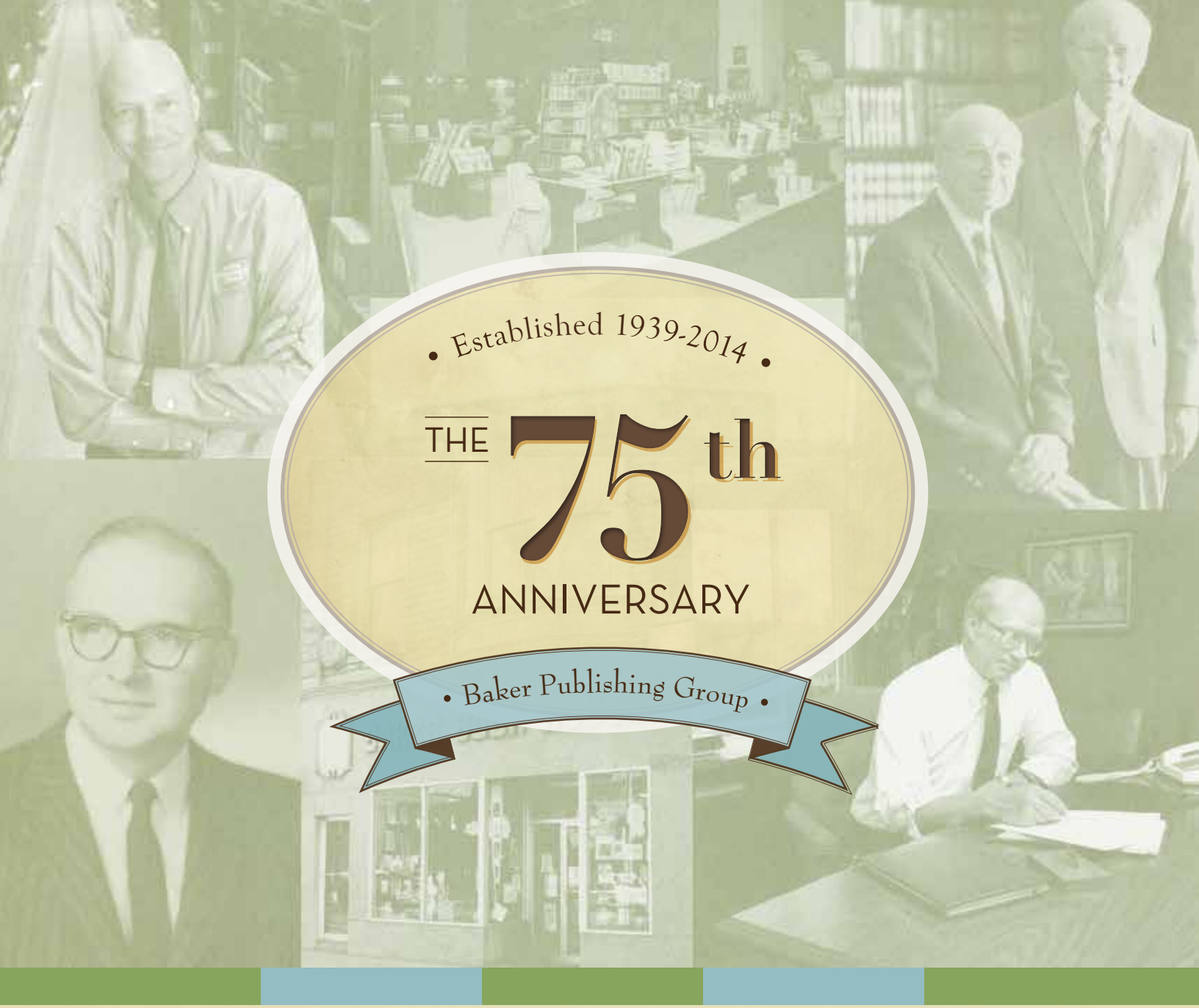

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At age 28, with help from his in-laws, Herman Baker opened his bookstore at 1019 Wealthy Street in Grand Rapids. The year was 1939—the Great Depression was nearing its end and German troops invaded Poland in the opening salvos of World War II. Herman paid just $18 a month to rent the bookstore space, which he filled with less than five hundred used books collected over the years and displayed on homemade shelves. His equipment consisted of two used desks and a typewriter purchased at the Salvation Army.

The demand for used religious books soon exceeded expectations. Herman expanded his business into several ground-floor rooms and then into the basement. Continued growth meant purchasing adjoining buildings and converting upstairs apartments into storage and display rooms.

Just a year after opening the store, Herman Baker took his first steps into publishing books. In 1940 Baker Book House released *More Than Conquerors: An Interpretation of the Book of Revelation* by Dr. William Hendriksen, professor of New Testament exegetical theology at Calvin Seminary, located just a short distance from the store.

More Than Conquerors proved to be just the sort of title Baker loved to publish: conservative, scholarly, biblical, timeless. The book is still in print and continues to draw reviews and comments nearly seventy-five years after its original publication.

Herman Baker purchased the Wealthy Street building in 1942, gradually growing the business through the war years. There were times, however, when he had to wait for money to come in before buying postage stamps to send out more catalogs.

The war years saw the first new and used fiction sold at the store, in part to draw in

FUN FACTS

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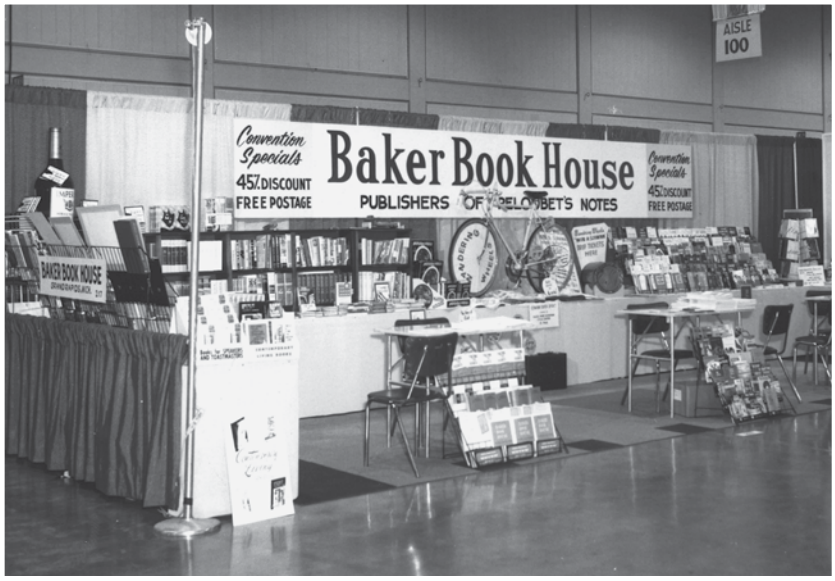
the many women who stayed home while the men went off to war.

Baker knew how to sell books. As the tenth anniversary of the business approached, he and his staff came up with the novel idea of reissuing the popular *Barnes' Notes*, a commentary series that had already been a bestseller for over a century. It had been last reissued in 1852. But reissuing the twenty volumes would cost a prohibitive $30,000 for 2,000 printed and bound sets. Herman didn't have that kind of capital, but he did have a salesman's instincts. Baker Book House issued them on the Volume-A-Month Plan at $3 each beginning in early 1949, a plan "that has proved very popular with purchasers of modest means," according to the tenth anniversary catalog. More than 20,000 volumes were ordered in just five months.



