



EXCERPT

Behind the counter sat a man with greasy black hair sticking out from under an old trucker cap. He was flipping through a magazine, a stream of smoke clouding his face from the overflowing ashtray next to him.

He was punk scrawny and wore an old blue mechanics shirt with the name *Colten* stitched on the front pocket. He did not look up as Jack placed his supplies on the counter and reached for his wallet.

Taking a slow drag off a nonfiltered cigarette, the man blew smoke across the counter, and it hung in the air thick like a London fog. "You getting gas?"

"No, just this."

"That'll be five bucks then."

"You take a debit?" Jack asked, putting his card on the counter.

"You getting gas?"

"Uh, no . . . just this."

"Cash only, Jack."

Jack stared back, trying to cover his shock.

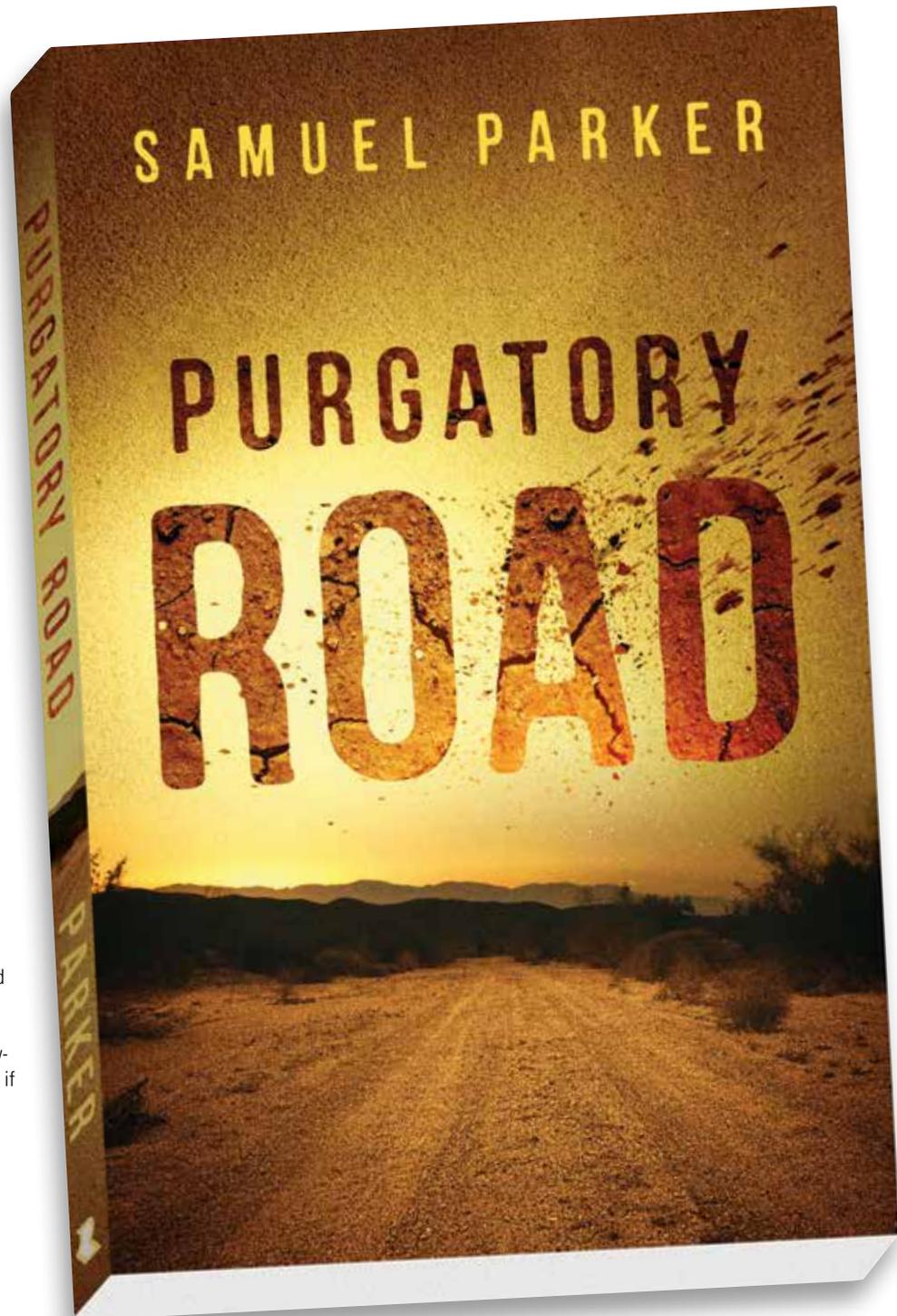
"Your name's on your card."

"Oh."

"Spook easily, don't you?"

Jack put the card back in his wallet and pulled out a five-dollar bill. Colten took the money, opened the till, dropped it in, and slammed the drawer, all while staring Jack in the eye. He took another toke. His hands were rough-hewn out of burnt leather, tipped with dirty fingernails. *The hands of a mechanic*, Jack thought, *or a thug*.

Silence filled the room as Jack started to collect his things. The smell of fresh nicotine combining with the stale musty air of the shop was suffocating, overpowering. He felt uncomfortable, worried, as if he had walked up on a rattlesnake.



# A Desert Road, a Desperate Man, and a Dark Force Converge in This Tense Debut Novel

- This taut debut supernatural suspense novel exposes the moral failings of its characters even as it offers hope for personal redemption
- Will appeal to readers of Ted Dekker, Steven James, and Robert B. Parker
- Offers suspense readers everything they love—impossible odds, flawed heroes, and the moments where the truth of who we are is formed

When a day trip out of Las Vegas with his wife takes a turn for the worse, Jack is sure that he has the ability to get them home. But he drove into something far beyond reason. Rescue comes in the form of a desert hermit, but hope fades as the couple comes to realize that the nomad has no intention of letting them leave. A chance encounter with a kidnapped runaway and her crazed abductor leads them all farther into the wilderness—and closer to the cold brutality that isolation brings.

