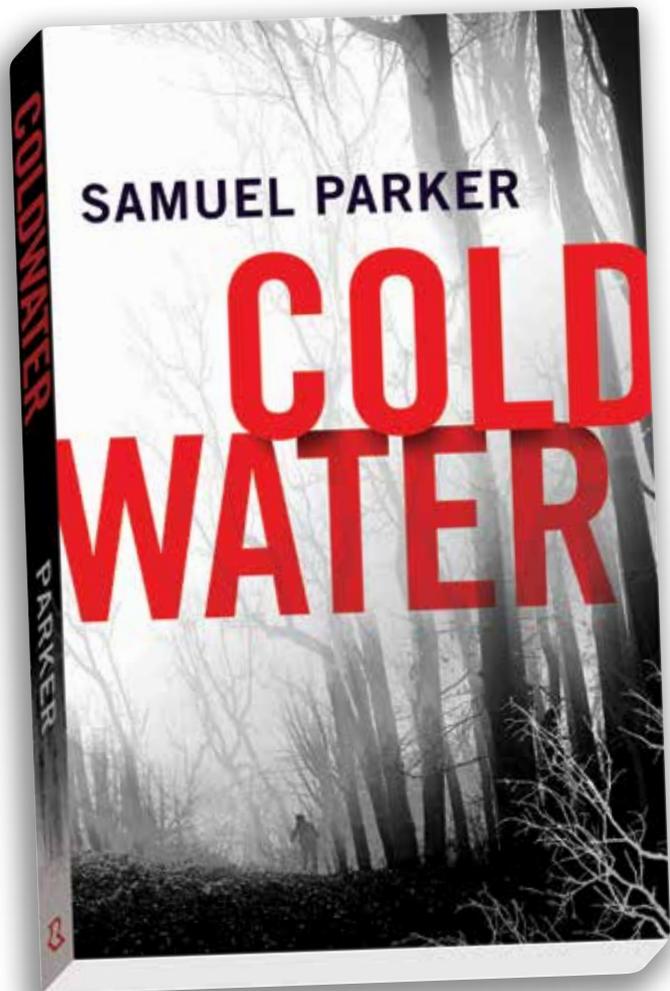




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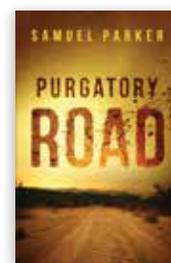
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EXCERPT

"How much longer do you want to sit here?" he asked.

"This is your deal, Kev. Remember?"

Kevin had called her an hour ago and asked her to meet him.

"Right. Let's give it a few more minutes. Blackjack got out of prison last week but said the info was reliable."

"When did you start talking to Blackjack? You know he's my CI. Why would he trust you?"

"Because he trusts *you*. And you're my partner. That makes us equal in his eyes—and he couldn't find you. When he asked where you were, I told him you were indisposed."

"Indisposed?" She laughed, then frowned. "That wouldn't be enough."

"I showed him the picture of us going bungee jumping together and how I talked you into it."

"You did what? For real?"

"Yeah. He laughed and said if you'd trust me enough to risk that, he'd trust me enough to talk to me. And the hundred-dollar bill I handed him was pretty motivating, too, most likely."

It probably was. Blackjack had been in prison for the past three months and no doubt was short on cash.

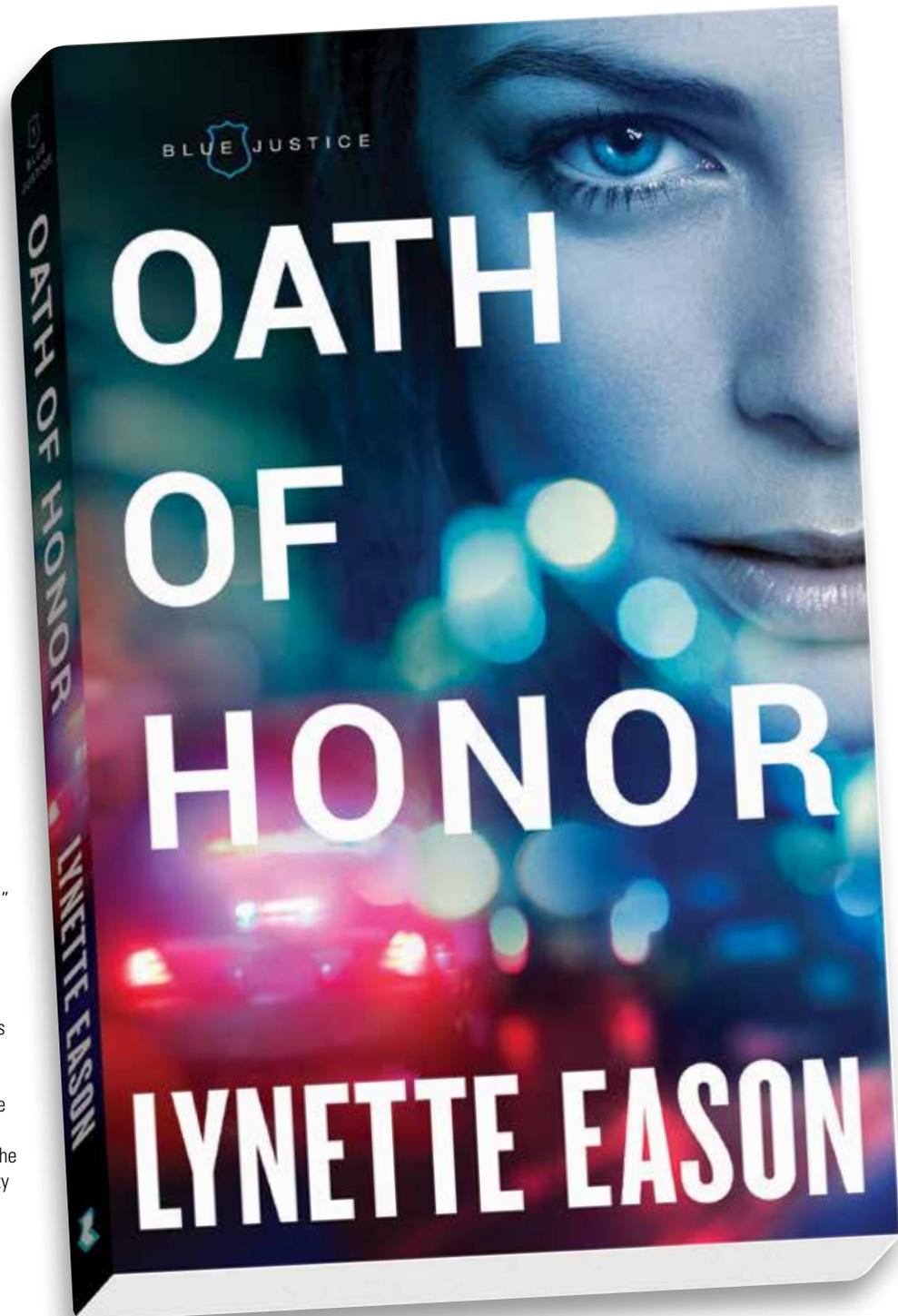
"Wait a minute, I've never paid him a dime for information."

