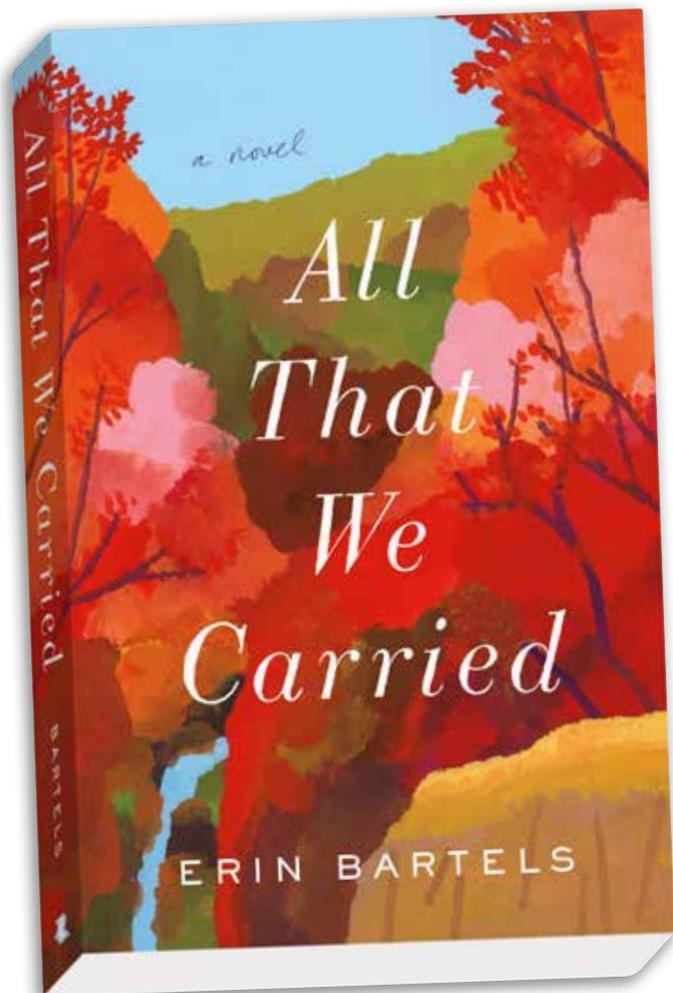




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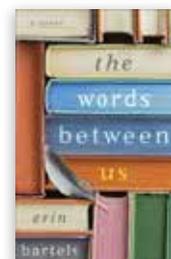
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EXCERPT

Heather pulled to the curb of her best friend's house, put the SUV in park, and cut the engine. Brooke James lived in a middle-class neighborhood in a cottage style home with a perfectly groomed yard. Even in the dead of winter.

But that was Brooke, a woman whose friendship Heather deeply appreciated. Most of the time, she couldn't wait to get together with her. But at the moment, Heather wasn't in the mood to put on her party face. Her left leg jiggled up and down—a sure sign she was anxious and stressed. She didn't even bother to try and stop it. "Just go home," she muttered to herself. "If you go home, you can curl up on the couch and read a good book." While intermittently checking the alarm system, windows, and doors to ensure no one could get in.

No one meaning the stalker she seemed to have acquired.

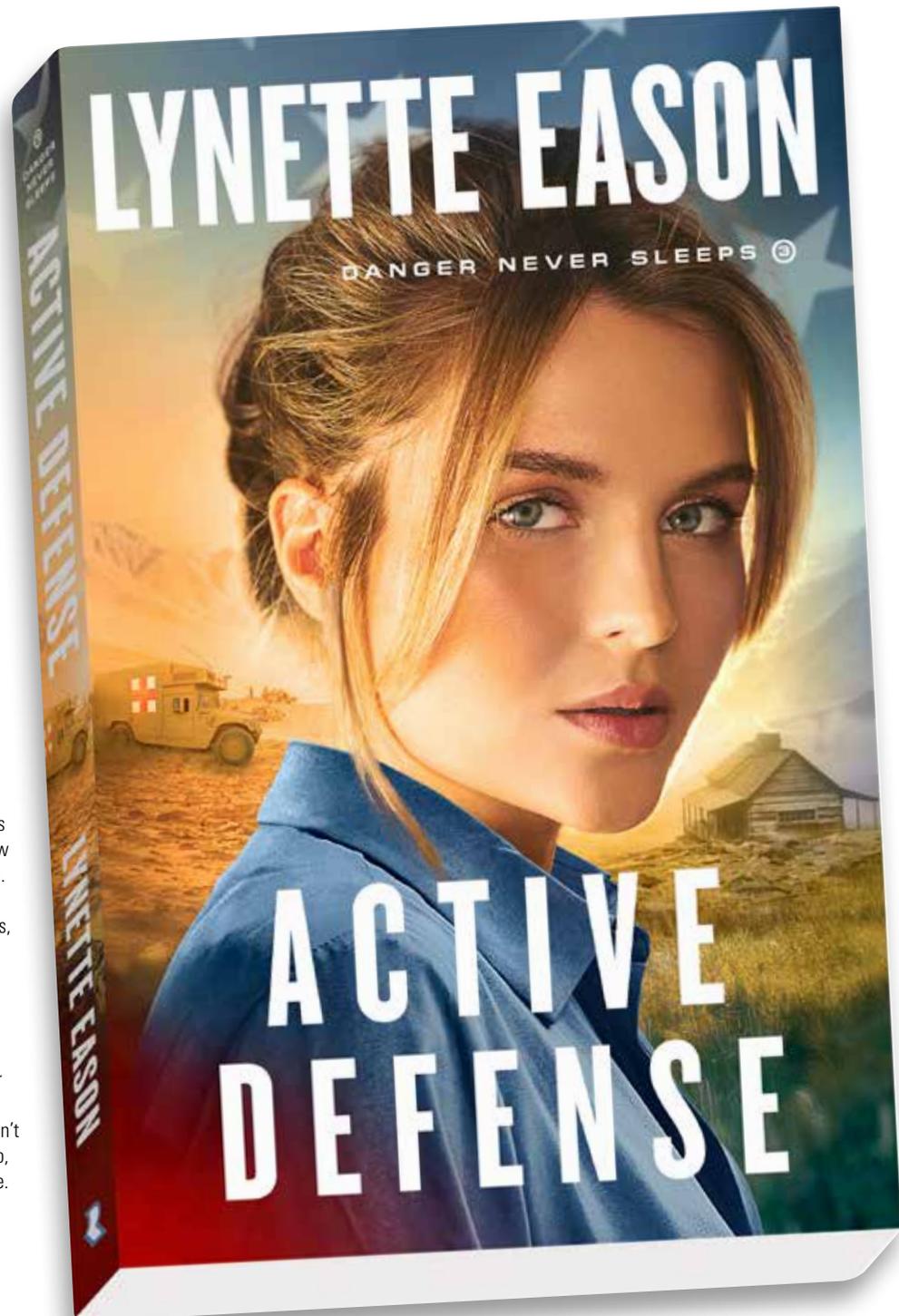
She sat tense and knotted while scanning the surrounding area for *him*. Seeing nothing that set off her alarms, Heather allowed herself to relax a fraction.