At the edge of his sanity, Jack begins to learn that playing by another’s rules may be the only way to survive.

In a voice that is as hypnotizing as a desert mirage, debut novelist Samuel Parker entices readers down a dangerous road, where the forces of good and evil are as crushing as the Mojave heat. This is suspense in its purest, most unfiltered form.

## Purgatory Road

*Samuel Parker*



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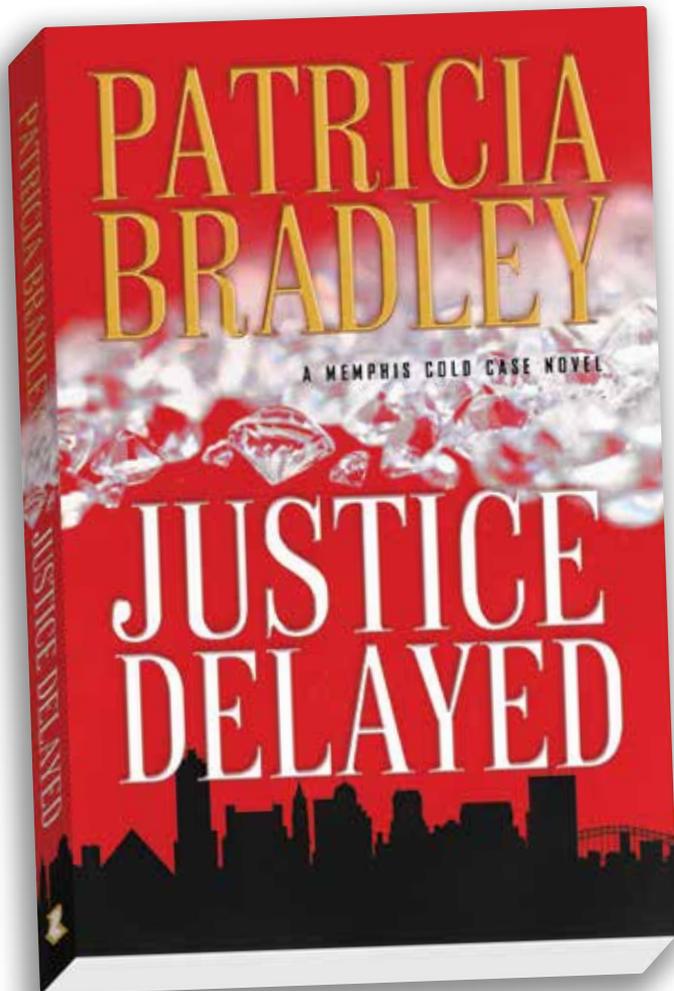
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Samuel Parker** was born in the Michigan boondocks but was raised on a never-ending road trip through the US. Besides writing, he is a process junkie and the ex-guitarist for several metal bands you’ve never heard of. He lives in West Michigan with his wife and twin sons.



# Sparks Fly When a Journalist and Cold Case Detective Join Forces to Catch a Murderer



- Bestselling and award-winning author Patricia Bradley provides enough twists and turns to please even the most diehard fan of romantic suspense
- Fans of *NCIS*, *Cold Case*, and *CSI* will love this team that will stop at nothing to find the killer
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It's been eighteen years since TV crime reporter Andi Hollister's sister was murdered. The confessed killer is behind bars, and the execution date is looming. But when a letter surfaces stating that the condemned killer didn't actually do it, Detective Will Kincaide of the Memphis Cold Case Unit will stop at nothing to help Andi get to the bottom of it. After all, this case is personal: the person who confessed to the crime is Will's cousin. They have less than a week to find the real killer before the wrong person is executed. But much can be accomplished in that week—including uncovering police corruption, running for your life, and falling in love.

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## Justice Delayed

Patricia Bradley



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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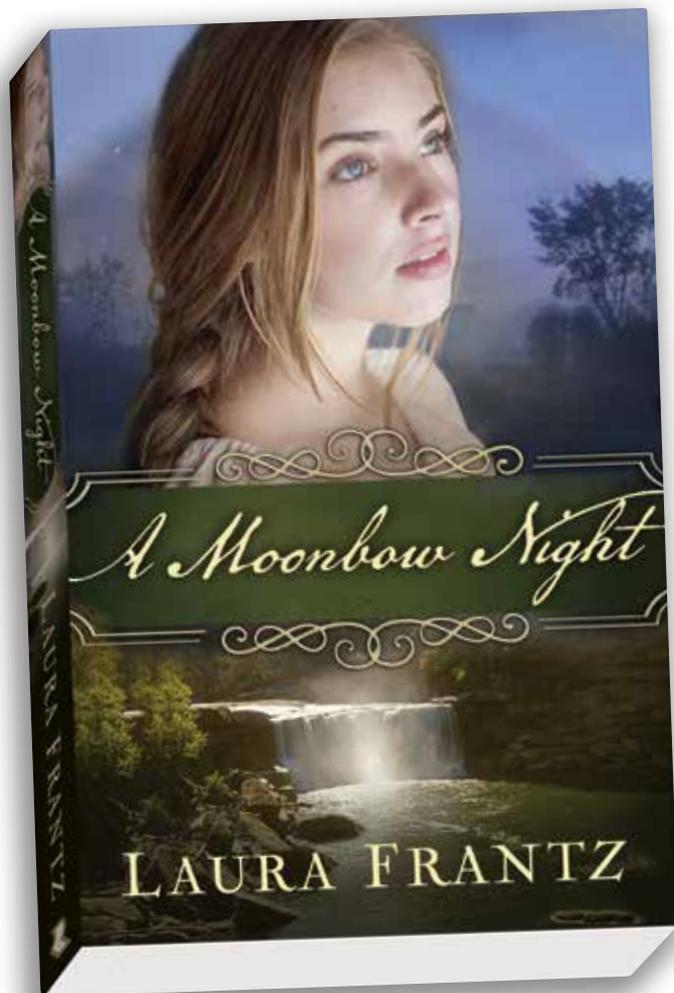
"Nonstop action and the sympathetically drawn characters' narrow escapes will keep readers mesmerized."  
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# She's a Wilderness Expert but Her Greatest Skill— Keeping Secrets—Is About to Be Put to the Test



- “Superbly written characters, a fast-paced plot, and numerous twists and turns keep readers absorbed in this fantastic tale.”  
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## A Moonbow Night

Laura Frantz



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### PRAISE FOR LAURA FRANTZ’S WRITING

“Laura Frantz surely dances when she writes: the words sweep across the page with a gentle rhythm and a sure step.”—Liz Curtis Higgs, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Mine Is the Night*

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EXCERPT

The tension that hung in the air last night lingered still.