"I pointed that out. Apparently you have to save his life to get the free stuff."

That sounded like Blackjack. She sighed. "You shouldn't be spending your own money on this."

He shrugged. "I don't mind when I think it's worth it," he said. "You know as well as I do, he's going to jump right into his next deal. He was adamant this was going down tonight. I just need to get the evidence to pass on to the detectives."

"Blackjack. He's a card shark. What's he doing hanging out with gun runners?" Izzy murmured.



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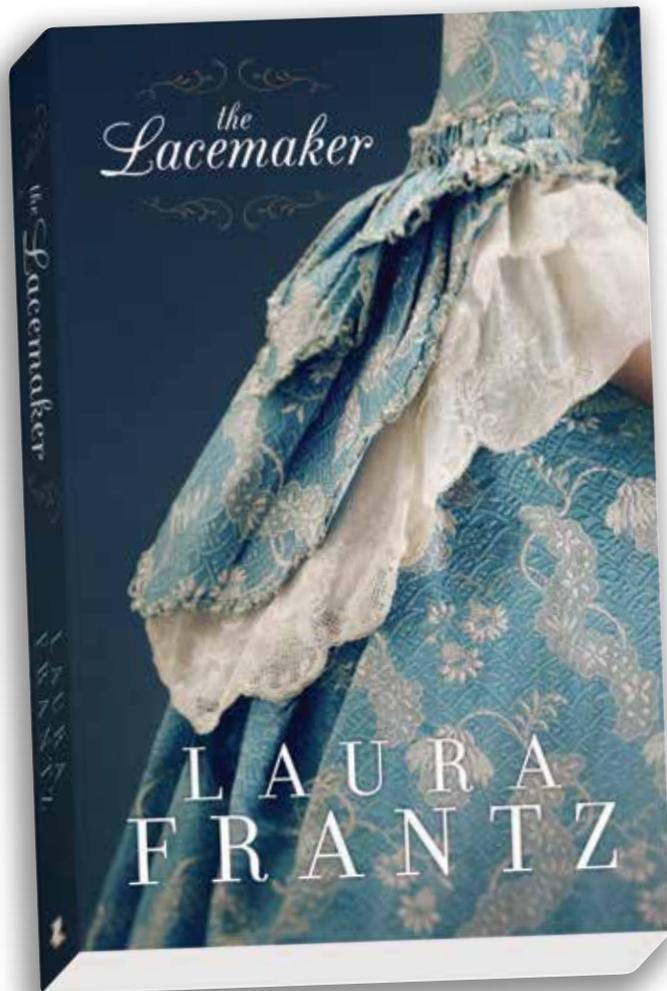