But she still wanted to go home. She cranked the car. Hesitated. And shut off the engine. "Ugh."

She'd promised Brooke and the others she'd come. They were welcoming fellow vet, Gina Wicks, home from Afghanistan. Gina had been her nurse in the FOB hospital, a dinner mate during hard times, and a vacation buddy more than once. Should the situation be reversed, Gina wouldn't miss it.

But doing that required getting out of the car.

The longer Heather sat, the faster her anger boiled. Seriously. A stalker? No... more like a watcher. He watched but didn't approach—or acted like he was going to, then changed his mind at the last minute.



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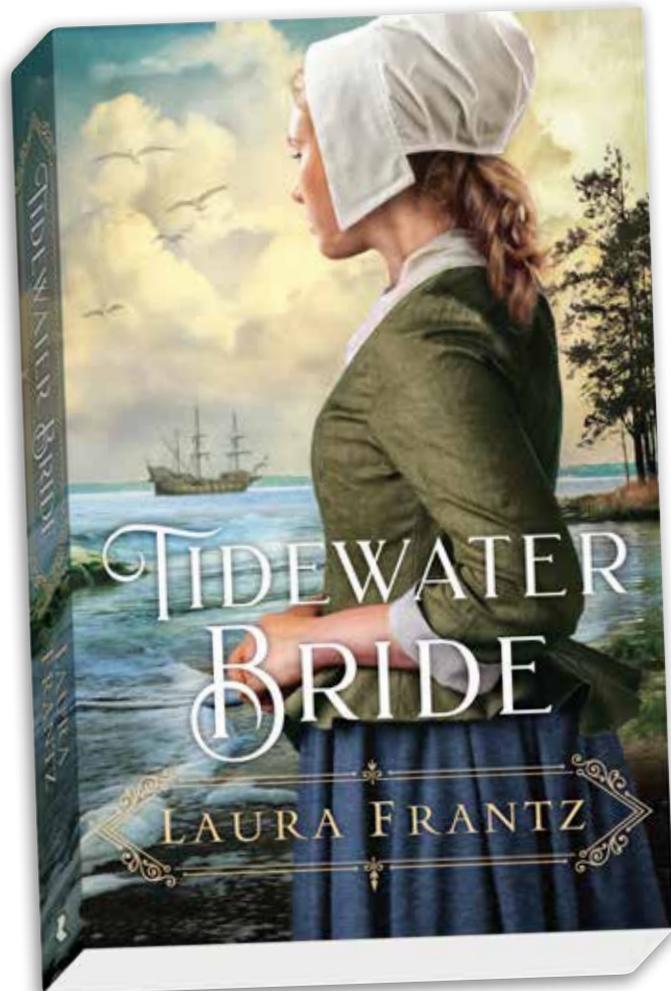
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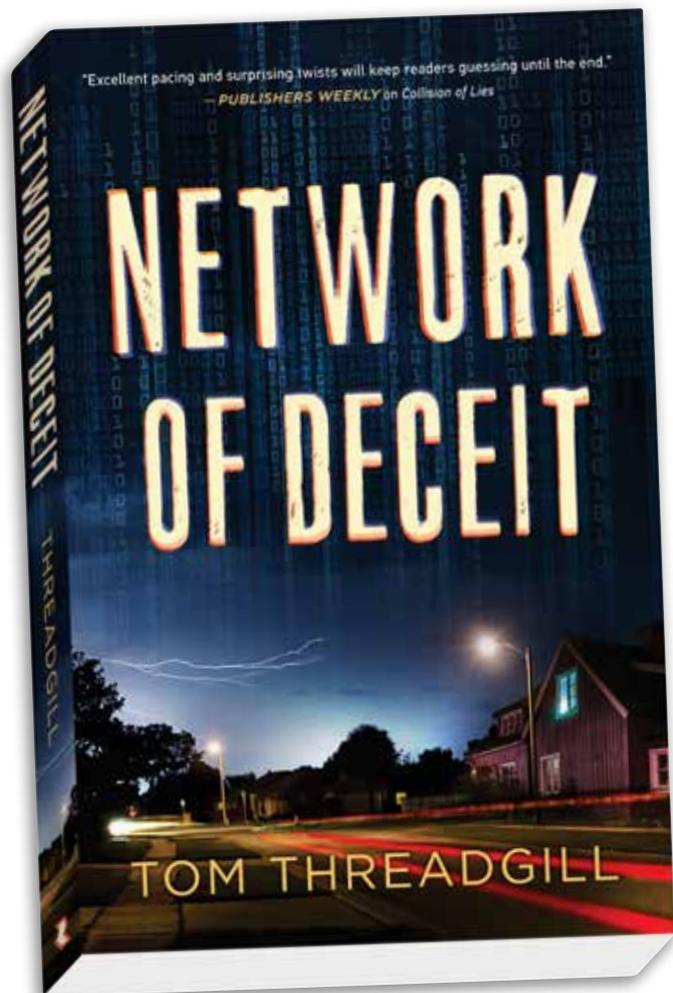
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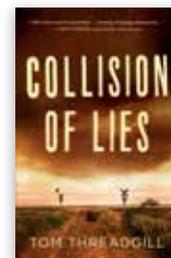
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EXCERPT

As Lucy lifted her hand to knock on her cousin's office door, she paused to take in the nameplate: Cora Wilson Stewart, Superintendent of Rowan County Schools. She hadn't seen much of her father's favorite cousin in the last few years since she'd been elected as the first female superintendent in eastern Kentucky. Voted in by a substantial majority. Lucy would have voted for Cora, if women could vote. Father wouldn't have.