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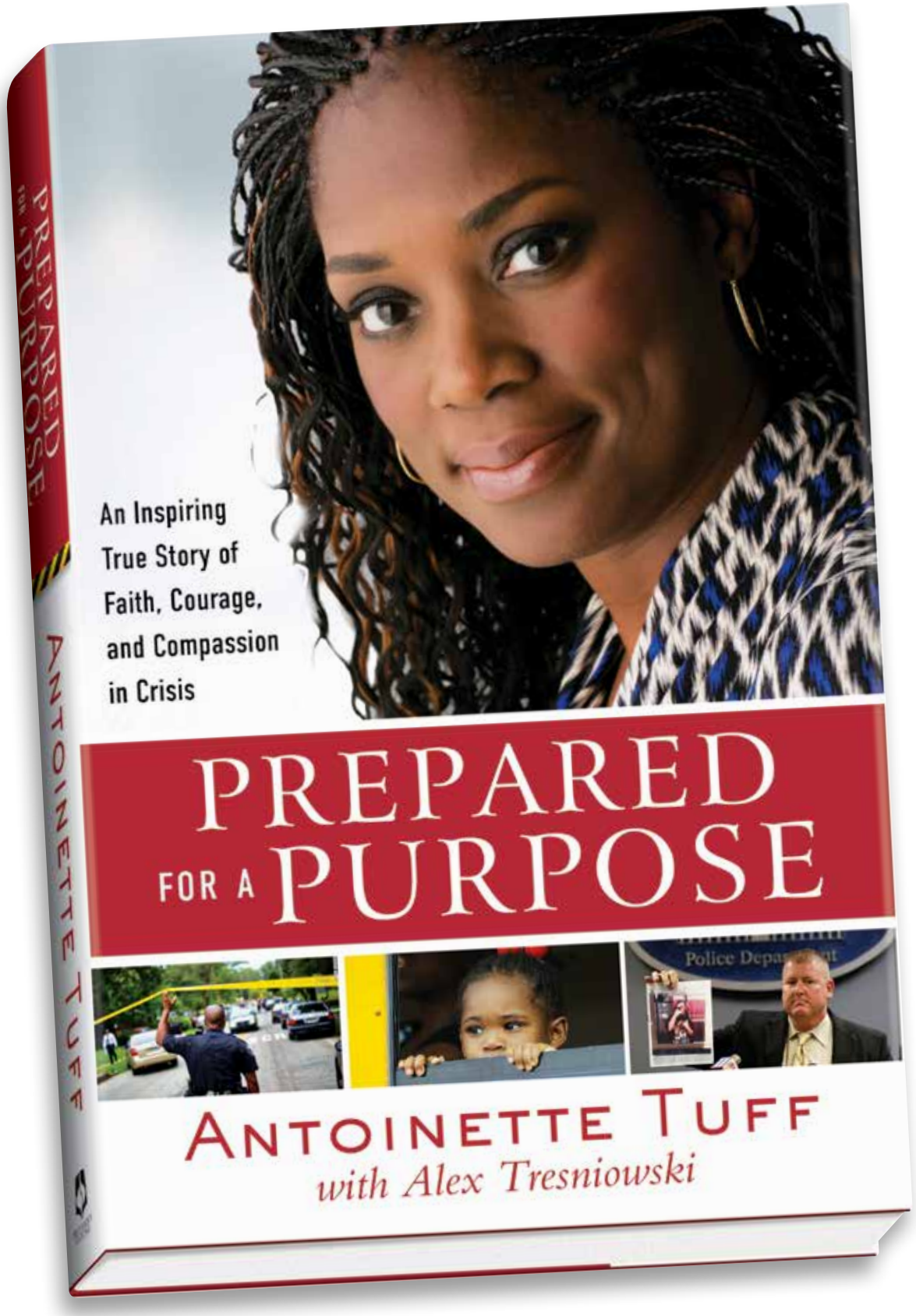

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EXCERPT

Beth pulled her shoulders back, turned, and forced herself to walk toward the laughter and voices in the crowded drawing room.

"There she is! The woman of the hour!"

"Come here, Beth. Miss Thompson would like to hear about the town in which you plan to teach."

"Yes, dear. Tell us all about your new school."

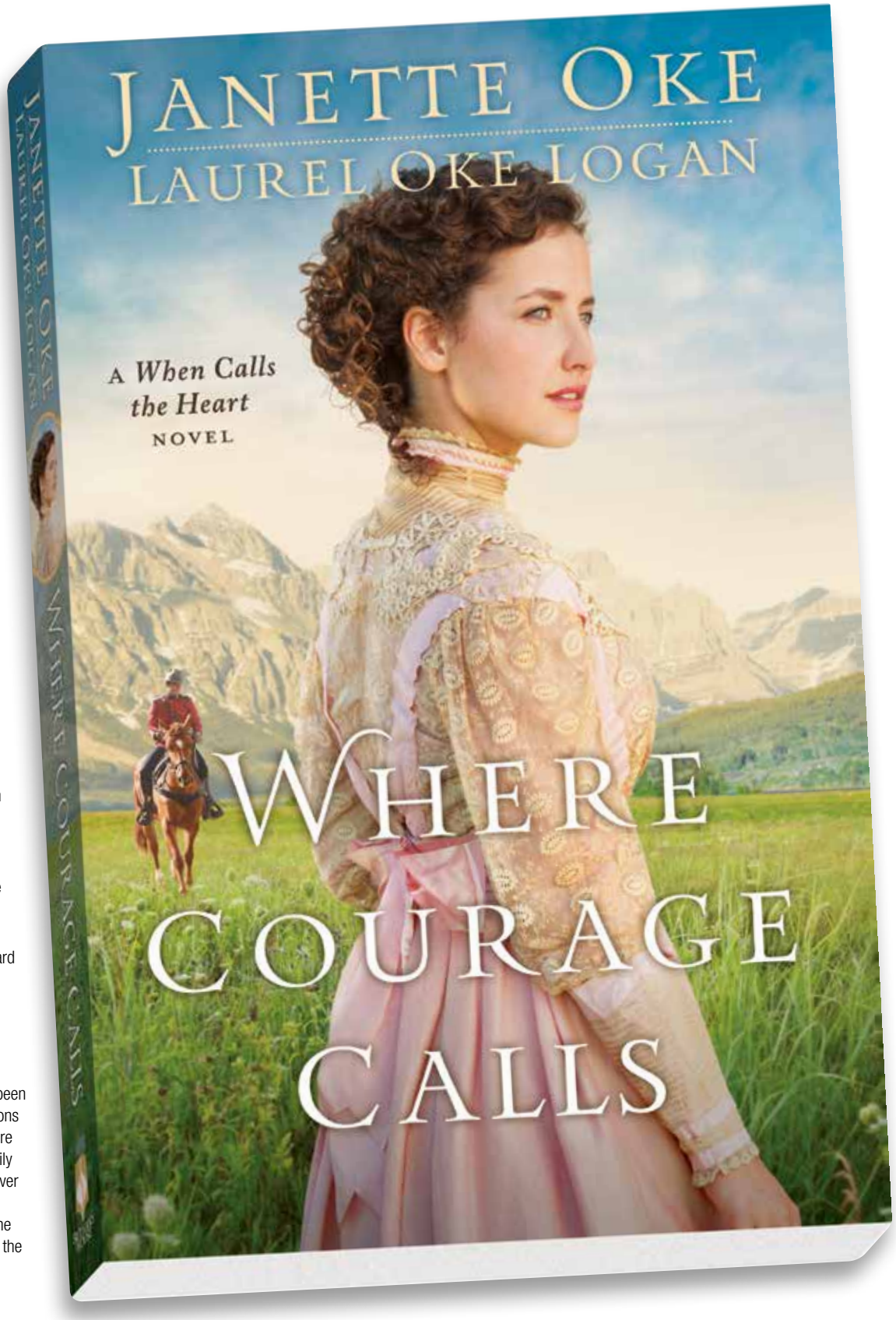
Beth couldn't stop the deep sigh that escaped. She hoped no one noticed. The truth was, she knew so little—well, practically nothing, about the new town or new school. That very fact caused much of the unsettled feeling in the pit of her stomach, and the questions being put to her by those who crowded close, wishing answers, raised her distress level even higher. In spite of it all, Beth needed to respond in some way to the avalanche of questions she had grown painfully tired of hearing. Well, perhaps it wasn't her repetitious answers that she had come to dread. Perhaps it was more the familiar comments that were sure to follow.

"But Beth, you do know they haven't any servant girls in the western wilds, don't you? Can you even cook for yourself? And who shall do your laundry?"

This was always followed by a ripple of laughter at her expense, particularly among the young men present.

Edward Montclair pushed his wayward mop of hair from his eyes and grinned. "Better get yourself a pair of those Levi work pants, Beth. You know you can't wear your fancy dresses among the mountain folk."

Beth was not amused. Edward had been inserting himself into Beth's conversations for as long as she could remember. More than once, she'd wished his whole family would just move away so she would never have to see him again. Suddenly, she realized *she* was leaving *him* behind. The revelation made her smile to herself as the conversation continued around her.



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But the conditions in Coal Valley are even worse than she'd feared. A recent mining accident has left the town grieving and at the mercy of the mining company. The children have very little prior education, and many of the locals don't even speak English. In addition, Beth's heart is torn between two young men—both Mounties, one a lifelong friend and the other a kind, quiet man who comes to her aid more than once.

Despite the unexpected challenges, Beth is determined to make a difference in the rustic frontier town. But when her sister visits from the East, reminding her of all the luxuries she's had to give up, will Beth decide to return to her privileged life as soon as the school year is over?