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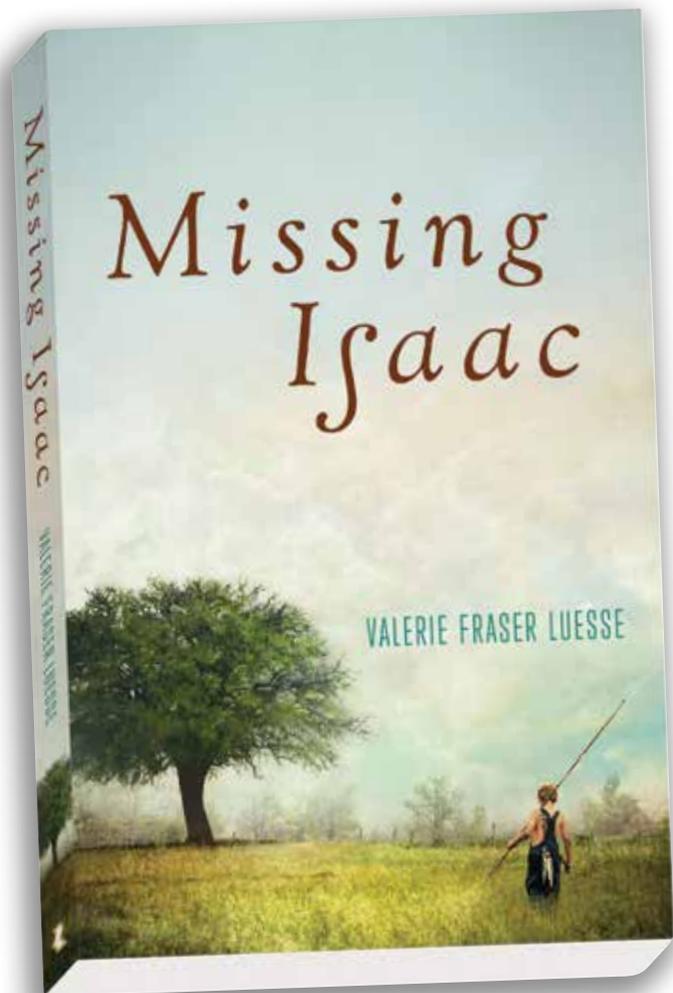
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EXCERPT

"It's that bad, huh?"

Sierra looked up, startled at the voice, and she froze, her spatula holding a cookie.

Ian Shaw stood at the door, bathed in the porch light, dressed in a pair of black jeans and a heather-gray T-shirt that seemed painted onto his body.

Oh, he looked good.

So terribly unfair. Especially since she wore an oversized, soiled apron and her eyes were red from the smoke of today's fire and not enough sleep.

And yes, she'd seen him plenty of times over the past year, but every single time she had to take a breath, brace herself. Tell herself anew that he didn't belong to her. Never had, but when a girl arranged every aspect of his life, it sort of felt that way.

Walking away from him left a tear in her that she still hadn't figured out how to mend. In a way, her daily prayers for him, the ones where she begged God to intervene in his life, to show him he didn't always have to be in charge and that he could trust God, were her way of balm to the wounds.

Prove she could love him from a distance, and be just fine, thank you.

"What do you mean?" she said, and managed to keep her voice from hitching.

"PEAK HQ smells like cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Which only means one thing." He closed the door behind him. "They haven't found her."

She turned back to Ian. "You know about—"

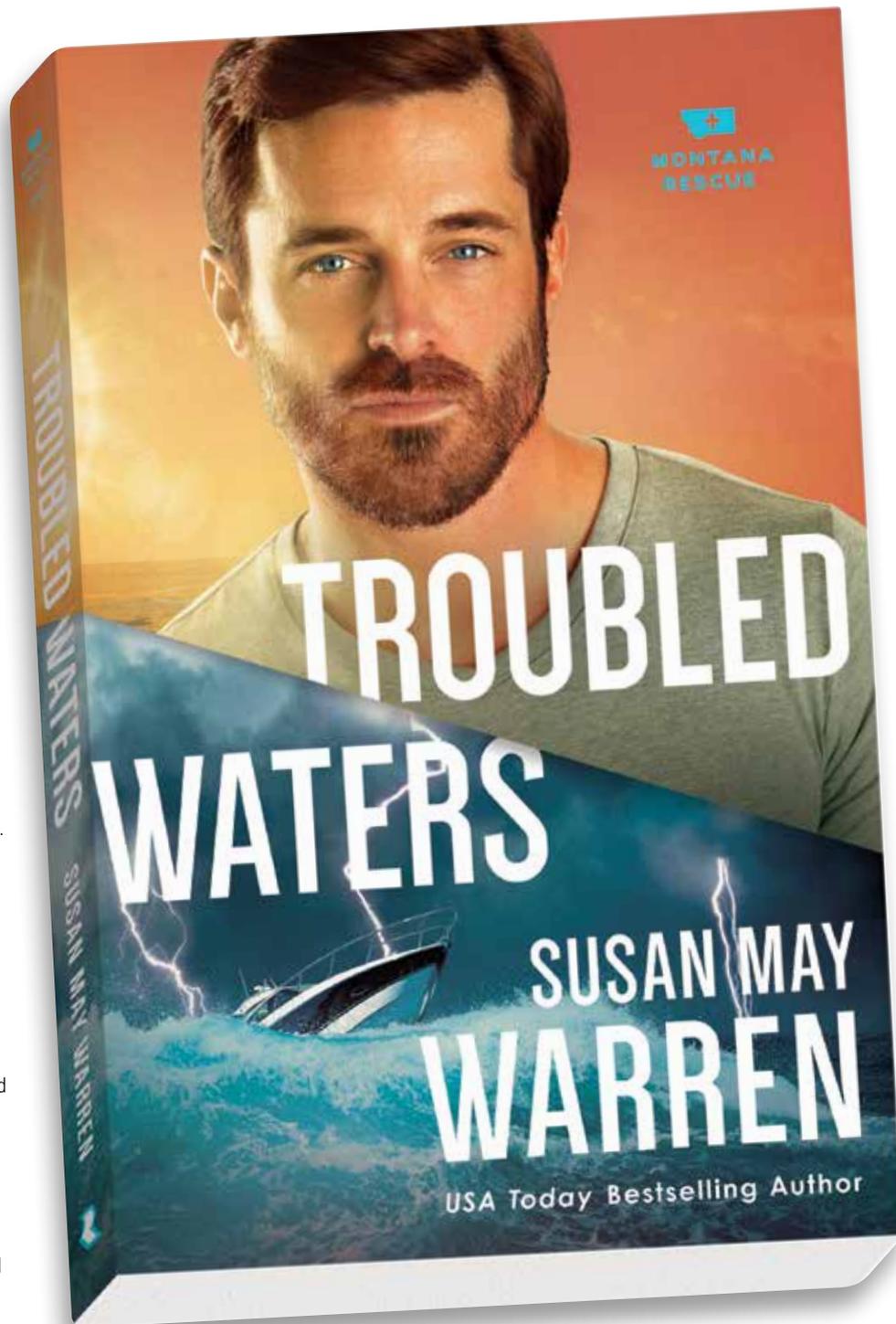
"Jess? Yeah. And the crash." He slid onto the stool. "I was in Texas. I jumped on a plane as soon as I got the news."