Happily, Father wasn't here. Nor was Hazel, his new wife.

Lucy hadn't felt this sense of freedom, this sense of possibility, for a very long time. She was excited. Nervous! Terrified. She had *butterflies*.

"She's not there."

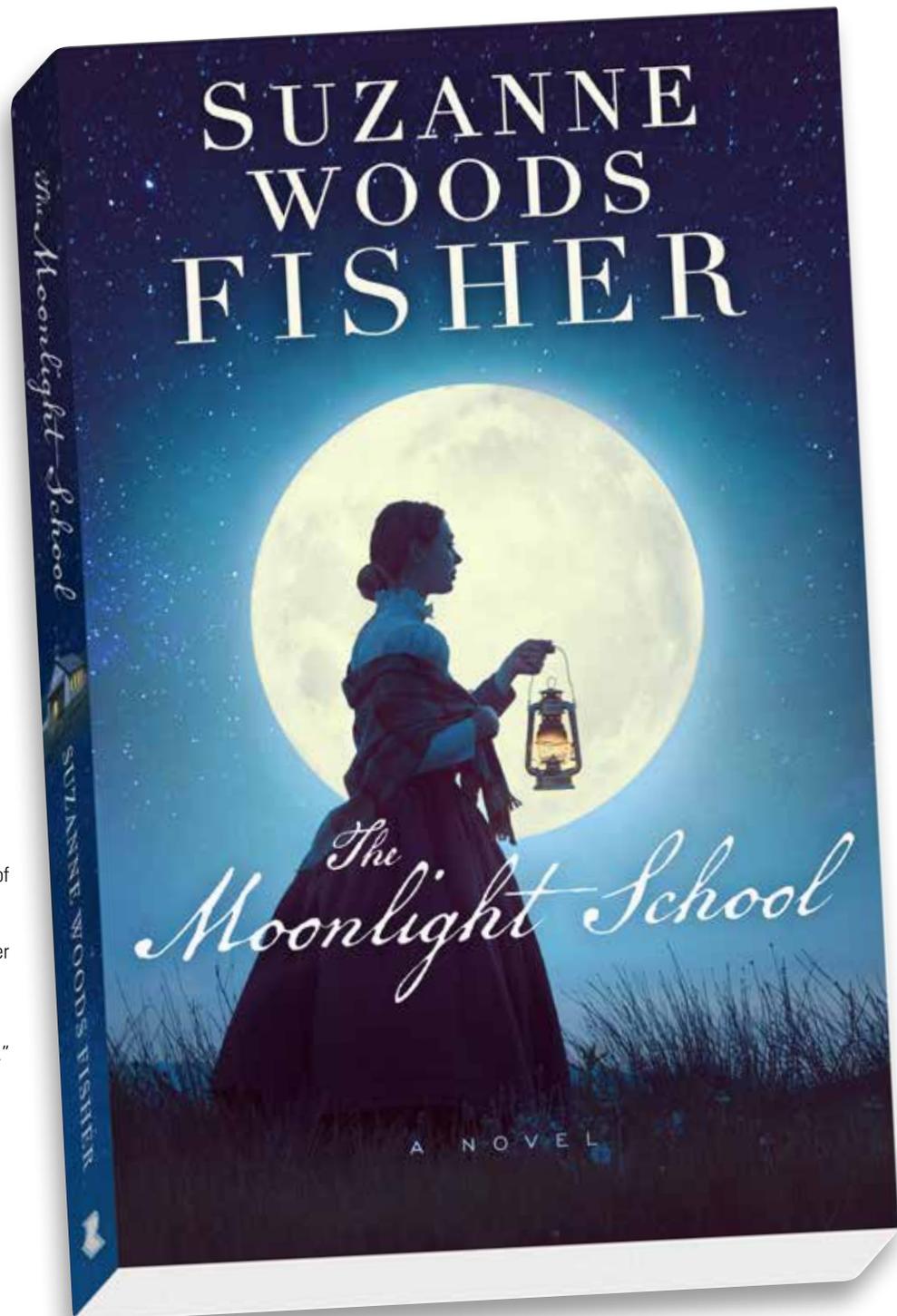
Lucy spun around to see a man sitting on a chair on the other side of the hall, one leg crossed over the other, his eyes focused on an open leather-bound book that rested on his knee. A hole was on the sole of his worn-out shoes, and his clothes were shabby. She'd been so focused on finding the right door to Cora's office that she'd only been dimly aware of him as she walked down the hall. "Are you waiting to see Mrs. Stewart?"

"Miss Cora? Indeed I am."

"How long have you been waiting?"

He gazed out the window at the end of the hall. "Bout an hour."

Lucy blew out a puff of breath. Her day had started before dawn when Father took her to the train station in Lexington. She thought back to the last words he'd told her on the platform as the train to Morehead arrived: "Don't disappoint me." When had she not?



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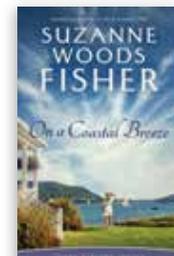
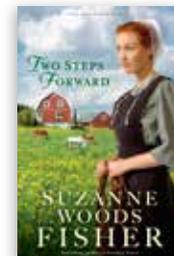


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"My café has been boycotted, vile slogans painted on my walls. Every table used to be full, every *Krapfen* sold by nine." Herr Gold frowned at the empty tables. "My brother-in-law is Aryan. He will buy the café, but the state controls the price. My brother-in-law will change the name of the café, and customers will return. I will work here as an employee, but . . ."

"But it isn't the same," Peter said, his voice rough. "It isn't right."

"There is no right or wrong." Herr Gold spoke softly and with a faint smile. "There is only the will of the Führer."

Peter's head ached. This was all supposed to blow over. But it hadn't. It was blowing harder than ever. When would it stop? Or would it? "I'm sorry, my friend. This shouldn't be happening to you. To anyone. It's wrong."

Herr Gold swept his arm to Peter and his smile to Evelyn. "Our Herr Lang is a good man. Next time he asks you to dinner, you accept, ja?"