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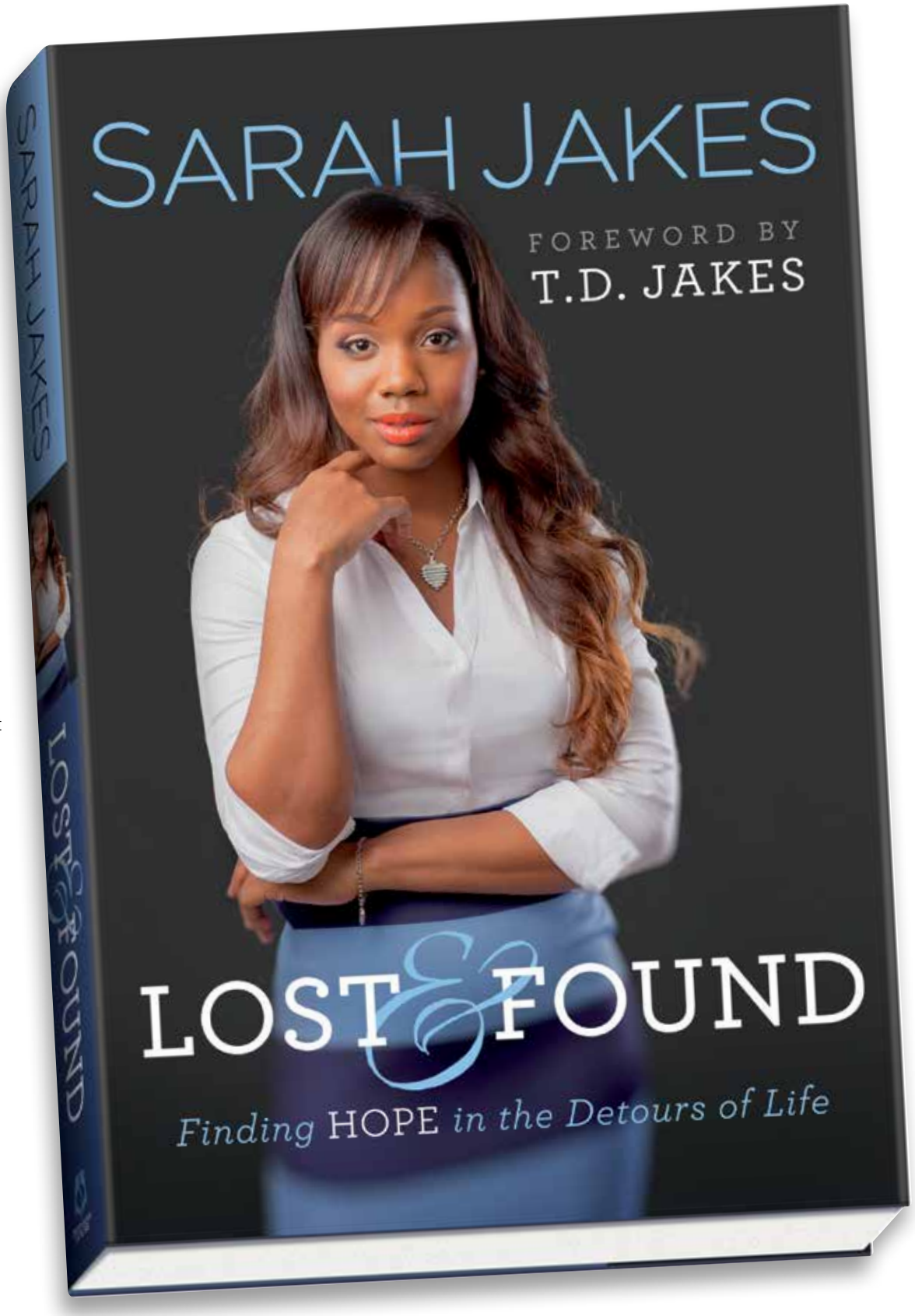
As an adult, I have learned this game is being played in the adult service as well. Only this time the messages aren't always distorted. Sometimes they are shameful truths, like mine. They are the secrets and crosses we bear when the hymns are over and the benediction has been said.

Because of that I always have had one desire: avoid the tales of the pews.

At a young age, I learned that people smile big, hug tight, then go home and drown in their tears. I learned that sometimes you go to church to be healed, but if you aren't careful the people can become more important than the message.

I didn't want to be a whisper, a rumor, or a stare. Incidentally, this task would turn out to be very difficult for me. . . .



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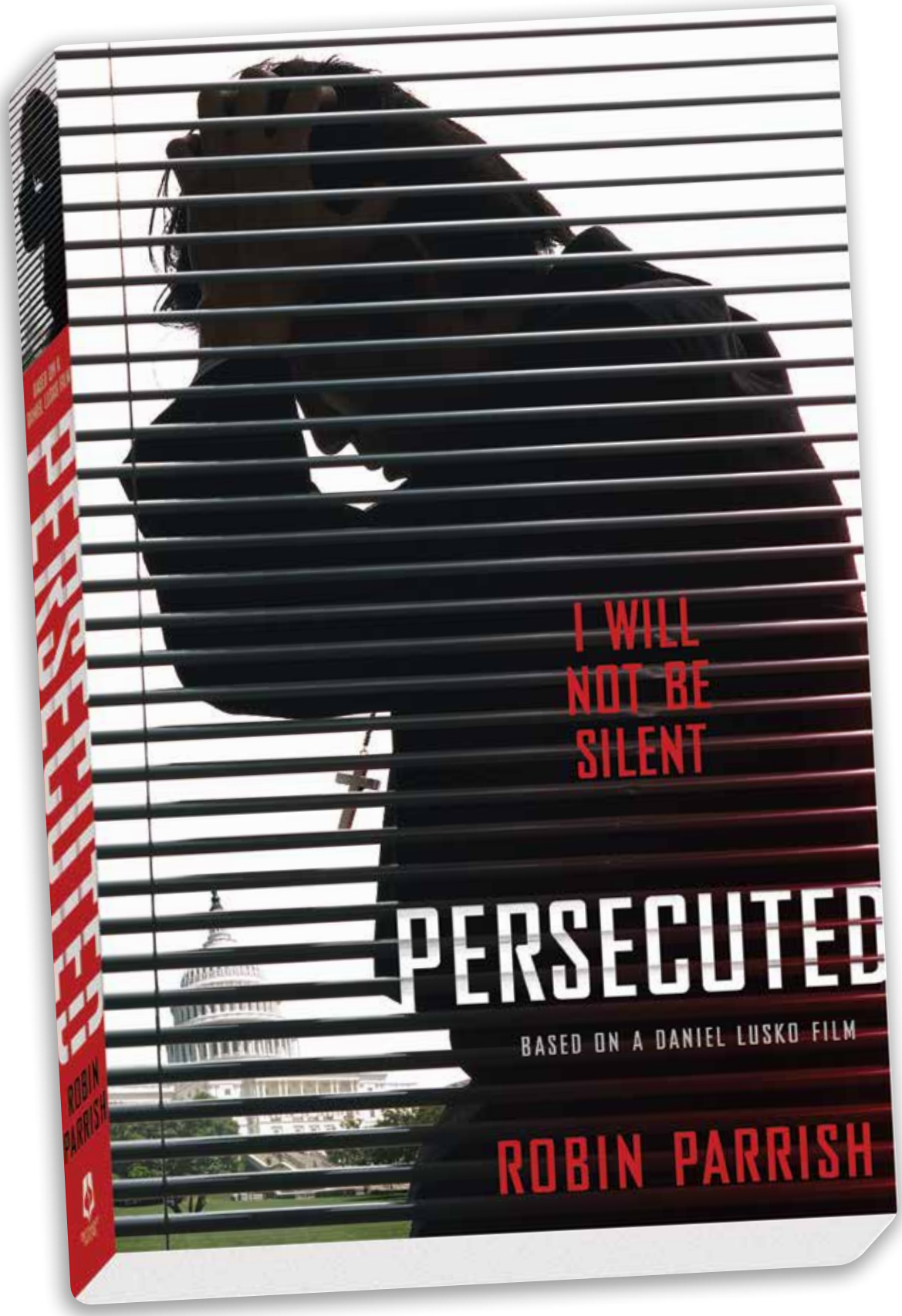