She gave a quick nod and then wanted to grimace.

"What?"

"Nothing. It's just . . ." Aw, shoot. "I knew that. I saw your Instagram feed. Dinner with Dex and Noelly?"

She tried to keep her words casual. No problem that a beautiful socialite and cosmetics entrepreneur was crawling all over him.



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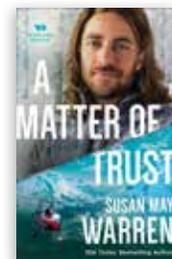
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EXCERPT

Phoebe walked a long way down Cliff Road, walking and walking, until she found herself staring out at the meadow of the Friends Burial Ground. Somewhere here, in an unmarked grave, her great-grandmother Mary was buried. That's how the Quakers did things: a minimum of fan fare. But there were moments when Phoebe wished the Quakers were not always so mindful of outward pride and would allow things such as headstones, so she could know with certainty where her great-grandmother's grave lay. She wished she could stand in front of it and ask questions of the woman known throughout the island for her wisdom and good judgment. The Great Lady of Nantucket she was called. How would her great-grandmother advise Phoebe about the quandaries she currently faced?

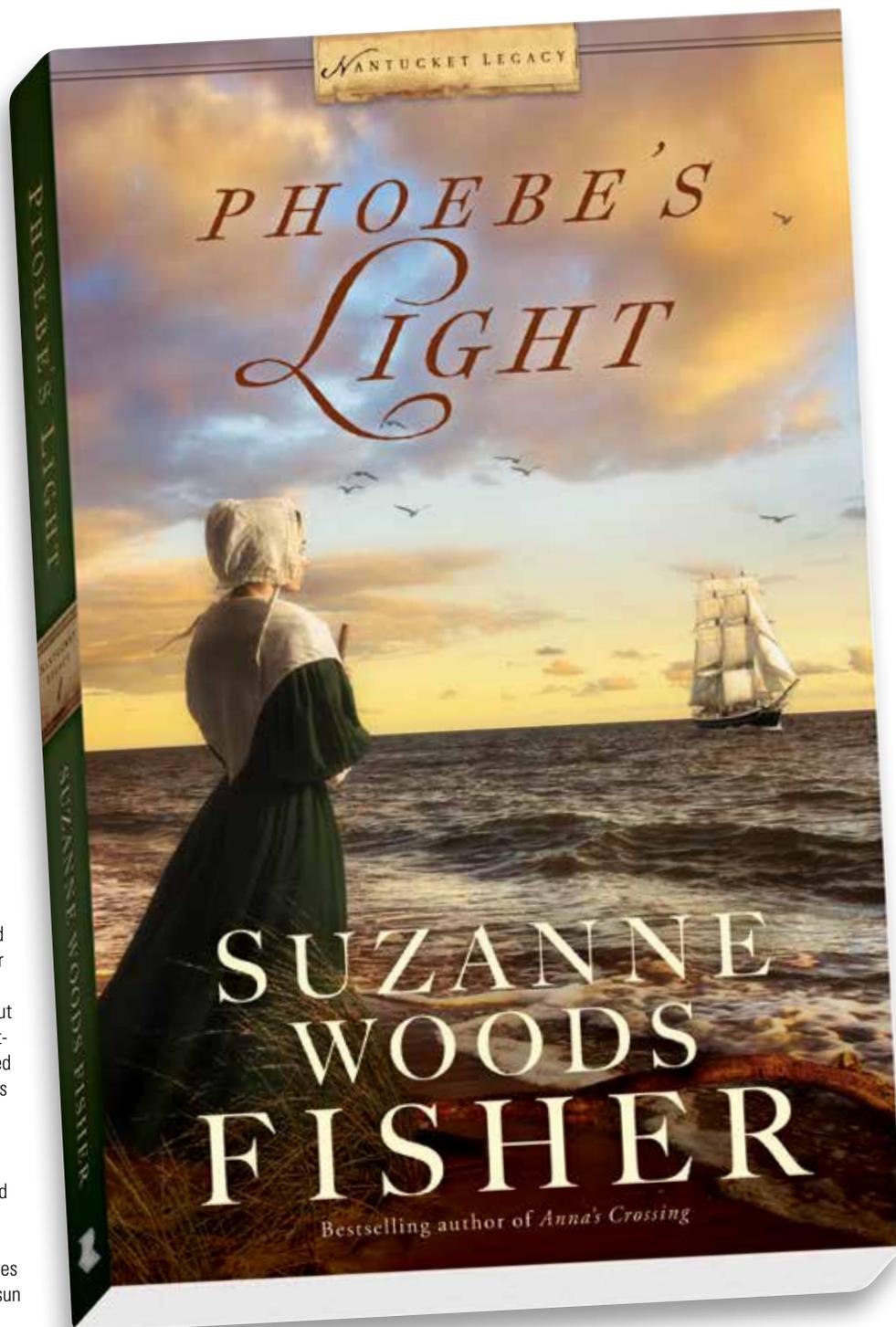
"You look like you've lost your best friend."