Anna was on the upper deck of the *Charming Nancy*, spreading freshly washed laundry on a ship's yard to dry in the sun.

Bairn lowered his voice. "Some- thin' wrong?"

"You tell me." Anna hung the last shirt over a rigging and leaned back against the railing. "You seemed different after supper." She tilted her head. "Did your mood have anything to do with the quarrel you had with your father?" The afternoon sun caught Bairn full on the face. *You look into this man's face*, Anna thought, *and you long to possess all its secrets.*

"Y'think I was t'blame for the quarrel, dinnae ya?"

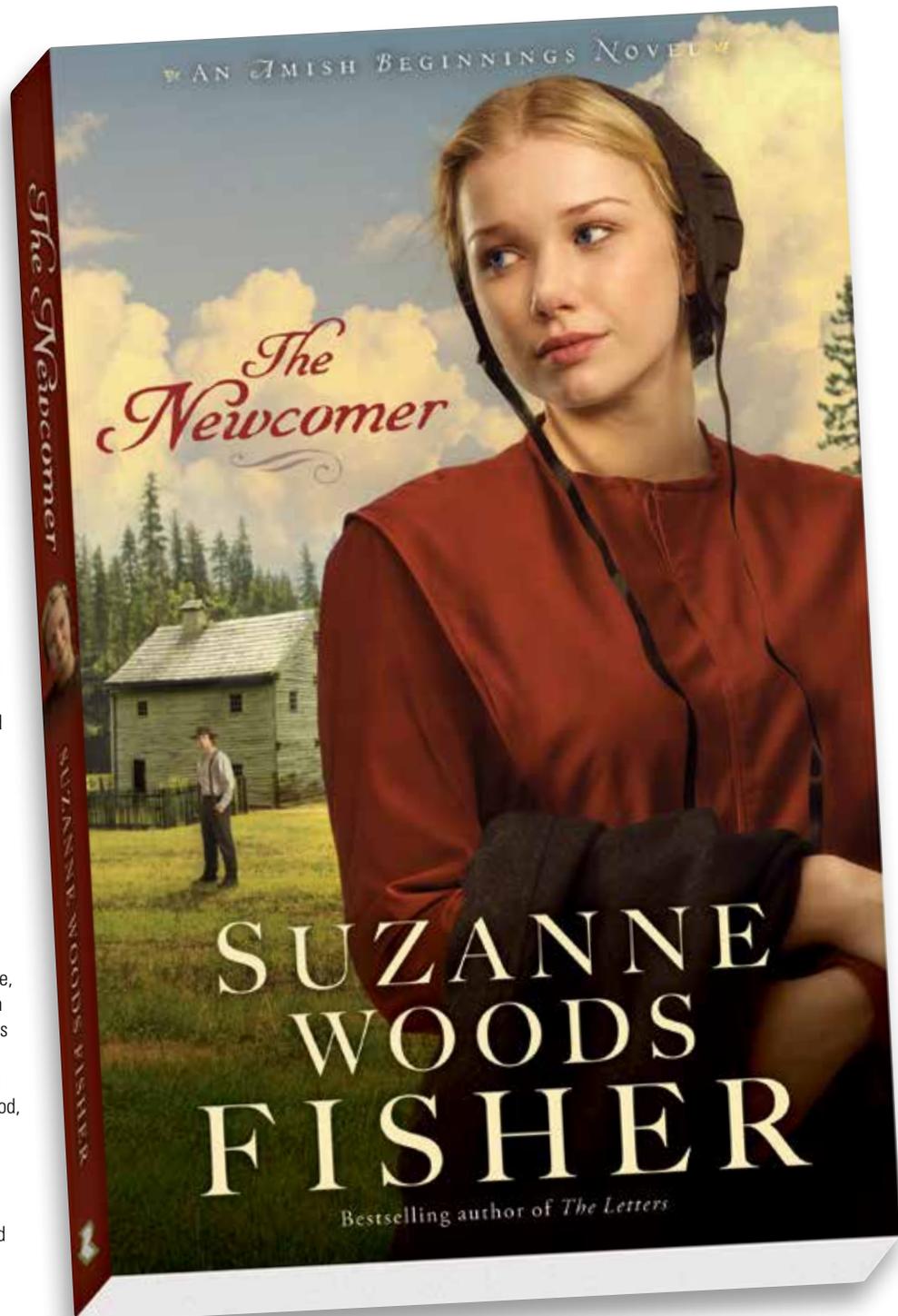
"Truly, I don't know." Who was to blame for the quarrel seemed far less important to her than the anger that flared between them. In that moment they were no longer father and son, but strangers.

How could a man and son be reunited after years apart with such rejoicing... yet scarcely a week later, they had stood glaring, hands on their hips, legs stiff, thoroughly frustrated and exasperated with each other?

"Then am I mistaken in my thinkin'?"

"The land your father chose, he described it differently than you did." For the last week, Jacob Bauer waxed eloquent as he filled everyone's mind with images of pristine wilderness. A man could see a long way from anywhere, he said, the sky was *that* big, the horizon *that* far. He spoke of the clear cold creeks and streams that crisscrossed the land and teamed with fish, the plentiful virgin timber for houses and fences and firewood, the wild game that was there for the taking, the untouched soil that was ripe to plow.

"'Tis true what he said, I dinnae disagree. We are in the Land of Penn and Plenty. But there's good reason the vast wilderness remains unsettled."