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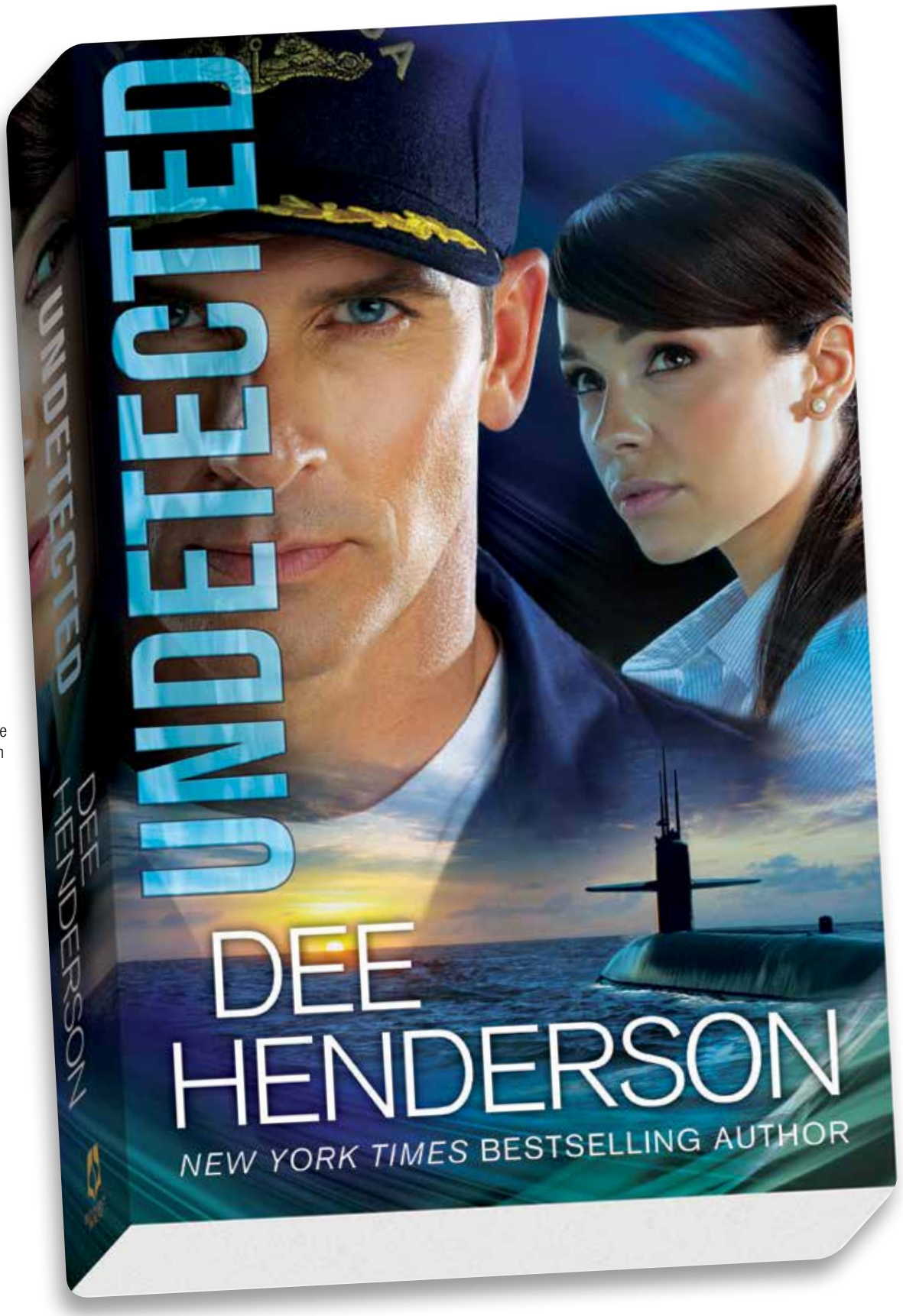

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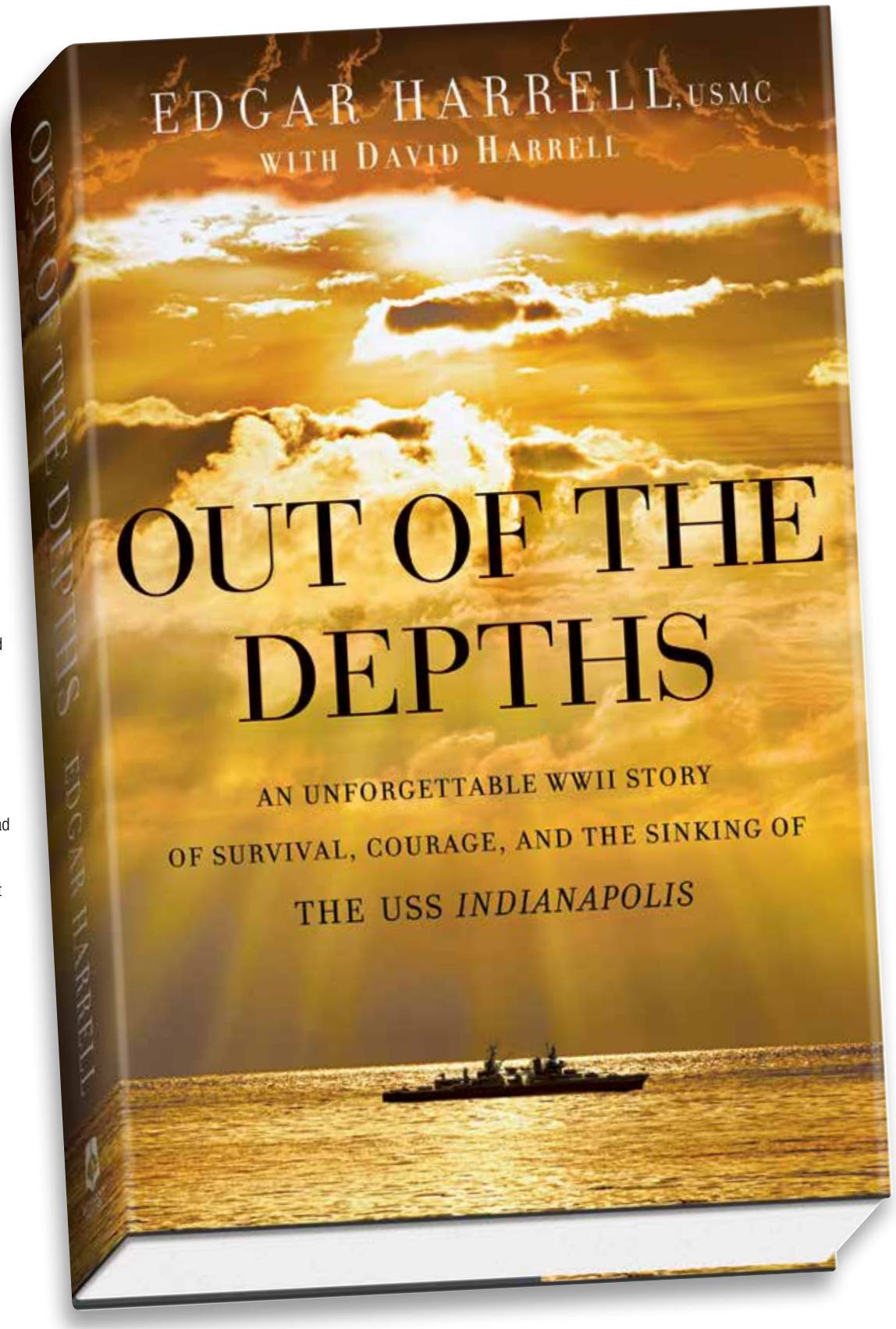

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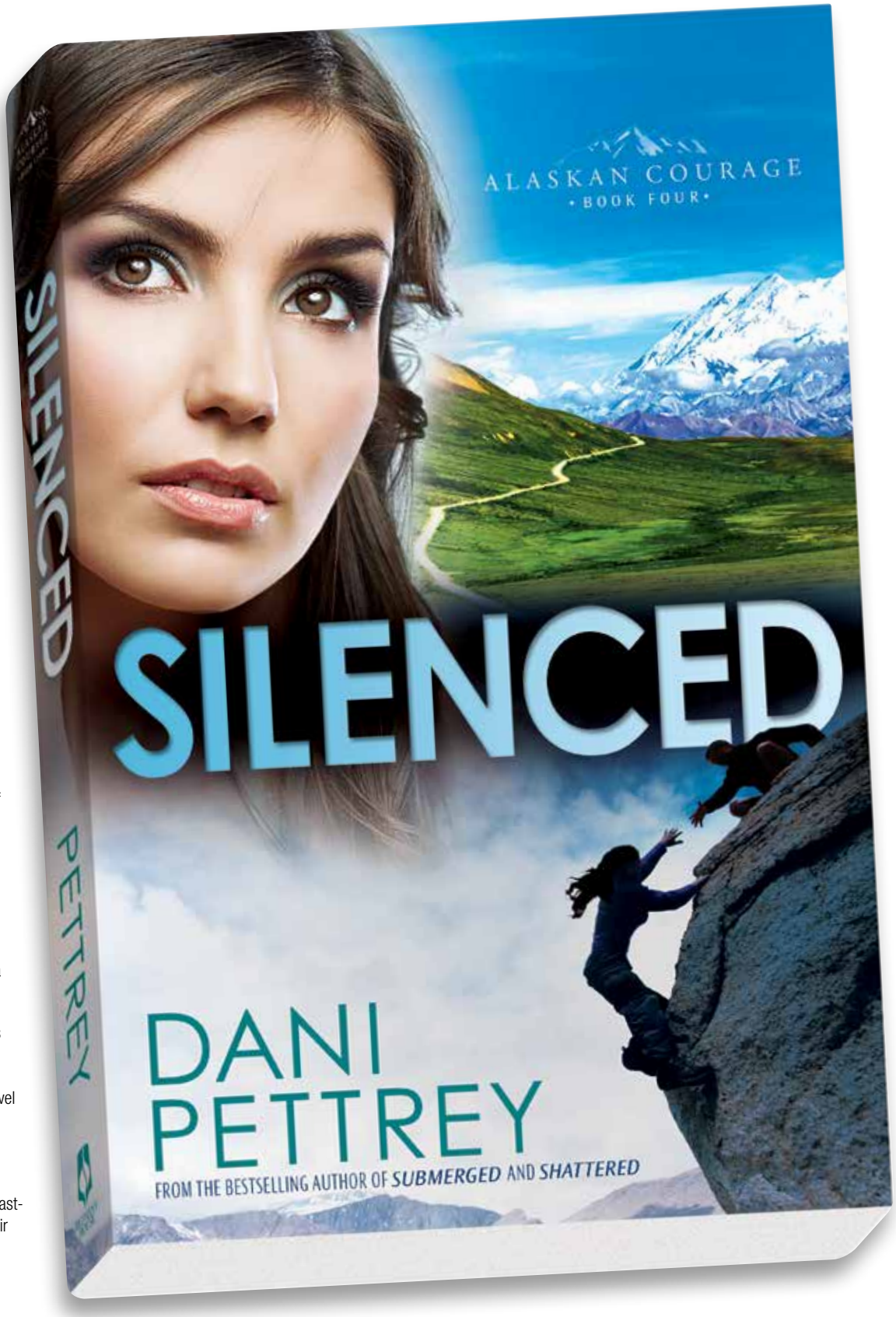