Phoebe stiffened when she heard the familiar voice, realizing that Matthew Macy stood just a few feet from her. She spun around to face him and thought, for just a split second, she caught an expression of longing in his eyes, here and then gone. "How long has thee been standing there?"

"Long enough to know you've got some kind of problem."

Matthew was spectacularly unconcerned about being disowned by the Society of Friends. Why, he even dropped his thee's and thou's on the morning after he had been disowned. A way of openly displaying his irreverence. Even if with but a foot, nay, but *one* toe, he must step outside the circle. Phoebe's aunt Dorcas sized Matthew up succinctly: "He not only goes out on a limb, he takes the saw along."

A queer mélange of feelings twisted within her: familiarity, caution, sorrow. Silently, she studied him. He had changed little since his return last spring. Tall as a tree, hard-muscled, thick black hair, a magnificent hawk nose and the bluest eyes she'd ever seen. The slanting afternoon sun tinted his blue eyes even bluer. She was particularly vulnerable to those eyes, so she took care to keep her chin tucked whenever she encountered him. All in all, he could be quite attractive—*quite*—with a shave and a haircut, but he cared nothing for what others thought of him. "Why is thee here?"



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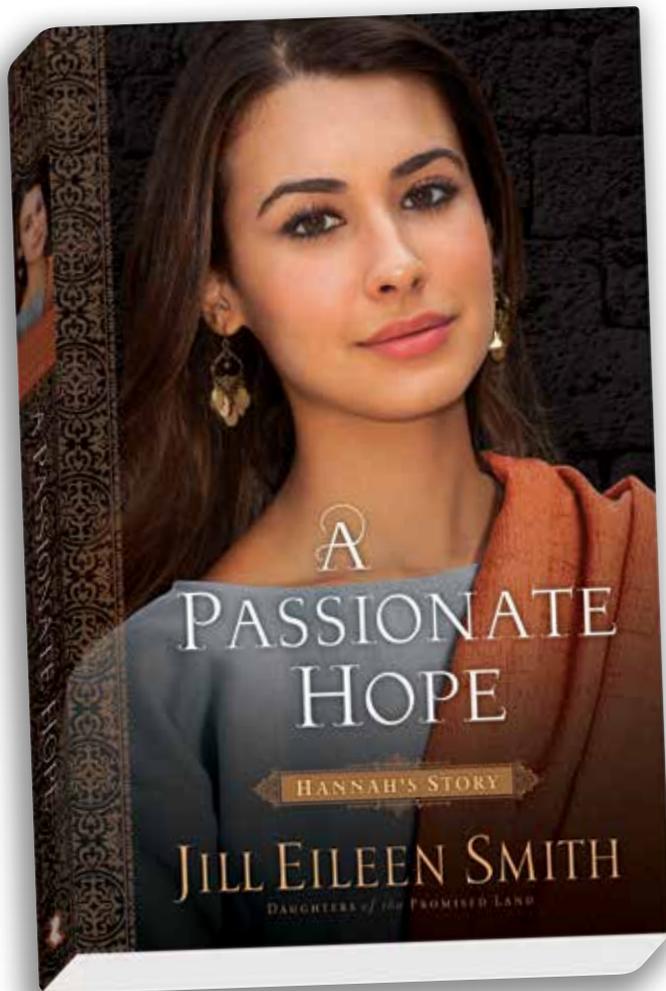
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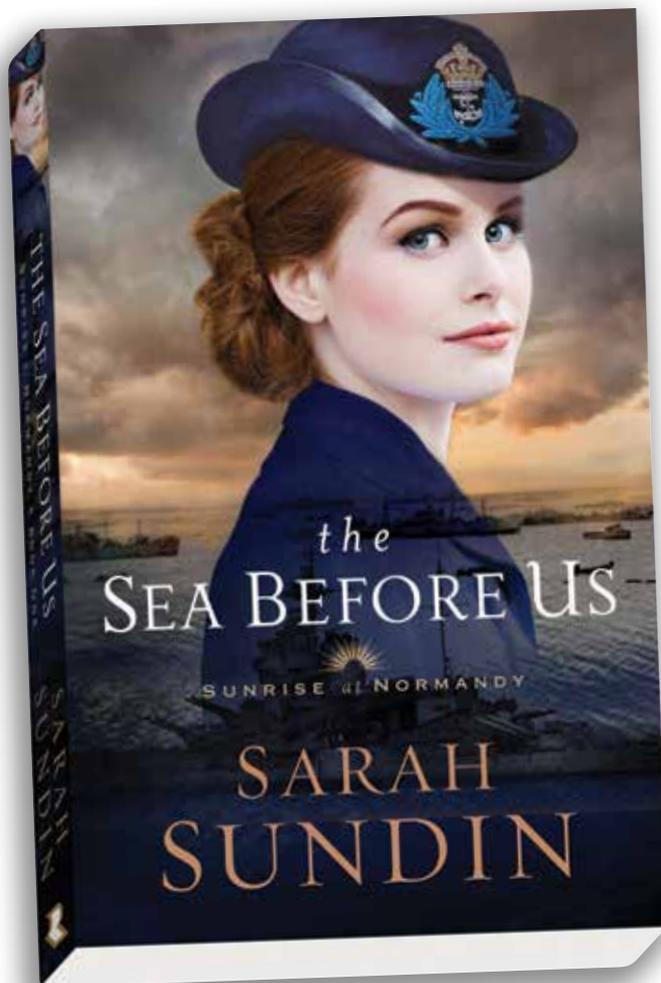
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EXCERPT