# Their Shipboard Romance Is About to Be Tested by the New World—and a Mysterious Newcomer

- “Suzanne Woods Fisher is known for evoking the Amish experience.”—*Book-page on Anna’s Crossing*
- Fisher’s novels have sold over 850,000 copies
- Continues the fascinating story of the Amish coming to settle in America
- Will appeal to readers of Cindy Woodsmall, Tamera Alexander, Laura Frantz, and Siri Mitchell

In 1737, Anna König and her fellow church members stagger off a small wooden ship after ten weeks at sea, eager to start a new life in the vibrant but raw Pennsylvania frontier. On the docks of Port Philadelphia waits bishop Jacob Bauer, founder of the settlement and father to ship carpenter Bairn. It’s a time of new beginnings for the reunited Bauer family, and for Anna and Bairn’s shipboard romance to blossom.

But this perfect moment cannot last. As Bairn grasps the reality of what it means to be Amish in the New World—isolated, rigid with expectations, under the thumb of his domineering father—his enthusiasm evaporates. When a sea captain offers the chance to cross the ocean one more time, Bairn grabs it. Just one more crossing, he promises Anna. But will she wait for him?

When Henrik Newman joins the church just as it makes its way to the frontier, Anna is torn. He seems to be everything Bairn is not—bold, devoted, and delighted to vie for her heart. And the most dramatic difference? He is here; Bairn is not.

Far from the frontier, an unexpected turn of events weaves together the lives of Bairn, Anna, and Henrik. When a secret is revealed, which true love will emerge?

## The Newcomer

AMISH BEGINNINGS #2  
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### PRaise FOR SUZANNE WOODS FISHER’S WRITING

“Filled with romance, family secrets, and characters who are searching for fulfillment in their lives, with some unexpected results. Fisher is an amazing author.”—*RT Book Reviews*

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EXCERPT

"Have you made any progress on finding the serial killer?"

"No." Quinn frowned. "I mean, I don't even know if there *is* a serial killer."

"But the messages keep coming and the people keep disappearing, right?"

"Yes." He massaged his temple. "So maybe it's just a serial kidnaper? We're missing something. Why can't we find them? Alive? Or even dead?"

"He's got a good hiding place."

"Unfortunately." Quinn's scowl deepened. "It's like they've just fallen off the face of the earth. We're stumped."

"That's the way it always goes, doesn't it?"

"Yes. Usually. Until he makes a mistake."

"How many victims now?"

"Eight. That we know of—over a six-month period of time." He ran a hand through his dark hair. "Or maybe none. I don't know."

She shuddered. "I worked several serial killer cases when I was with the FBI. I don't miss it."

"Well, that's not what I was hoping to hear."

Wary, she eyed him. "What do you mean?"

He reached across the table and took her hand. "I need your help on this case."

She shook her head. "You've turned it over to the FBI. Let them handle it."

"I'm part of the task force and I want to recruit you."

She pulled her hand from his and ignored the flutter in her pulse at his touch. It was her turn to scowl. "I'm a bodyguard now. I quit the FBI for a reason, remember?"



# Kidnapped by a Madman, Quinn and Maddy Discover They Must Play by *His* Rules to Survive

- The female bodyguards of Elite Guardian Agency will stop at nothing to save their clients
- More than 400,000 copies sold of this bestselling and award-winning author's novels
- Eason is one of the top five authors in the strong category of romantic suspense

When Maddy McKay and Quinn Holcombe don't show up for Quinn's surprise birthday party, his friends know that something is very wrong. Their search turns up little beyond evidence that Quinn and Maddy just decided to take off for a long overdue vacation. But it soon becomes apparent that they did not leave of their own accord.

Maddy awakens in a cement room with no idea where she is. But it's not long before she realizes she's in the clutches of a madman exacting revenge by hunting. His prey of choice? Humans. Now Maddy and Quinn must run for their lives, hoping to find their killer before the next game begins. Because if they don't win this game, they die.

Fast, furious, and flirty, Lynette Eason's relentless suspense barely gives her readers time to catch their breath in this third thrilling installment of the ELITE GUARDIANS series.

## Moving Target

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### PRaise FOR LYNETTE EASON'S WRITING

"Eason's first Elite Guardians novel is a thrill ride from the first page until the last. Set aside some time, because you won't want to put it down."  
—RT Book Reviews, Top Pick, 4½ stars

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EXCERPT

He walked over to the window and put his forehead against the cool surface. Closed his eyes, just breathing.

Footsteps and the door opened. He didn't turn. Even at the voice.

"Sam?"

And shoot, his eyes were blurry, his cheeks wet. He wasn't sure how he'd dismantled quite so quickly, so thoroughly, but he couldn't look at her.

"Are you okay?"

"No." He wasn't sure why he admitted that, why he let his voice ring out, broken, febrile. But he just leaned up, stared out into the lot, the lonely lights puddling against the blackness. "I'm not."

Silence behind him, but she hadn't left, so he took it as a sign.

Maybe if he let her in, just a little, they might get to that deeper place, stir something back to life . . . "I thought I was going to die tonight."