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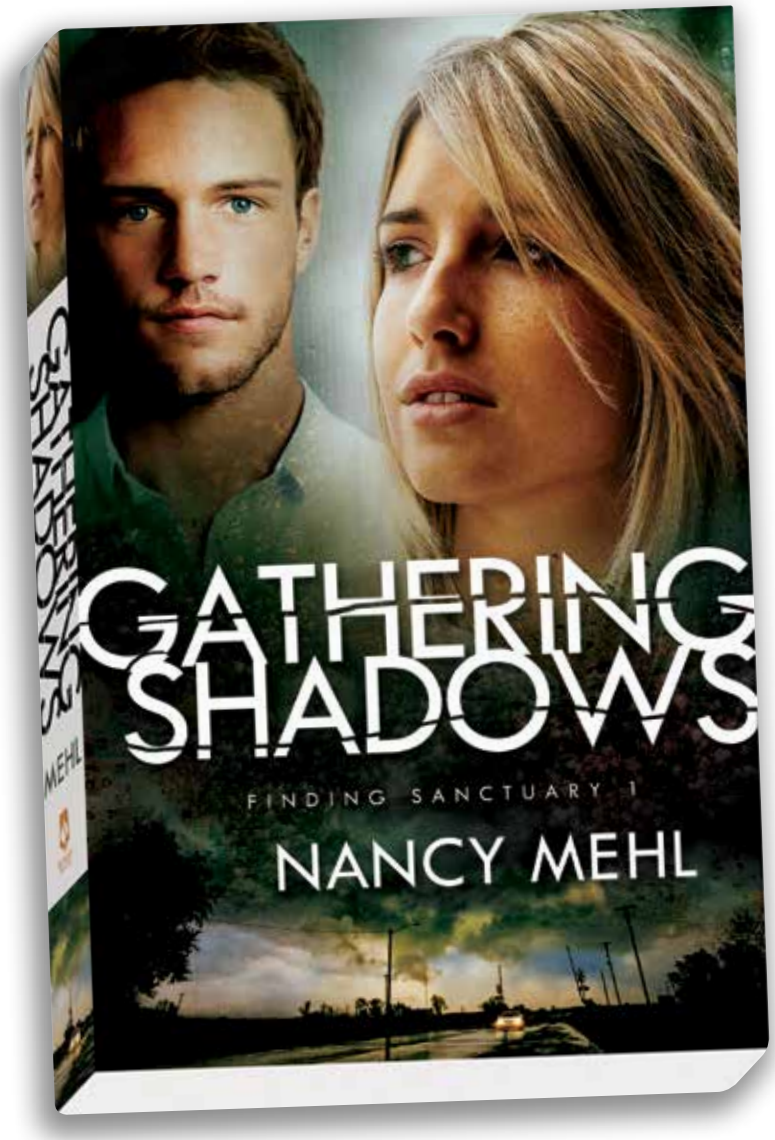

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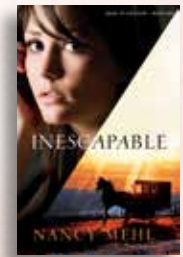

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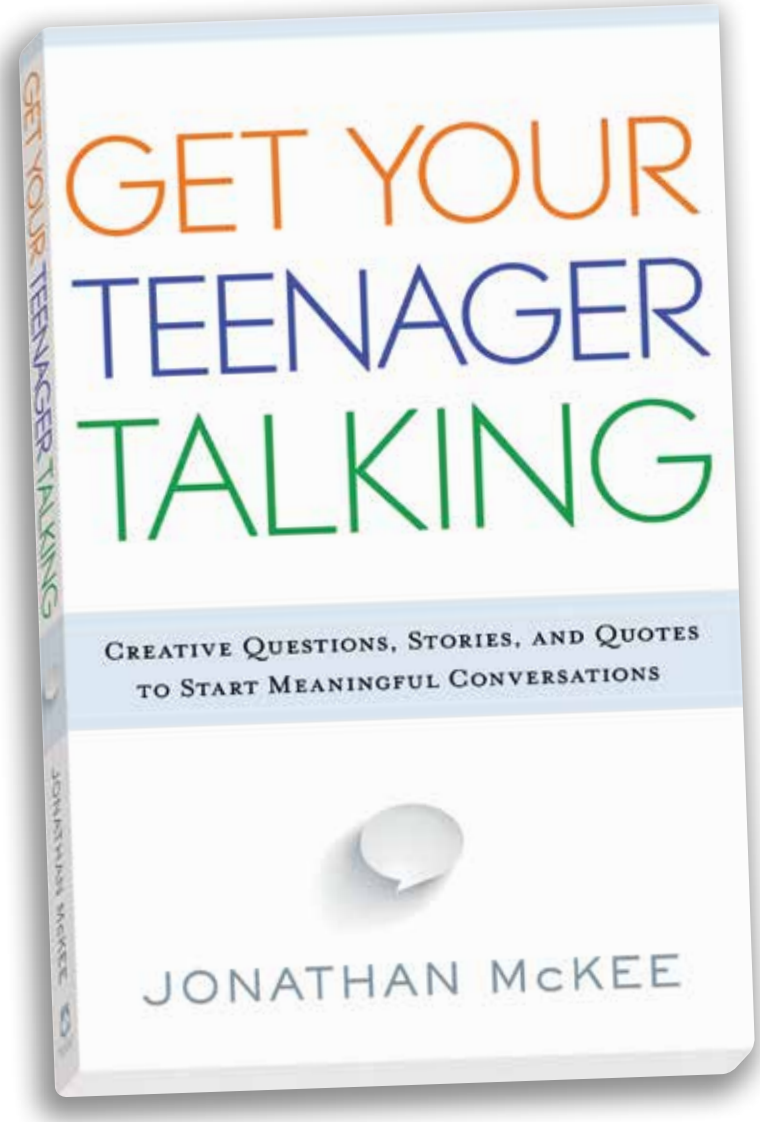

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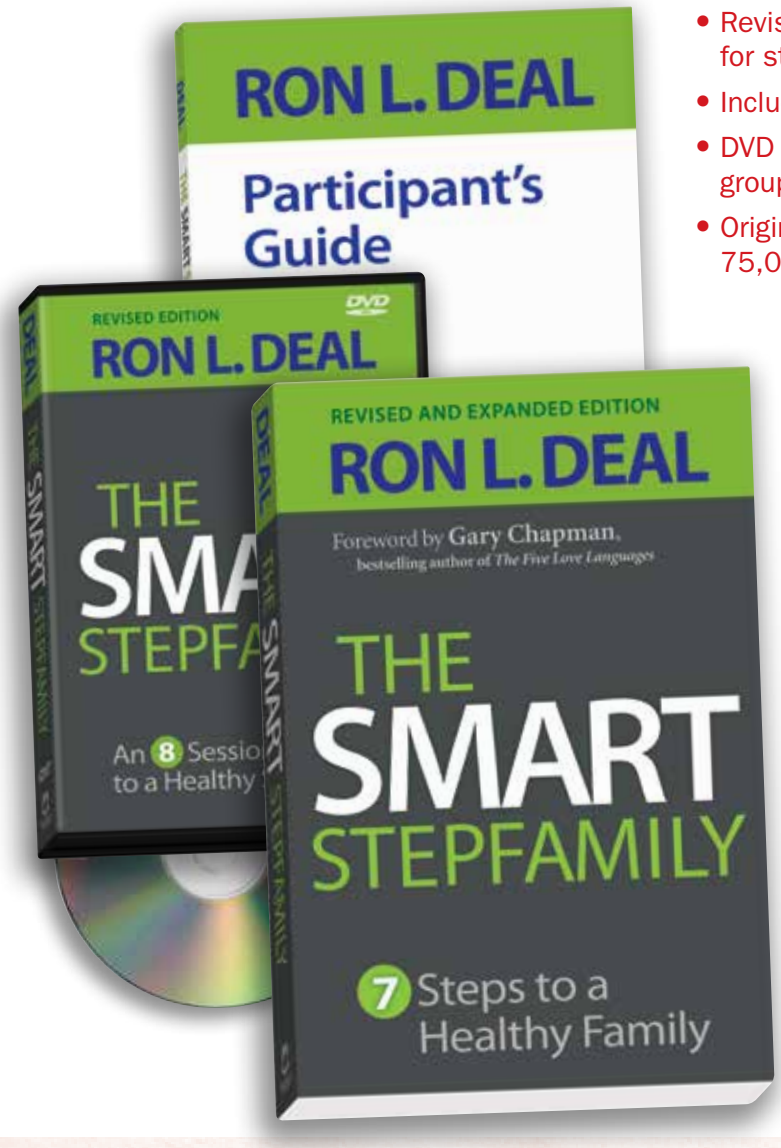