The sharp rap on the door shattered Leigh Weston's peaceful morning. She tried unsuccessfully to stifle the scream that flew from her mouth.

"Leigh, are you okay?"

She knew that voice. Relief and embarrassment collided in her nervous system. What was with her? She had nothing to be afraid of. Not anymore. She steadied herself against the kitchen counter for a moment.

"Leigh? If you don't open the door I'm going to break it down."

"I'm fine, I'm fine," she called as she willed her legs to propel her forward and the flush to fade from her skin.

She opened the door. Ryan Parker stood a foot away, his body at an angle to her, hands twitching at his side. She had no trouble believing he hadn't been joking about breaking down her door. She appreciated the protective response, but what was he doing standing outside her door—in a wet suit—in the first place?

"What's going on?" she asked.

"Why did you scream?" he asked at the same time.

"You first," she said.

His dark eyes held hers for a moment before he conceded. "Dive team training."

"Did you forget your clothes?"

A flicker of a smile. Then back to tall, dark, and brooding. "Going back later. Why did you scream?"

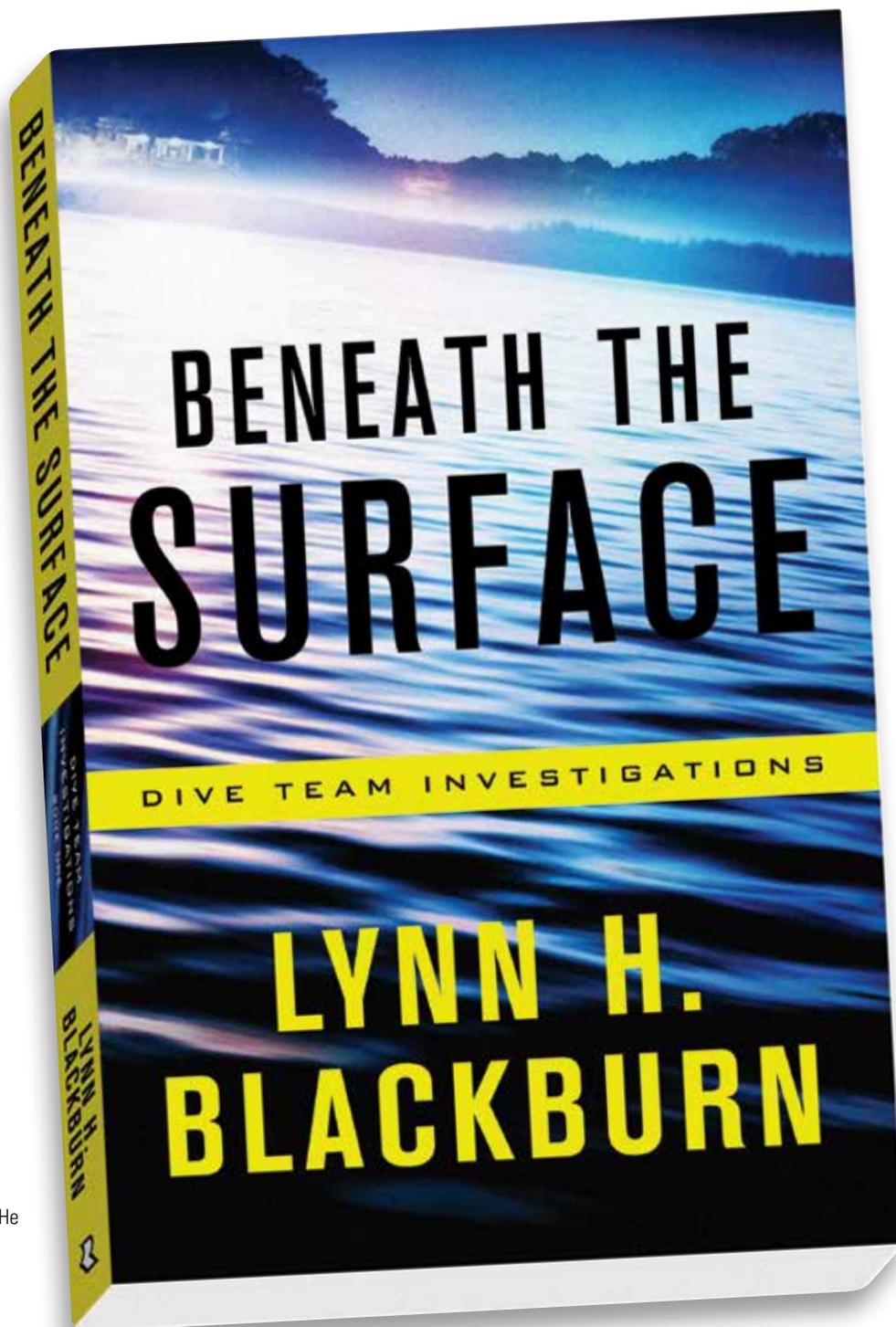
She wasn't going to get any more answers until she gave him at least one. "I wasn't expecting anyone. You startled me."