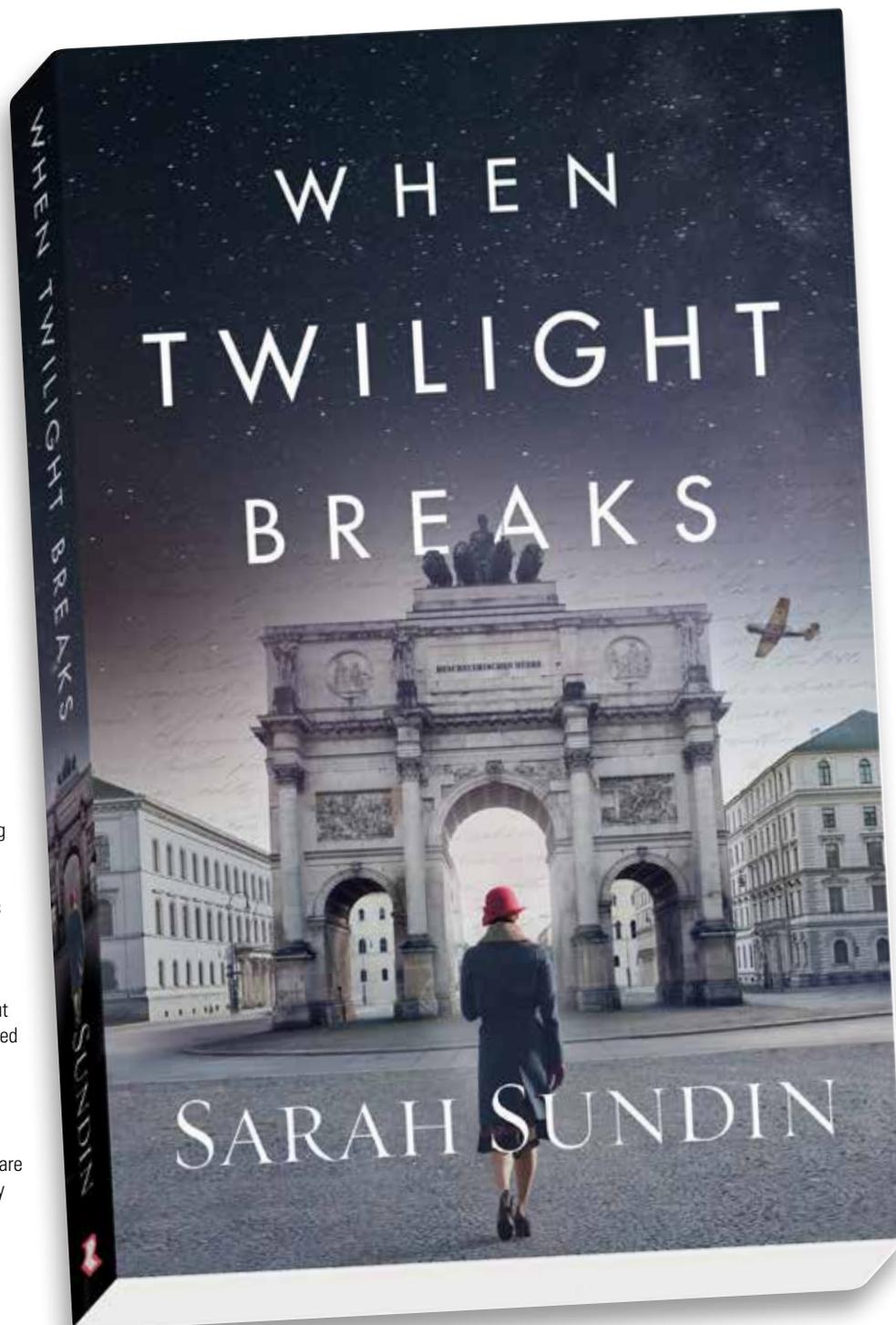
On an ordinary day, Peter would have jumped on that, but not today.

Evelyn raised that sly smile of hers. "You forget. If Herr Lang and I were both German, a romantic relationship would be forbidden under the Nuremberg Laws."

Peter frowned. A cross glimmered around her slender neck, and she always talked as if . . . "I thought you were a Christian."

"I am. But three of my grandparents are converted Jews. German law is about race, not religion, so I would be considered Jewish. You wouldn't dare ask me out." Her mouth smiled, but something in her eyes challenged him.

"But my dear Fräulein." Herr Gold pressed both hands over his heart. "You are both Americans. These laws do not apply to you, so be thankful."