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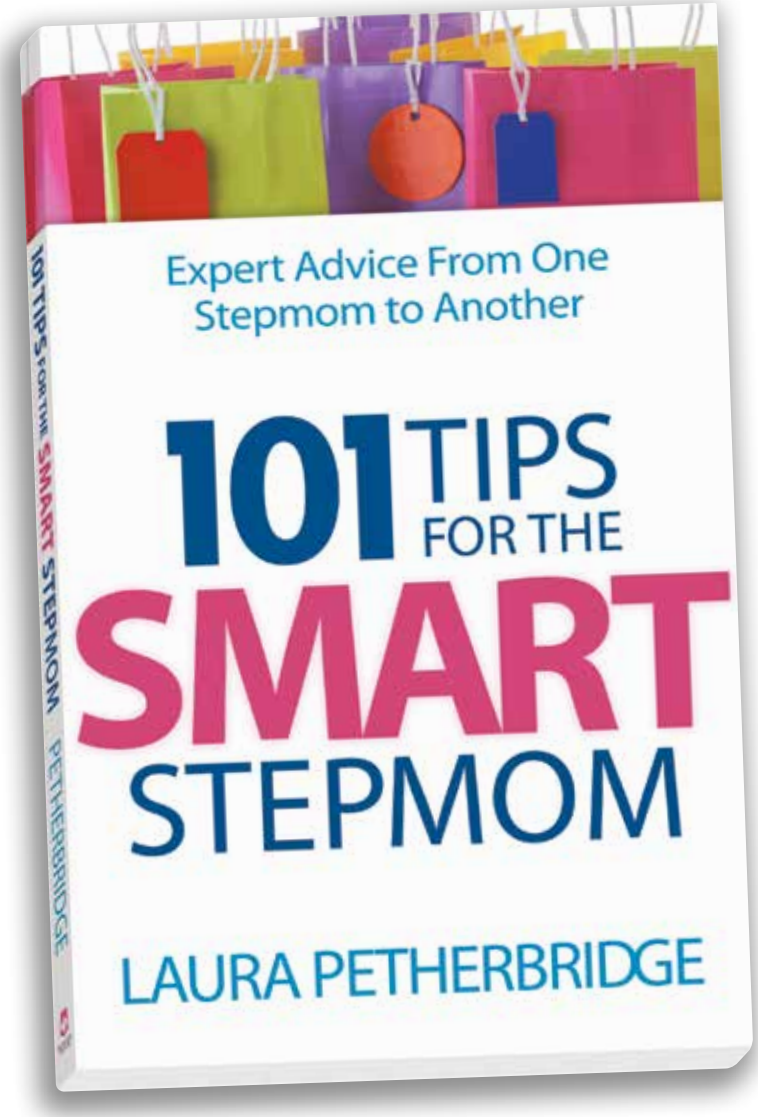

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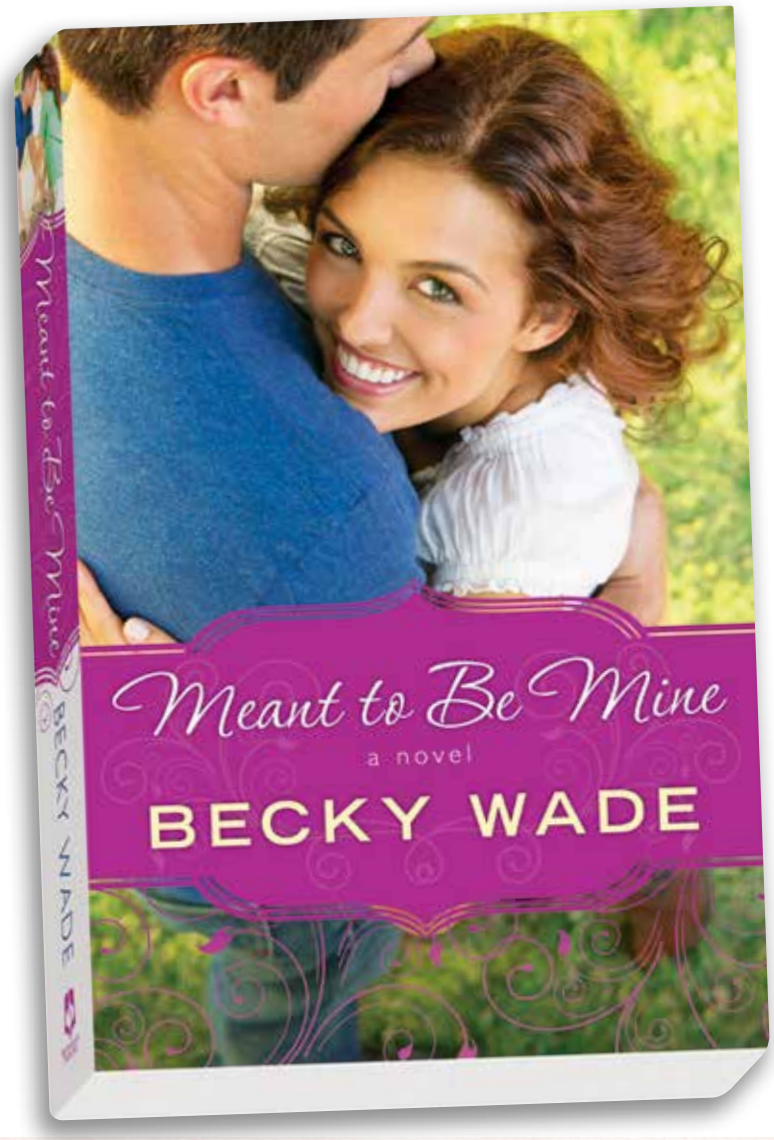

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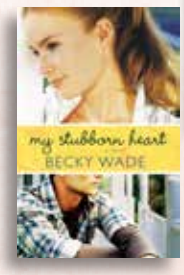

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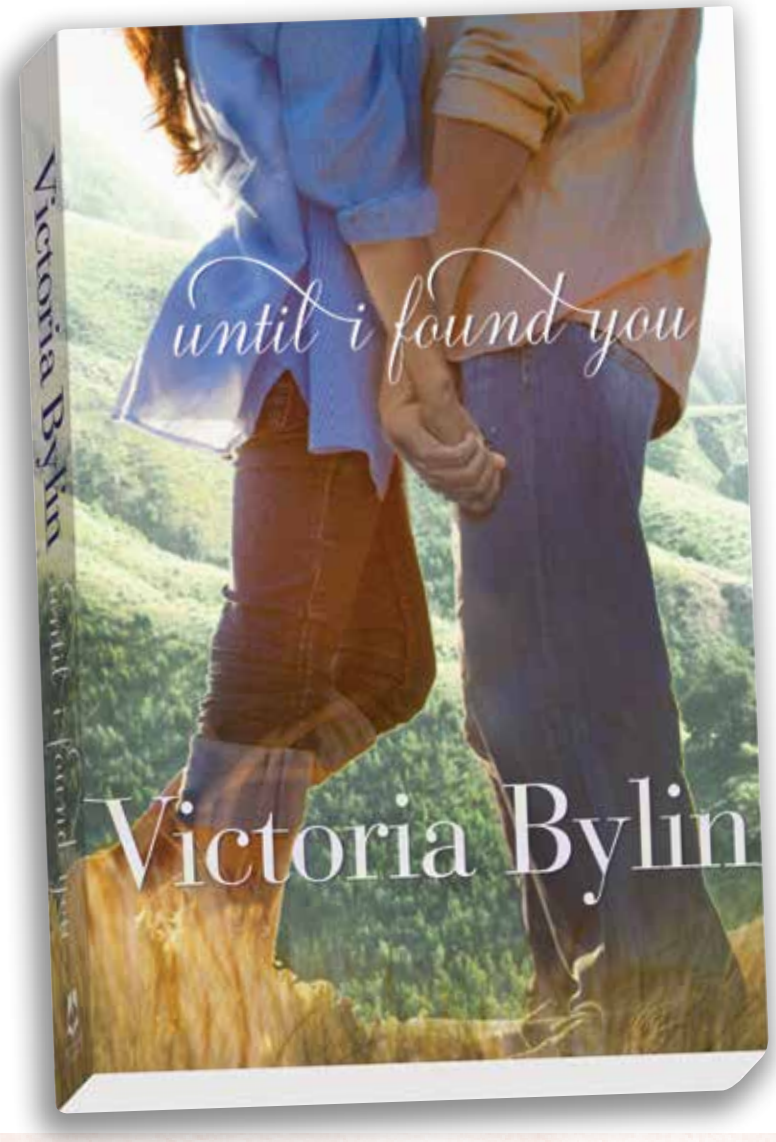

