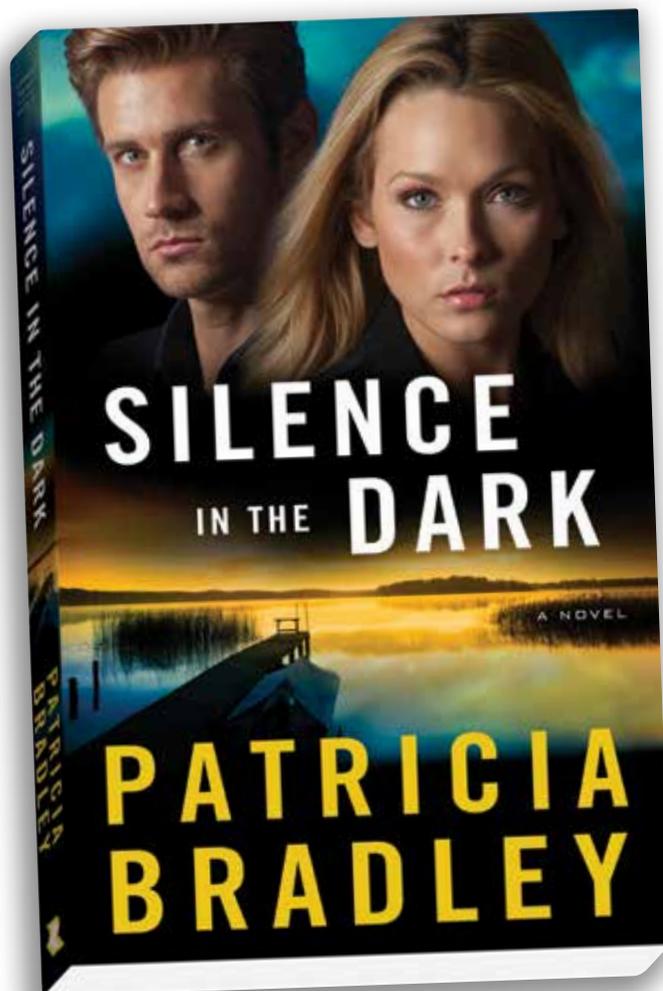
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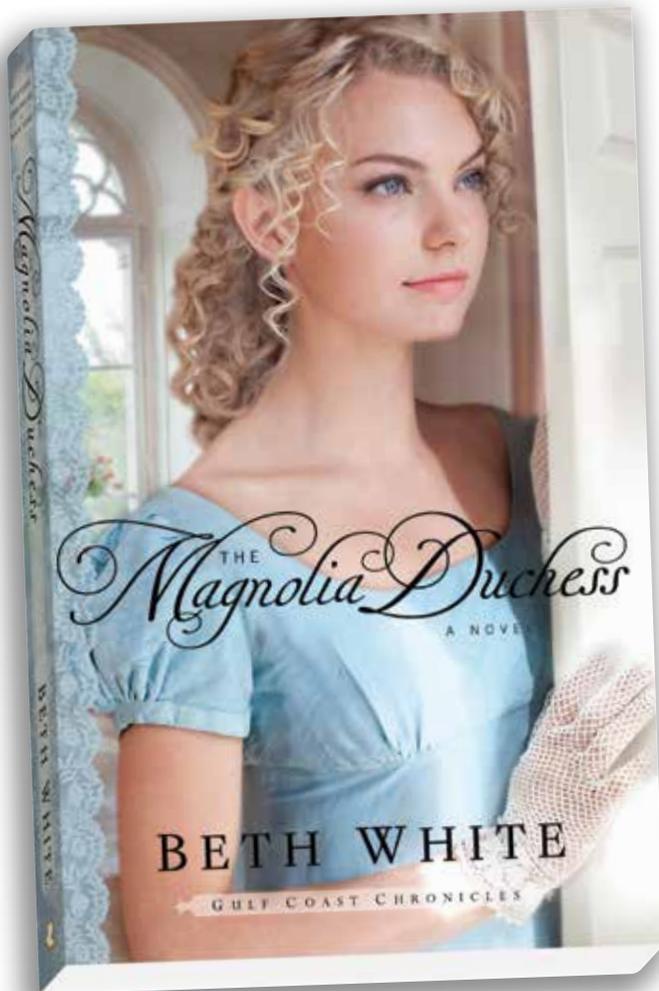
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