"Sounded more like terror than surprise."

"Are you an expert on screams now?"

"Something like that."

She refused to offer any more of an explanation. Her demons were her own. He didn't need to know—



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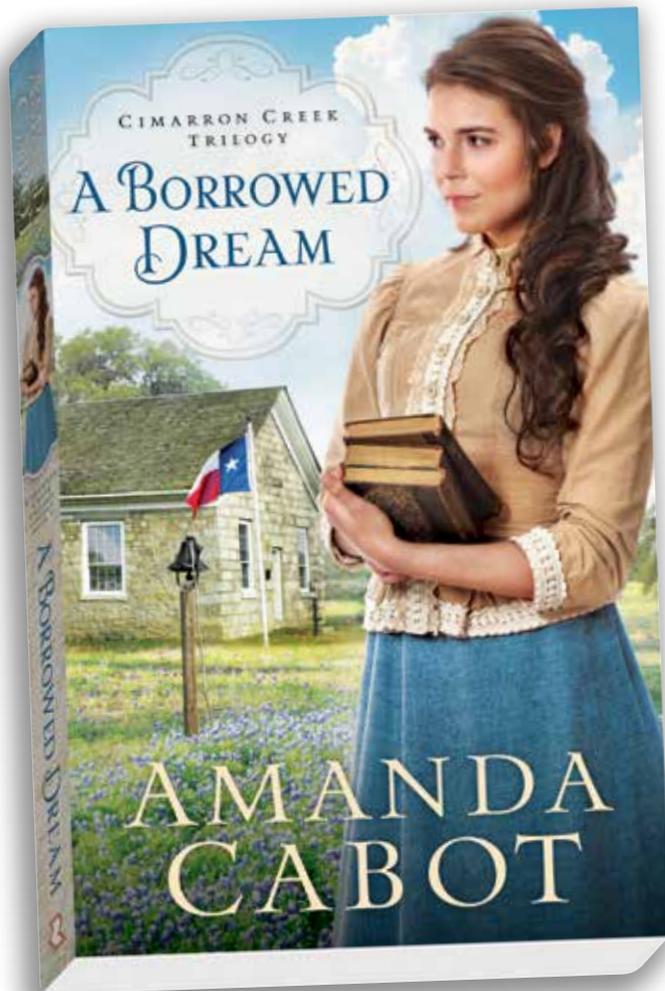
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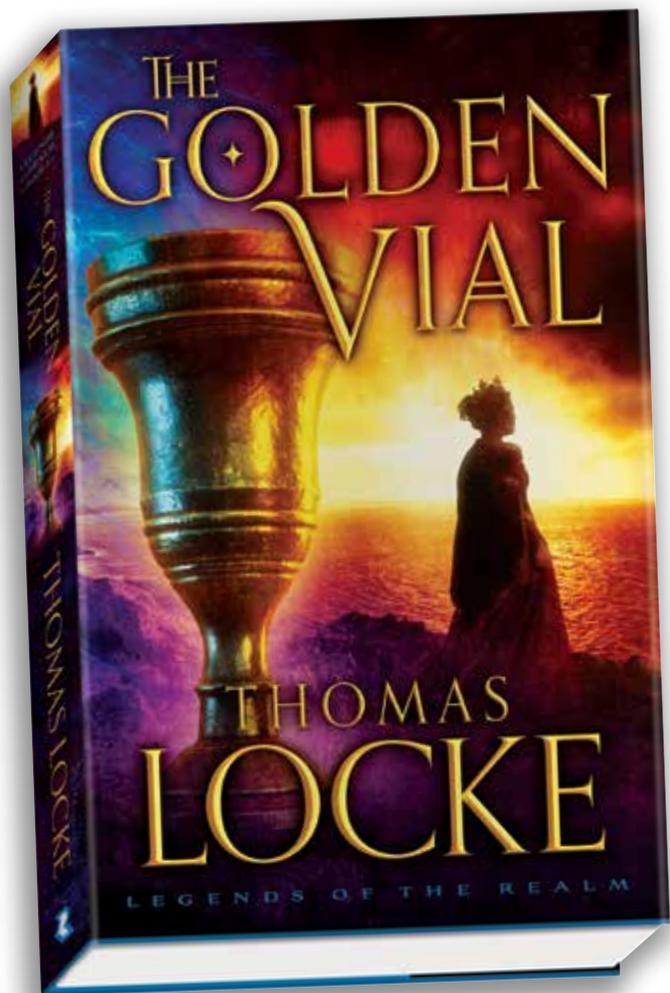


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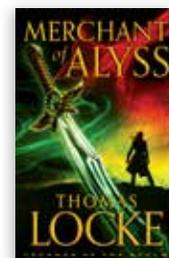
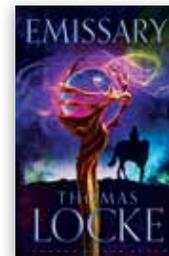
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EXCERPT

"So what'll it be, Marci?" The law officer flipped up the collar of his jacket as the mist intensified.