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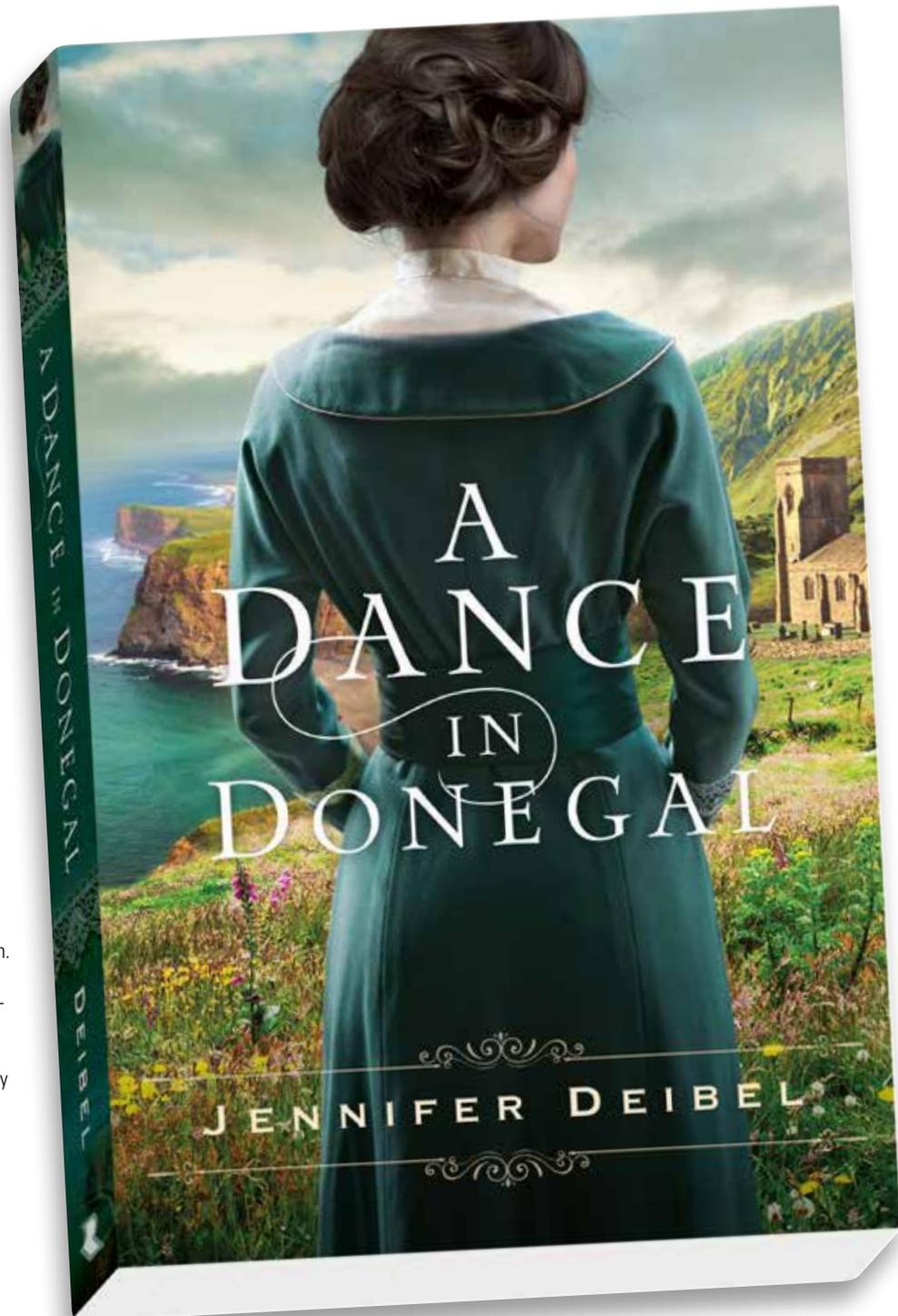
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It's true. Moira had always longed to see the places of which her mother often spoke with nostalgia and longing. Moira wanted to smell the sweet aroma of the burning *peat* and hear the crashing waves beating upon the rocky Irish shores, as her mother had experienced and cherished to her dying day. Why had her mother never made a return visit? Moira would never know.

Standing atop the cliff now, gazing at the valley and the angry waves of the Atlantic pummeling the rugged shore, excitement and longing withdrew into the wings. Fear and doubt waltzed in and took center stage. The circumstances of her life were barreling ahead like a steam locomotive, but she preferred the gentle rocking of a horse and buggy.

Moira scanned the horizon, letting her eyes linger, taking in all the sights that, until that moment, had lived only in her imagination and her mother's memories. Smoke rose from the chimneys of the bungalows below. The salty, almost sweet smell of the churning North Atlantic stirred her exhausted spirit and ignited her hopes.

In the dead center of the valley, looming in stark contrast to the soft, welcoming scene of farms and flowers, a solid, gray stone building stood with a tower jutting high into the air. The church. As she took in the scene, the magnitude of the gift of grace that had been extended to her overwhelmed her. Were these soon-to-be new neighbors locked in the catacombs of moldy tradition? Or did they enjoy this same grace from her heavenly Father? *Let it be so, Father. Let it be so.*



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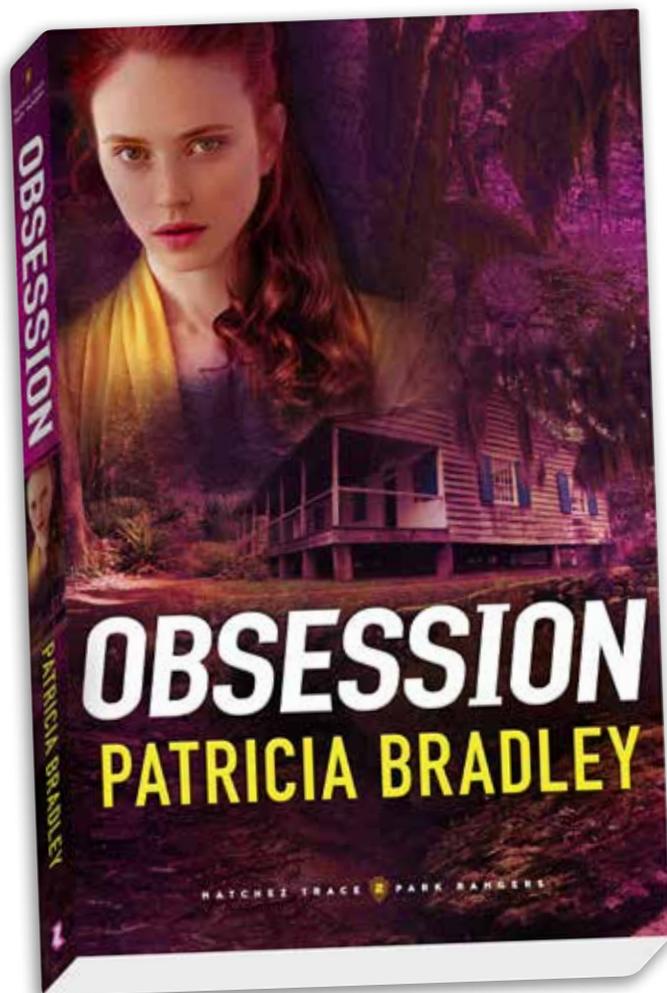
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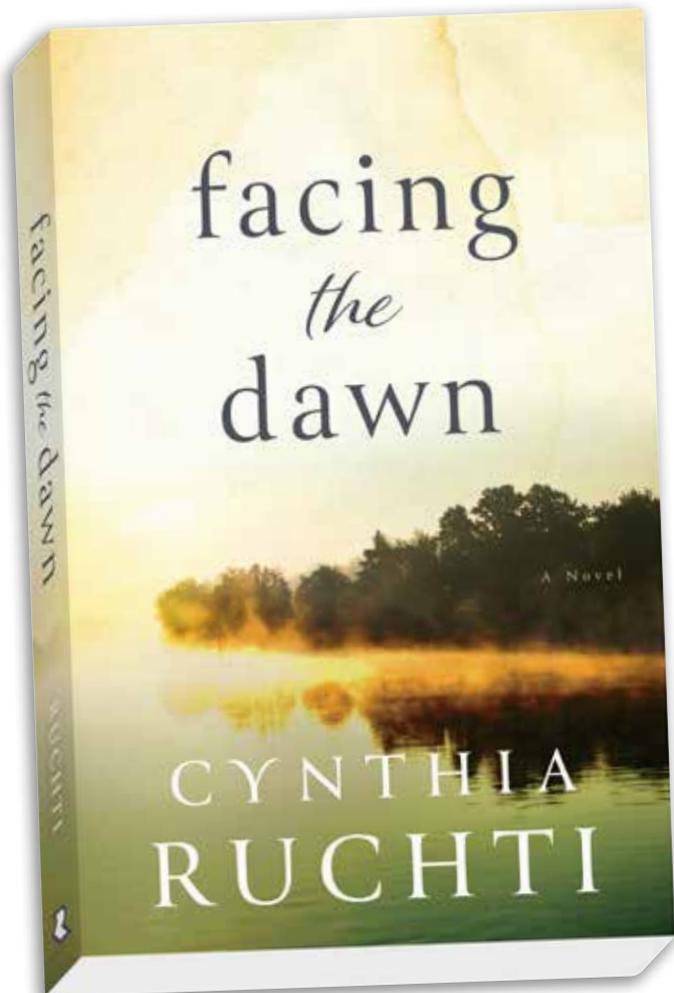
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EXCERPT