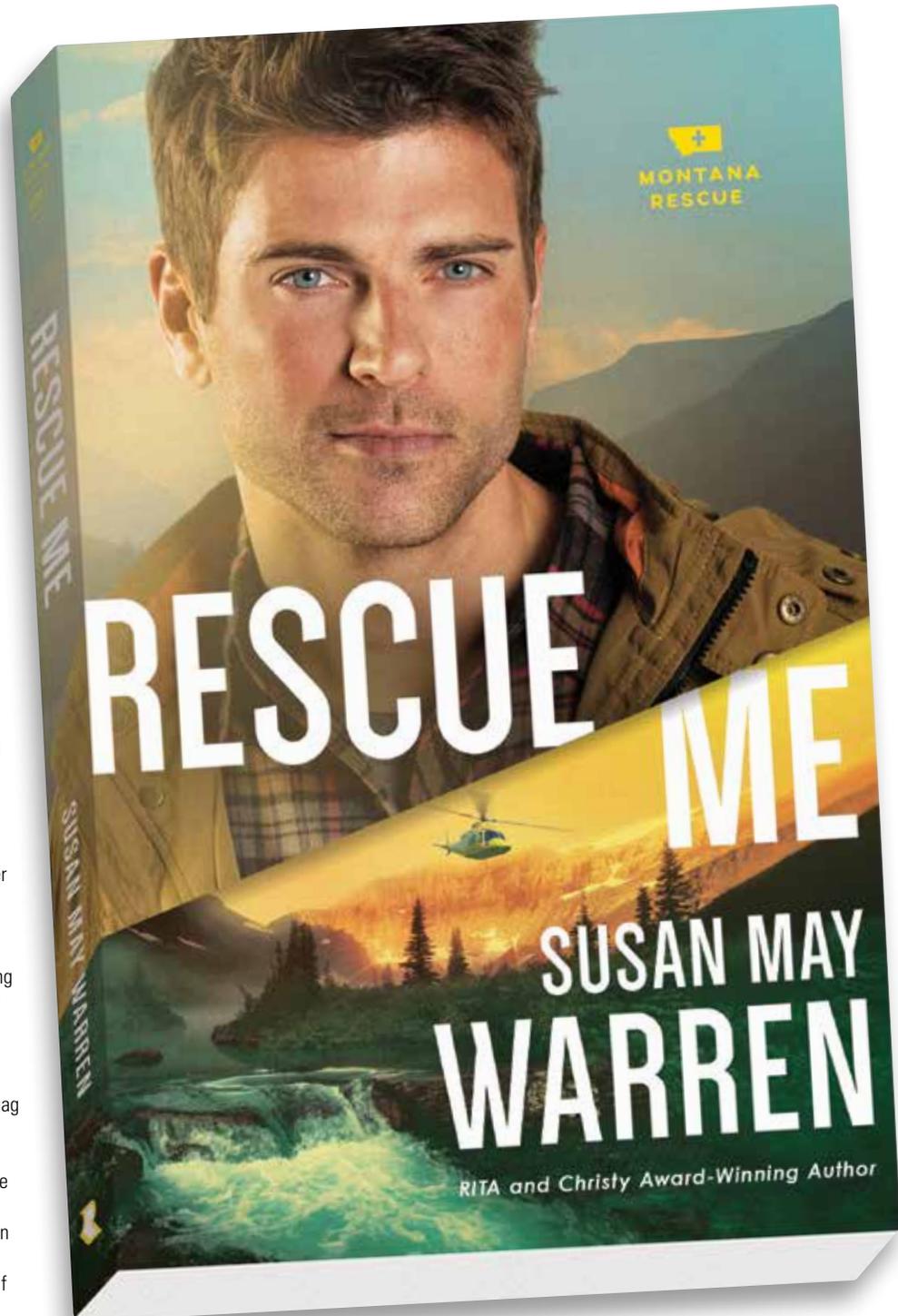
There, he said it, the words raking through him. "I lay there on the ground, the animal standing over me roaring and I thought—this is it. I'm dying, right here. And not nicely, either. It was going to hurt."

He heard a step toward him. "And I wasn't ready. I mean, who is, really, but . . . I thought, Not like this. Not when—well, my mom is still getting over her cancer. And Pete—" He closed his eyes. "I just sometimes still hate him so much it makes me want to scream. And then I am so . . . tired. Just tired of hurting and being furious and trying to hold it all together. And I thought of my dad—at least I probably did. Because that's how it came to me—the fact that bears, all large animals, really, have a pretty bad gag reflex. So I guess my dad saved me." He hadn't thought about that until now.

"All I could think of as I sat in that tree was how much I'd failed him. And not just the night he was lost, but . . ." He ran a thumb and forefinger against his eyes. "Esme, of course. I'll never forgive myself for not finding her."

It felt good to say it, even though she probably knew it.

Except, she said nothing.



# What Do You Do When You Are a Rescuer . . . and Find It's You Who Needs Rescuing?

- Susan May Warren joins deeply layered characters with a sizzling love story and a hint of adventure to create an amazing ride
- Warren is a bestselling author who has won numerous awards including a RITA, Christy, Carol, and Holt Medallion
- Will appeal to readers of Dani Pettrey, Irene Hannon, Colleen Coble, and Denise Hunter

When Deputy Sam Brooks commits to something, nothing can sway him—not just on the job as liaison between the Mercy Falls sheriff’s department and PEAK Rescue, but in his private life. He’s the one who stuck around to take care of his mother after his father’s accidental death. And he’s the one—perhaps the *only* one—who believes Sierra Rose is the perfect girl for him. Safe, practical, and organized, she’s nothing like her hippie, impulsive, bleeding heart sister, Willow.

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Neither can predict the events that will bring them together in a fight for their lives in the forbidding wilderness of Glacier National Park. Stranded, injured, and with the winter weather closing in, Sam and Willow will have to work together to save a crew of terrified teenagers. As they fight to survive, they might just discover a new hope for love.