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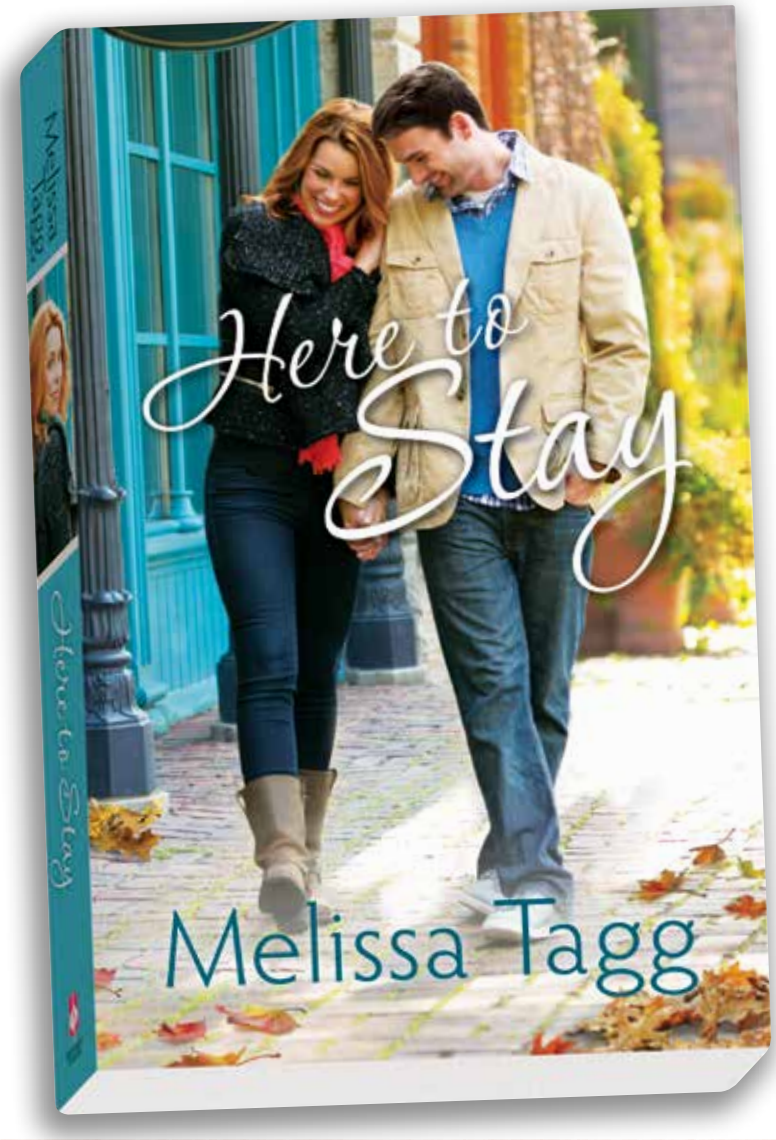

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Their families have a long history of not getting along, but when Blake comes to Autumn for help with the festival, she actually agrees . . . in exchange for his help with the repairs to her inn. They may have struck a simple deal, but complications are quick to pile on when the guy who's had enough of running away and the woman who can't wait to leave join forces.

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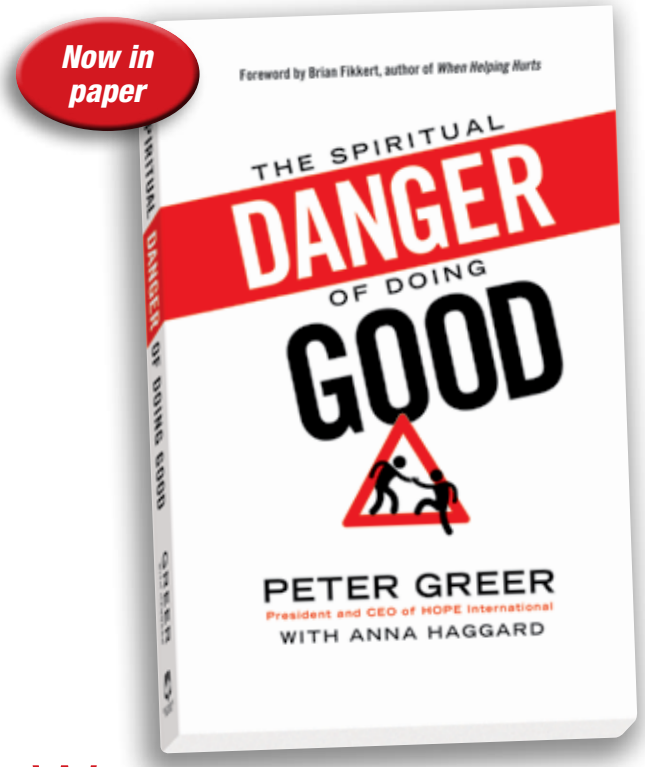

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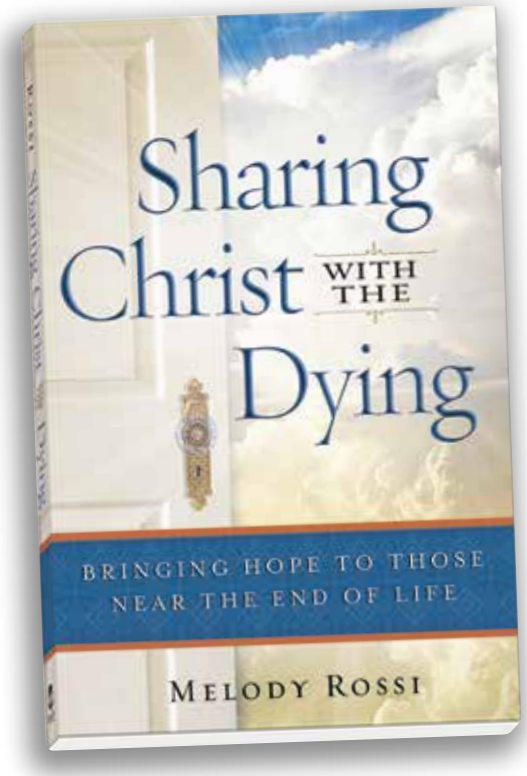
Compassionate Guide to Reaching the Lost—Before It's too Late



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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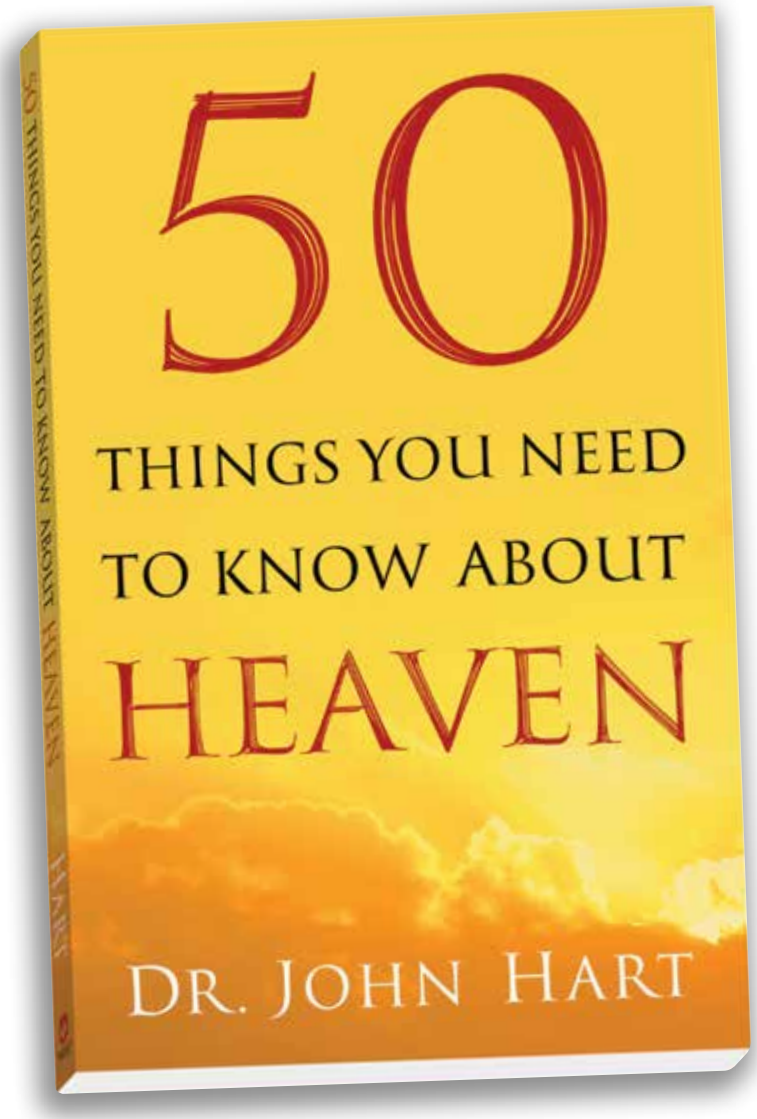