U.S.S.S. Special Agent Luke Powell didn't say anything for a quarter of a mile as he and his partner continued their run around the lake loop.

"Thad was up to something. Whatever he was doing, it got him killed," Zane said.

They finished the run in silence, slowing to a walk as they approached the parking lot.

They were fifteen feet from Zane's car when a shot split the air and Zane hit the ground.

Luke dropped beside him. Another shot and the ground spit dirt into Luke's face.

"Zane?" Luke hissed.

Zane stirred, and relief flooded through Luke. "You hit?"

"Arm. You?"

"Missed me. Can you move?"

"Do I have a choice?"

Both men crawled toward the relative safety of Zane's car. Two more shots peppered their path. A third shot left Luke's leg burning like someone had branded him.

After the next shot, Zane dropped to his chest and didn't move. Luke gave up all attempts at staying low. He grabbed Zane under the arms and dragged him behind his car.

Luke eased Zane's body to the ground. "Stay with me, buddy."

Luke grabbed his phone and dialed 9-1-1.

Zane mumbled something Luke didn't catch. He patted Zane's pockets, looking for the keys. Zane grabbed Luke's arm and jabbed a finger in the direction of the car before his head dropped back to the ground.

Luke bent lower to get a look at whatever it was Zane had been trying to show him.

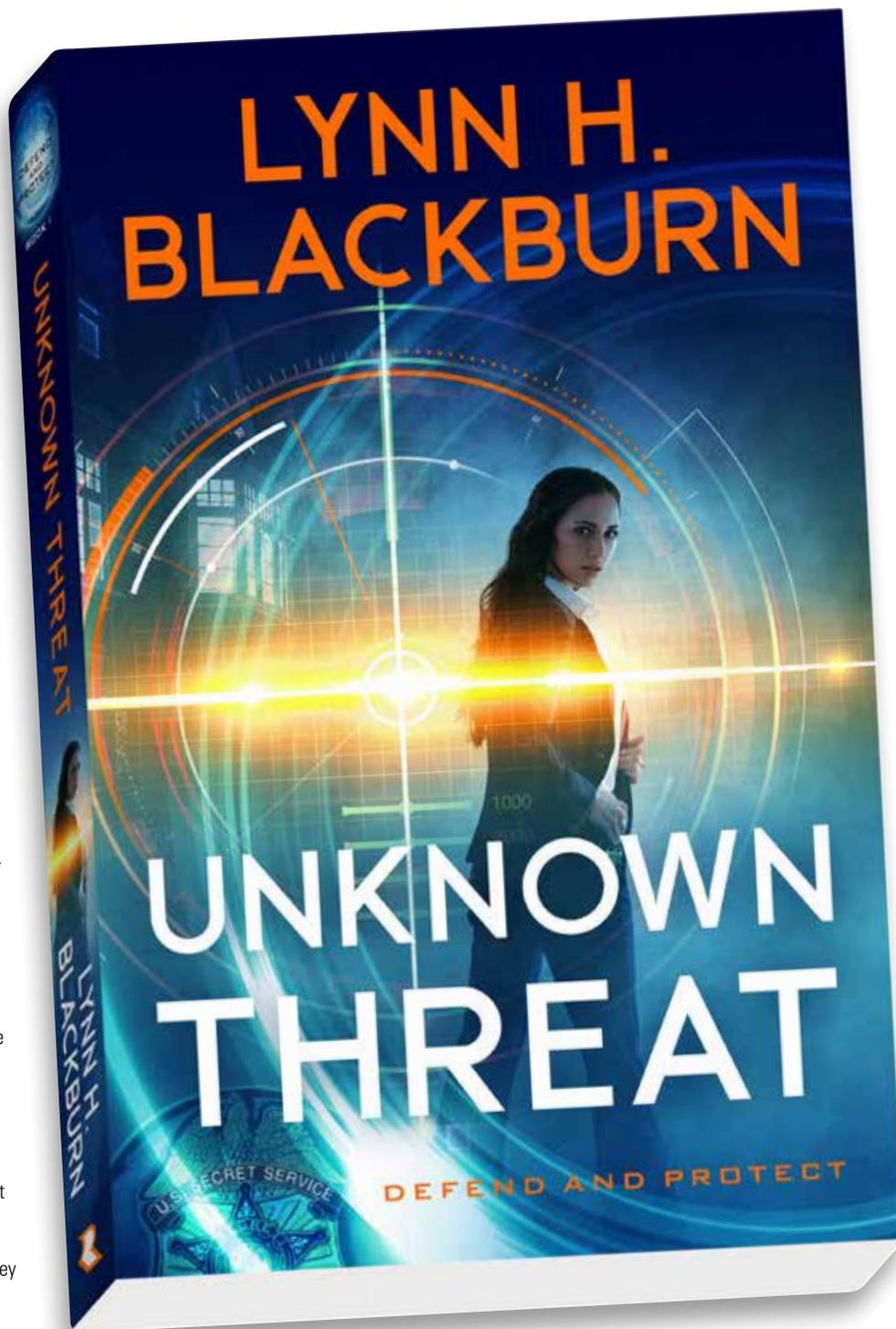
The wires hanging from the axle didn't belong. Neither did the slab of C4 they were attached to.