## Rescue Me

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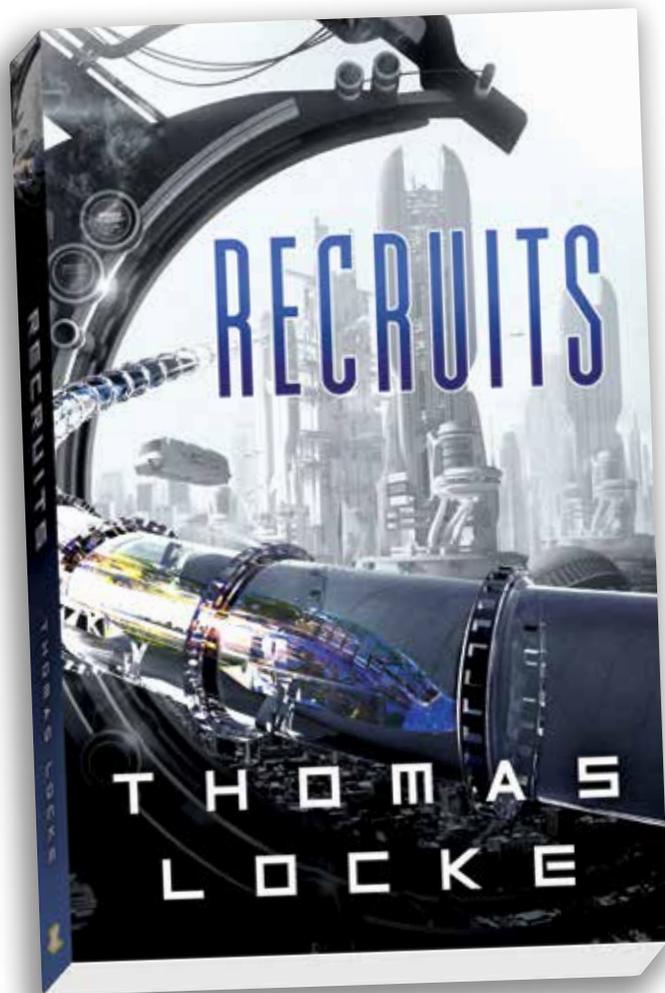
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**Thomas Locke** is a pseudonym for **Davis Bunn**, an award-winning novelist with worldwide sales of seven million copies in twenty languages. Davis divides his time between Oxford and Florida and holds a lifelong passion for speculative stories. He is the author of *Emissary* and *Merchant of Alyss* in the LEGENDS OF THE REALM series, as well as *Trial Run* and *Flash Point* in the FAULT LINES series. Learn more at [www.tlocke.com](http://www.tlocke.com).



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### PRaise FOR THOMAS LOCKE'S WRITING