She hesitated. If the story the man had told Jim Gleason was true, he was more a cat rescuer than a cat burglar.

"You're certain he's legit?"

"I ran his ID, and Eric verified that the two of them met this afternoon. He also has a fresh scratch. I only caught a quick glimpse of the cat before it zipped into the darkness, but I heard it screech. The evidence supports his story."

Yes, it did. Annabelle got stuck in the same tree every few days. She'd rescued the feline herself after several similar incidents until she'd realized Mrs. Schroeder's pet was perfectly capable of getting down herself, despite her yowls for assistance.

But the stranger in her yard didn't know that—and how could she punish a good Samaritan?

"Okay. Let it go. Sorry to have bothered you."

"No bother at all. That's what we're here for." He tipped his hat. "I'll let him know he's off the hook."

The officer started to turn away, but Marci stopped him with a touch on his arm. "Did he say why he was up here at this hour?"

"Yep. He's fighting a serious case of jet lag and couldn't sleep, so he went for a walk. He flew in today from the Middle East. Can you imagine how many time zones he must have crossed?"

She did the math.

Middle East.

Grandfather's funeral.

Compassion for an injured animal.

Gaze fixed on the man who was keeping his distance, Marci leaned closer to Jim and lowered her voice. "Is that Ned Garrison's grandson?"

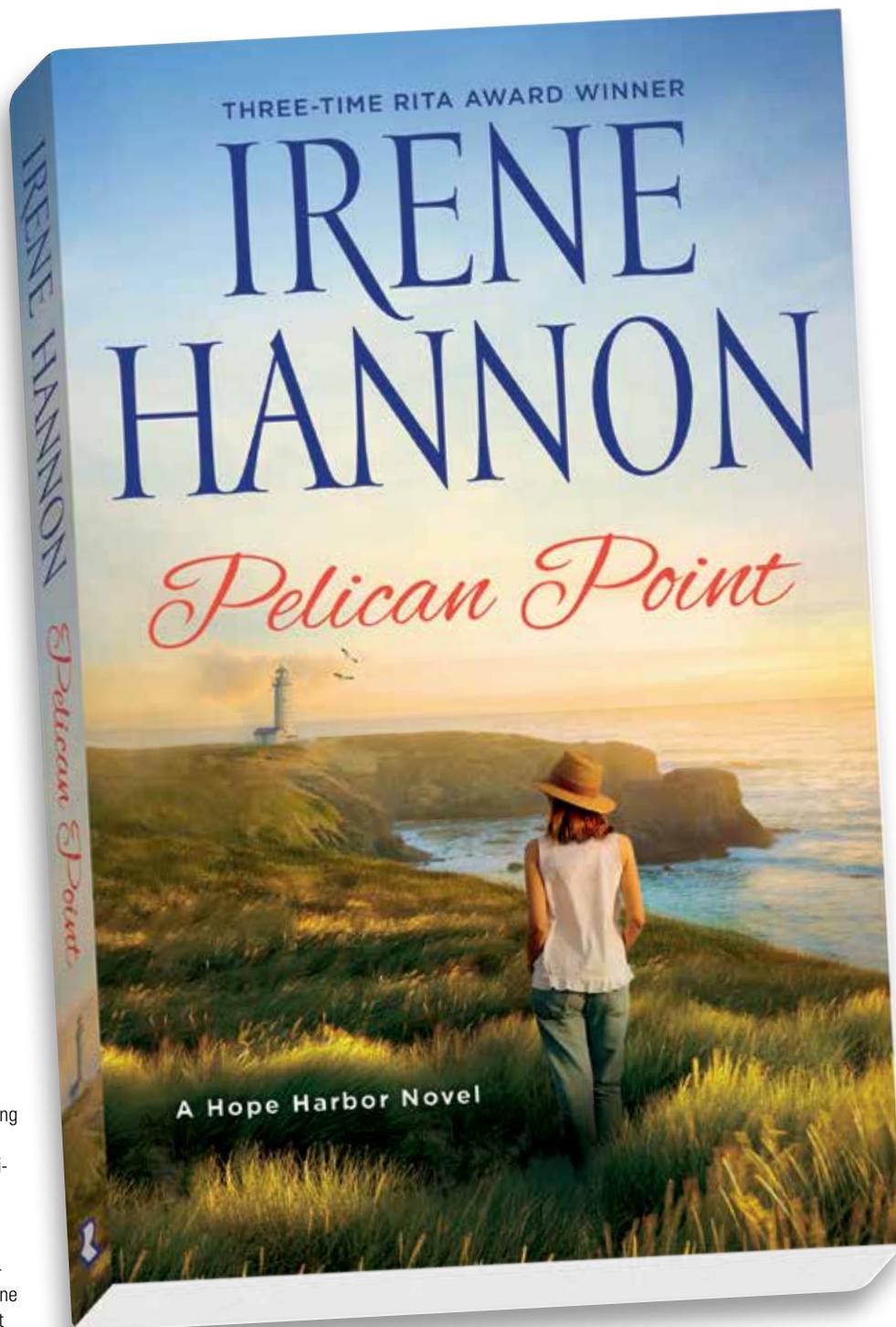
"None other."

Her stomach bottomed out.

She'd called the cops on the army surgeon Ned had loved to brag about. The one who'd won medals for heroism and spent years near the front lines patching America's fighting men and women back together.

Major Ben Garrison deserved far better than the homecoming she'd given him.

"I, uh, think I owe him an apology."



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