Two more shots rang out. This time they hit Zane's car.

"We have to move." Once more, he grabbed Zane under the arms and dragged, this time away from the car.

Then the ground shook.

And everything went dark.



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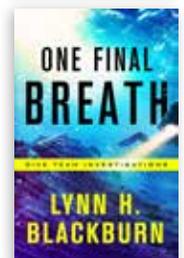
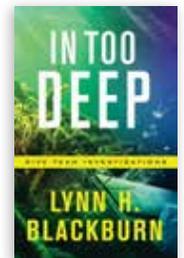
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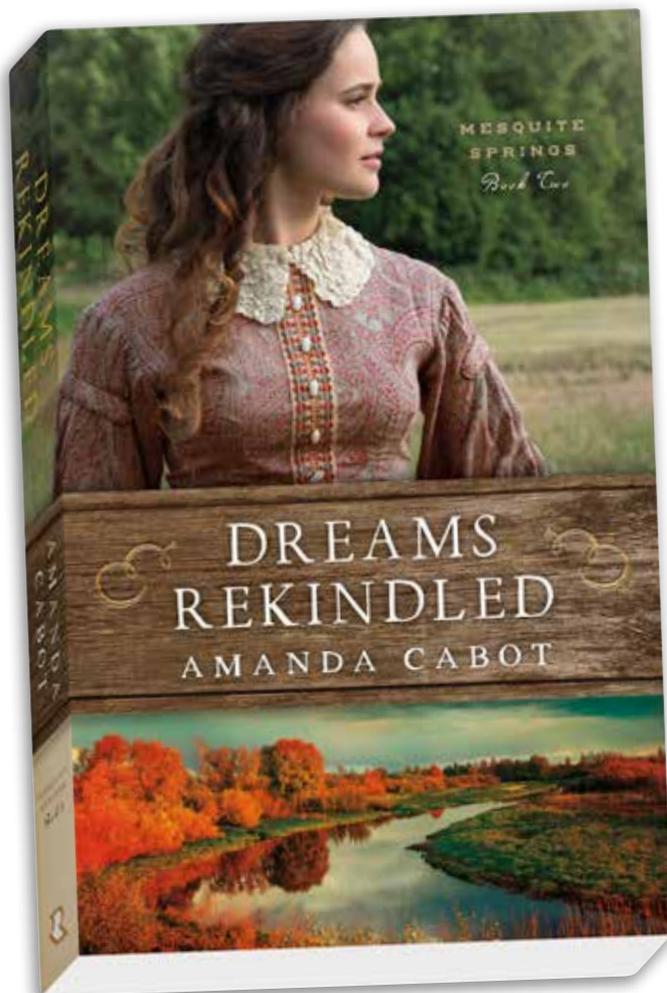
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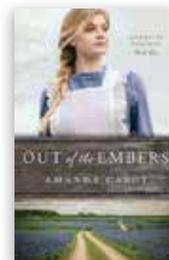


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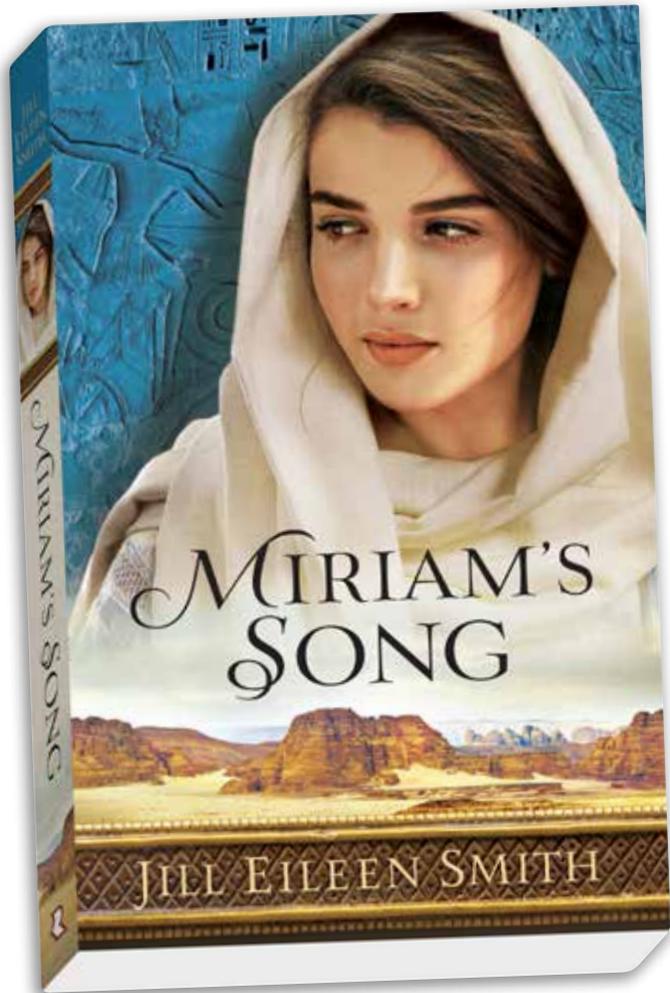
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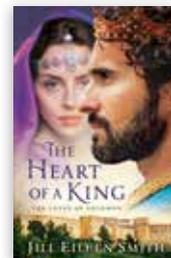
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Sunglasses sat on his sandy-blond hair, and the angles of his face were sharp and jagged like the rock wall he'd descended. His navy-blue Grayback County Search and Rescue T-shirt stretched across his chest and left no doubt about his toned physique.

Familiarity crawled over Terra, and she feared everyone could hear her pounding heart. She wanted to turn away, but her gaze was drawn to his piercing forest-green eyes. Recognition slammed into her full force.

Jack Tanner.

So *he'd* been the deputy who'd spotted the body? He'd been the guy rappelling the ridge? Of course. That made total sense.

Except . . .