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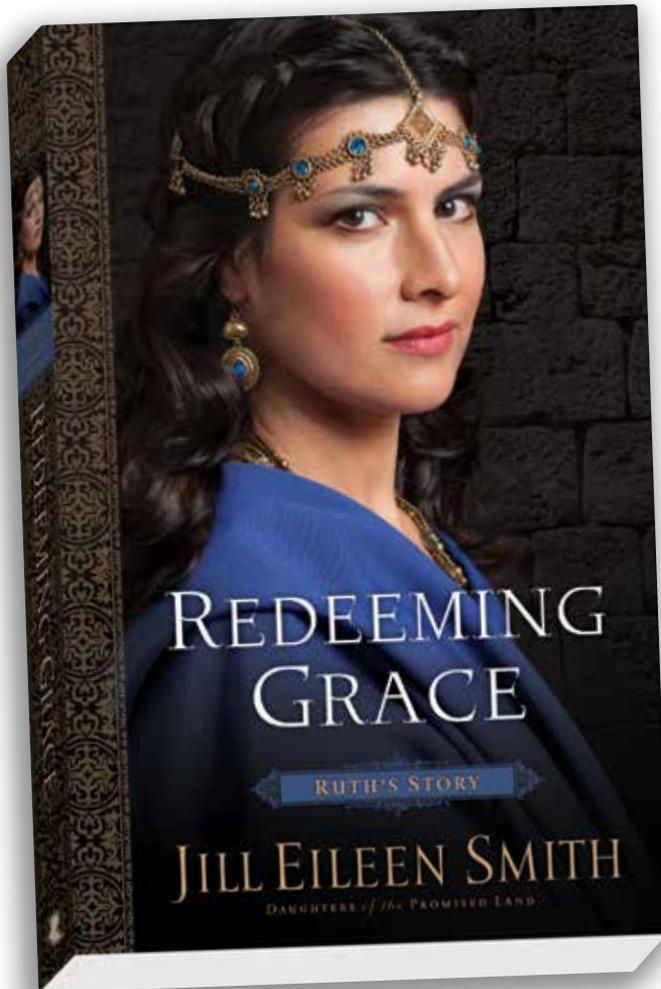
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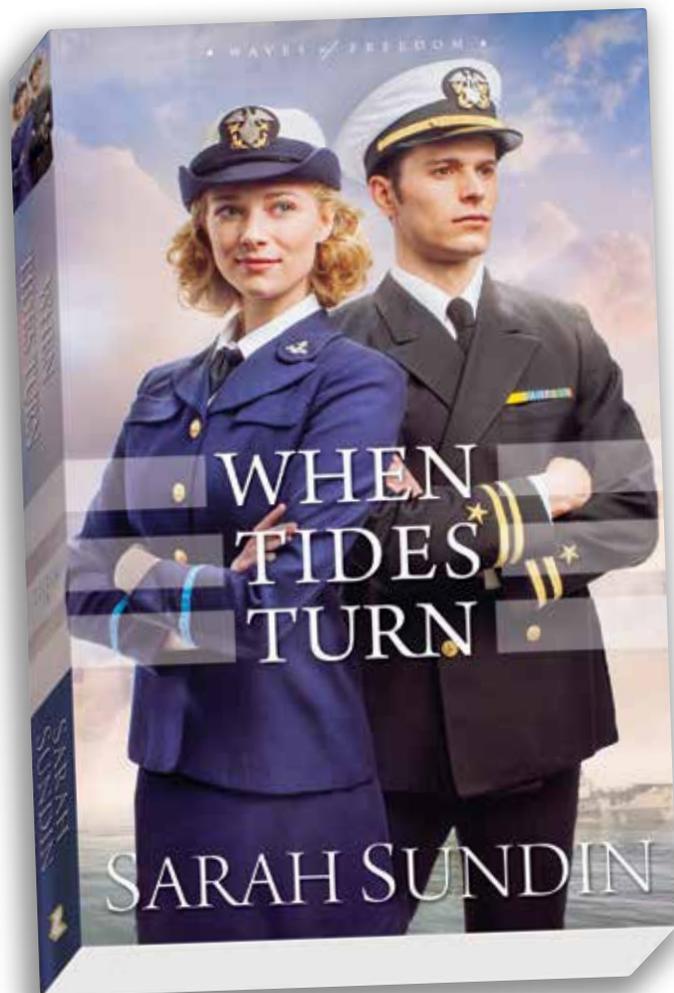
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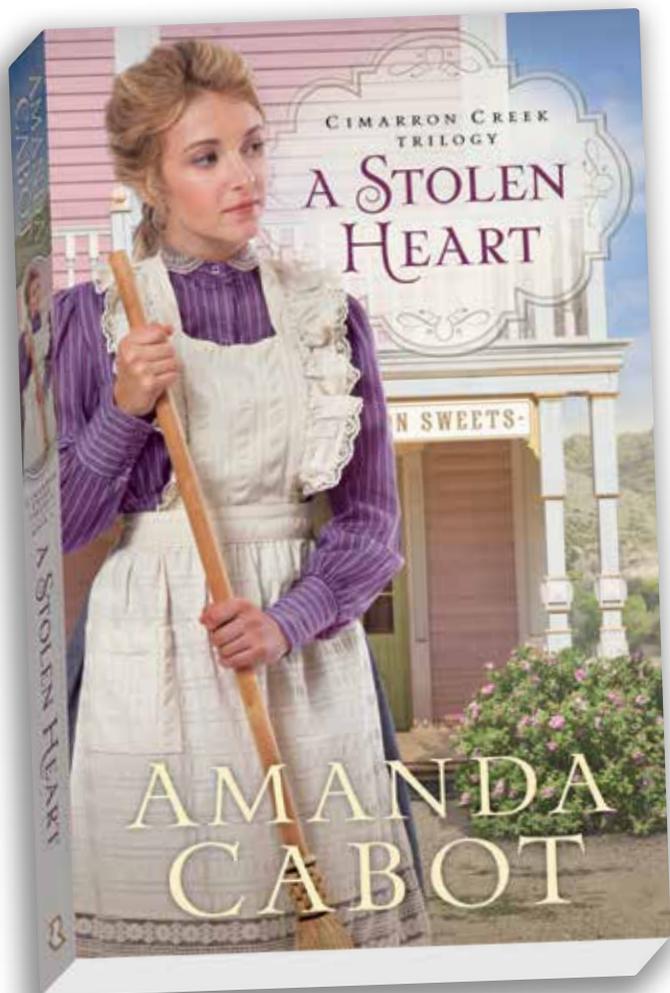
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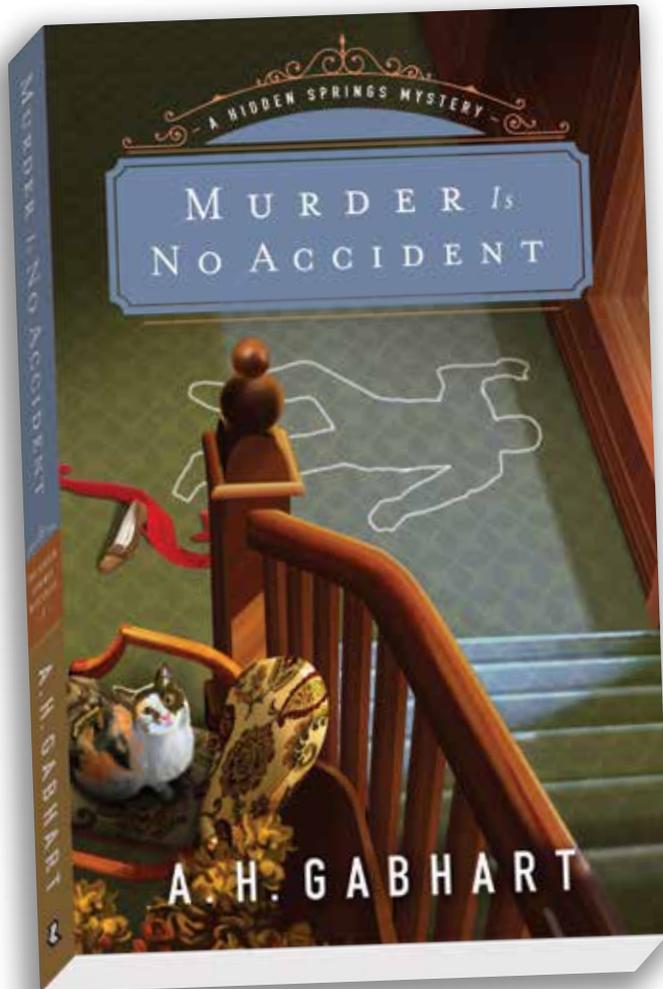
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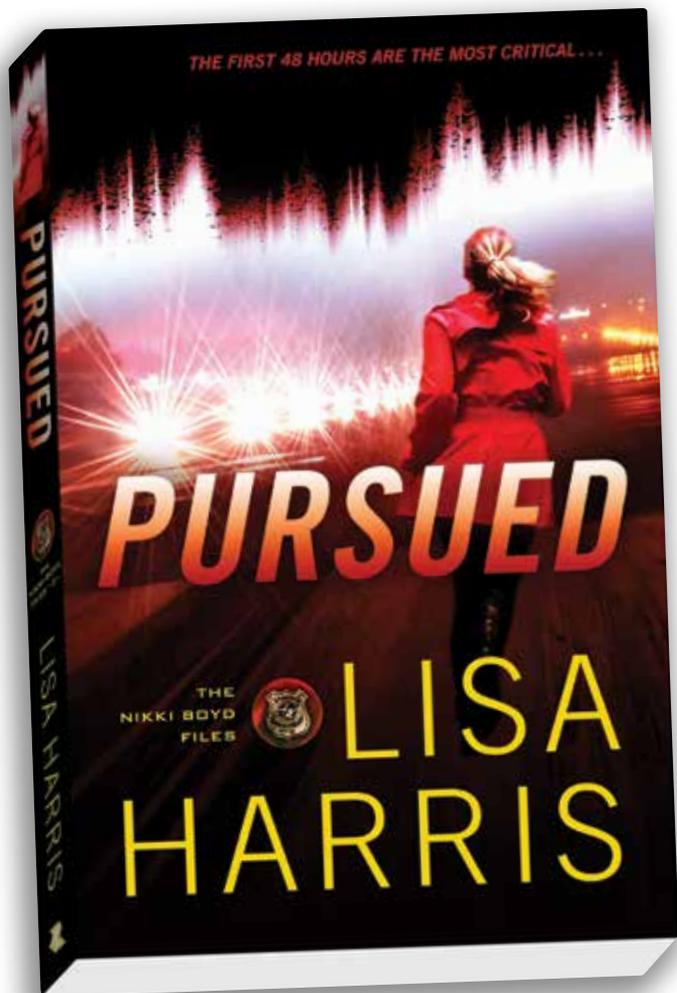
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EXCERPT

"Happy Monday, Lexie. How's your week starting out?"

Hope Harbor Police Chief Lexie Graham leaned a shoulder against the side of Charley's taco truck and considered the man's question as she gave the picturesque wharf a sweep.

All was peaceful and predictable...as usual. Just the way she liked it.

"So far, so good. Everything's been quiet."

"I don't know... looks can be deceiving. You ordering for one today?"

"Yes." She studied the taco-making artist, who hadn't changed one iota in all the years she'd known him. Same leathery, latte-colored skin. Same long gray hair pulled back into a ponytail. Same kindly, insightful eyes.

It was comforting to have one unchanging element in a world that liked to throw curves.

"So did you find any clues out at Adam's place?"

At the non sequitur, she blinked. "What are you talking about?"

"The vandalism at Adam Stone's place yesterday." He stirred the onions. "Didn't he report it?"

"Not that I know of." And she would know if he had. Every crime report landed on her desk.

"Hmm. That surprises me, seeing as how this is his second hit."

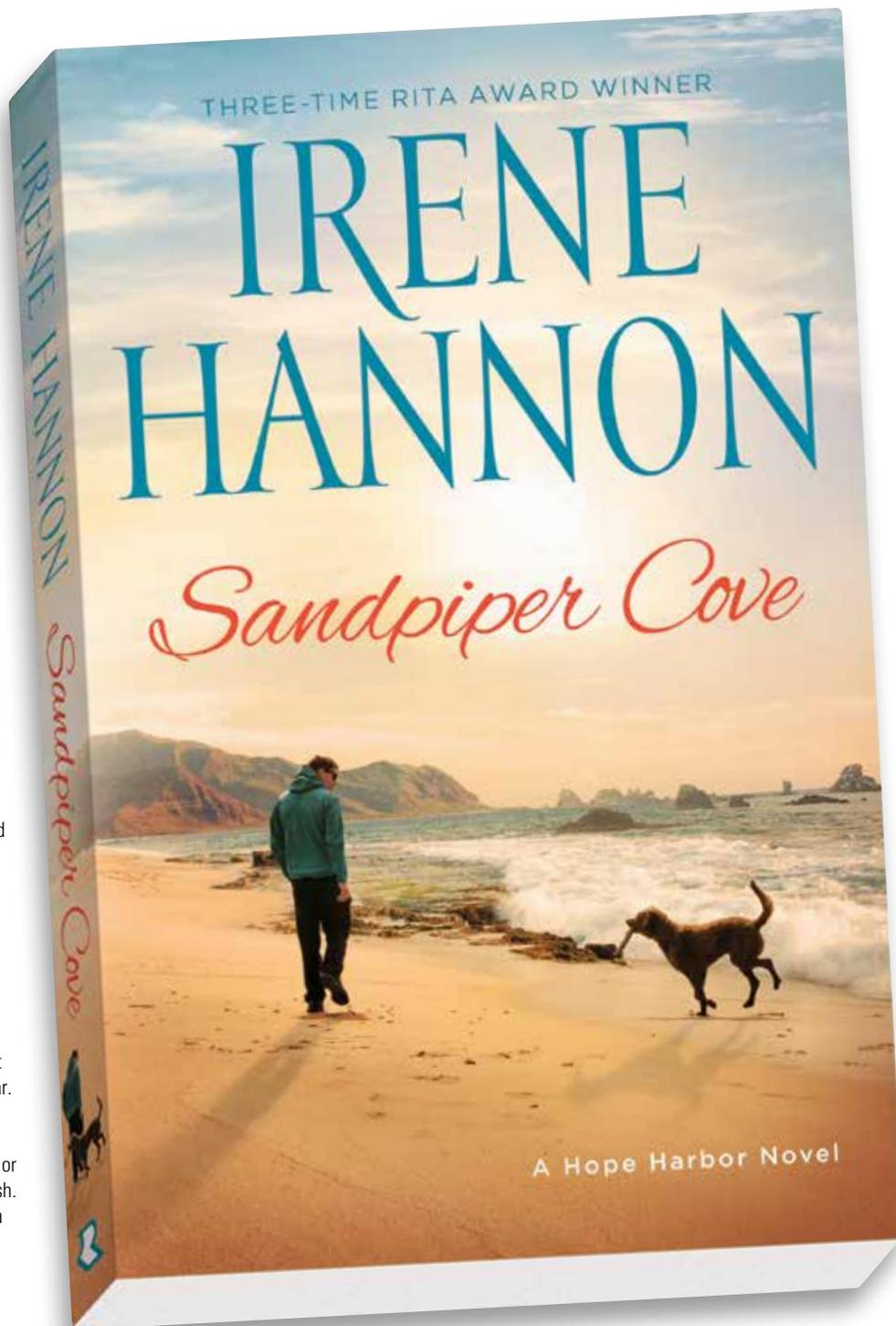
There'd been two incidents of unreported vandalism inside the town limits?

"Well, I can't solve crimes if people don't report them." A prickle of irritation sharpened her tone.

"I suppose, given his history, he might prefer to stay off law enforcement's radar. You do know Adam, don't you?"

She called up an image of the man she'd seen only from a distance. Six-one or two, lean, muscled, dark hair worn longish. She wouldn't be surprised if he sported a few tattoos, too.

"I know who he is."



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