What was he doing here? He'd been FBI, working somewhere else. Gone from her life forever. Now he was a deputy?

Calming her breaths, she slid her sunglasses back on. She kept her features straight when Jack stumbled but quickly righted himself as he hiked through brambles, stepping over fallen trees. Was he shocked to see her too? Honestly, he didn't seem all that surprised.

At about ten yards out, he dropped his pack. Case had been crouched and waiting by the body but rose as Jack approached.

"Deputy Tanner." Terra kept her tone even.

Jack kept his gaze fixed on the body, hands on hips. "It's *Detective* Tanner."

"*Detective* Tanner." She wished she'd kept her mouth shut.

He turned his attention to her. "It's been a long time, Special Agent Connor. It's good to see you."



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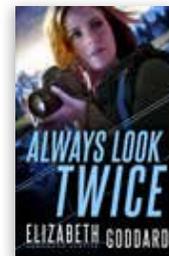
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EXCERPT

The mystery woman was back.

Zach Garrett poured the steamed milk into the coffee mixture, creating his signature swirl pattern with the froth—all the while keeping tabs on the female customer who'd paused inside the door of The Perfect Blend, dripping umbrella in hand.

As she had on her first visit two days ago, the lady appeared to be debating whether to stay or bolt.

Wiping the nozzle on the espresso machine, he assessed her. Early to mid-thirties, near as he could tell given the oversized dark sunglasses that hid most of her features. A curious wardrobe addition, given the unseasonable heavy rain that had been drenching Hope Harbor for the past seventy-two hours.

He handed the latte to the waiting customer and angled toward his assistant barista. "Bren, you waited on her Monday, didn't you?" He indicated the slender woman with the dark, shoulder-length blunt-cut hair who continued to hover near the threshold.

Bren spared her a quick once-over as she finished grinding another batch of the top-quality Arabica beans he sourced from a fair-trade roaster in Portland. "Yeah."

"Do you remember what she ordered?"

"Small skinny vanilla latte."

"Did you get a name?"

"Nope. I asked, but she said she'd wait for her order at the pick-up counter."

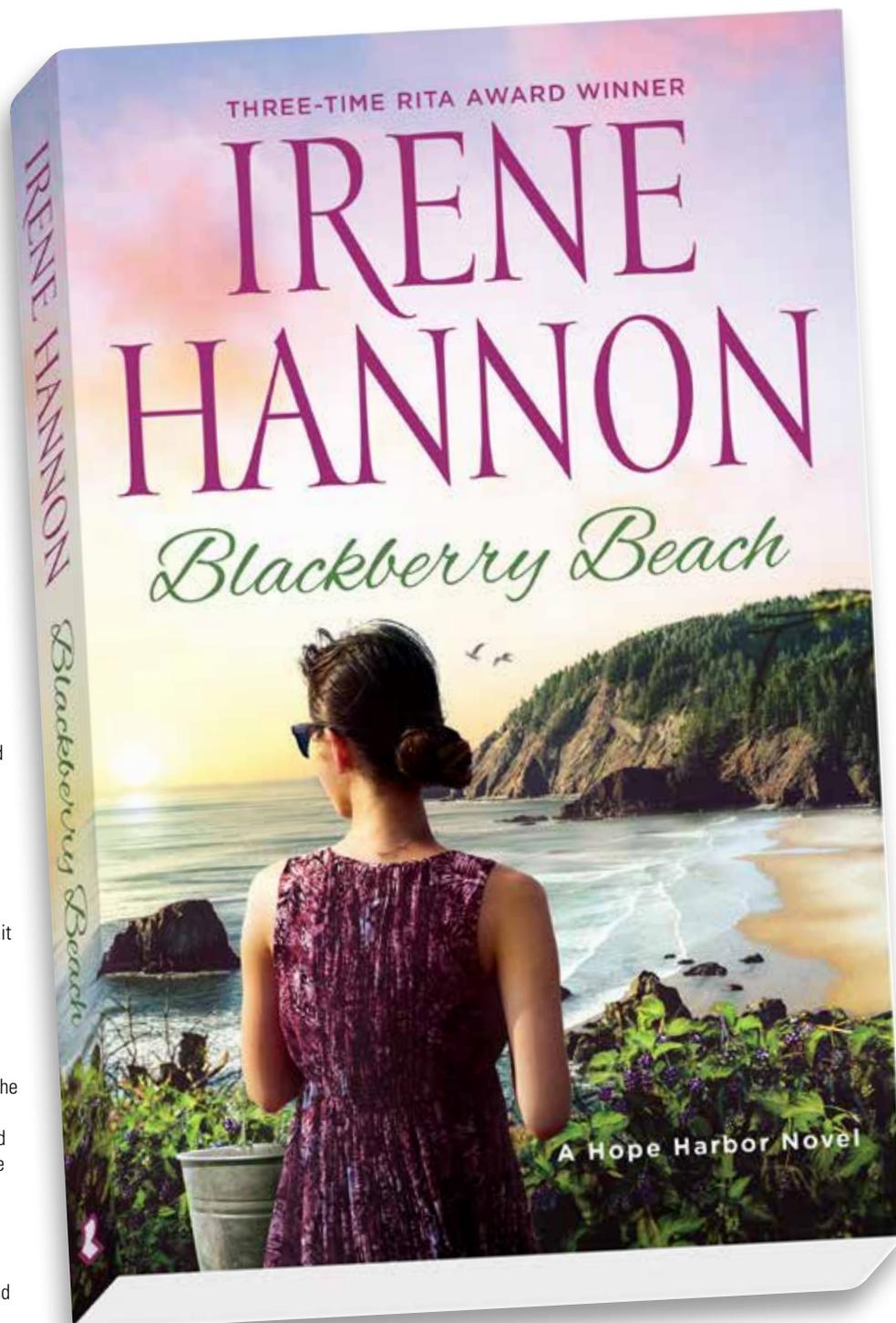
In other words, the woman wanted to remain anonymous. Also curious.

While it was possible she was one of the many visitors who dropped into their picturesque town for a few days during the summer months, his gut said otherwise. And since his people instincts had served him well in his previous profession, there was no reason to discount them now.

So who was she—and what was she doing in Hope Harbor?

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Zach called up his friendliest smile and ambled down to the end of the serving counter. "Let me guess—a small skinny vanilla latte."



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