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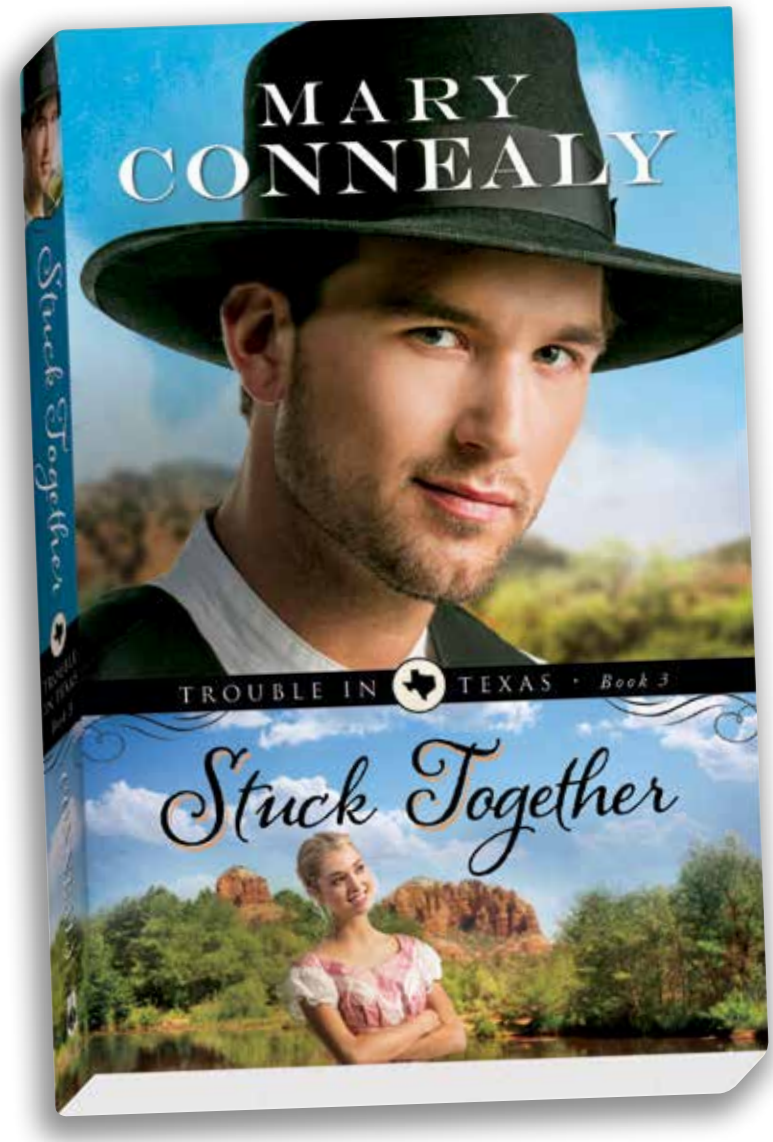

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Stuck Together

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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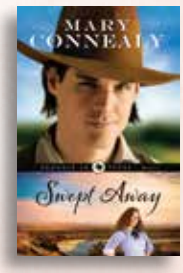

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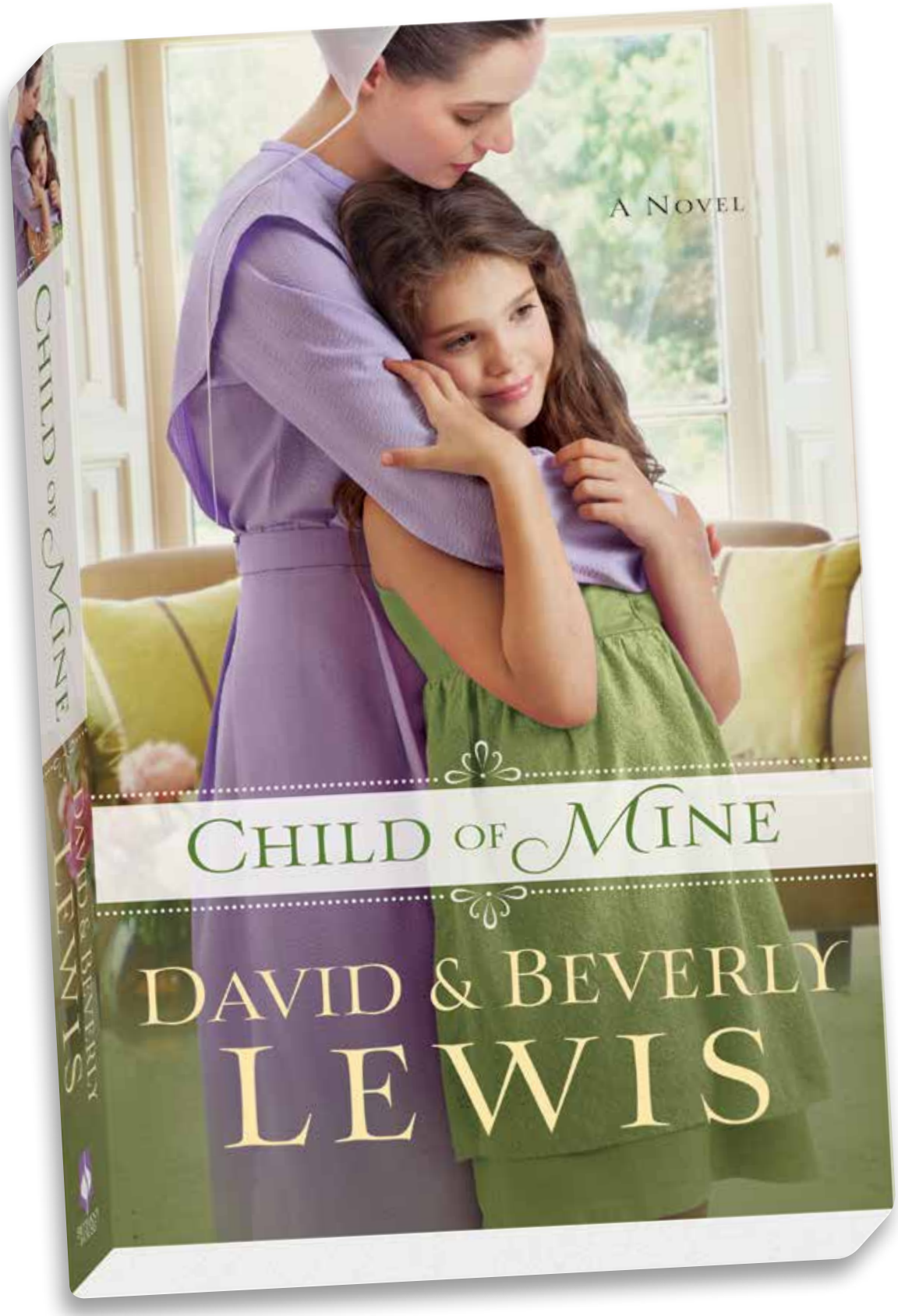

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Desperately, Kelly initiates a "chance" meeting with Jack Livingston. It goes really well. So well, in fact, that Jack asks her out. One date leads to another, and before she can come clean with her original motives, Kelly realizes Jack is falling for her—and she for him.

Now how can she tell Jack why she's really here? And having gotten to know Natalie, what if she isn't her long-lost daughter, after all? This was all supposed to be so simple.

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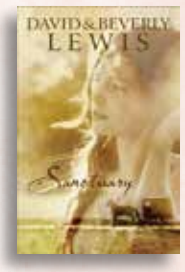

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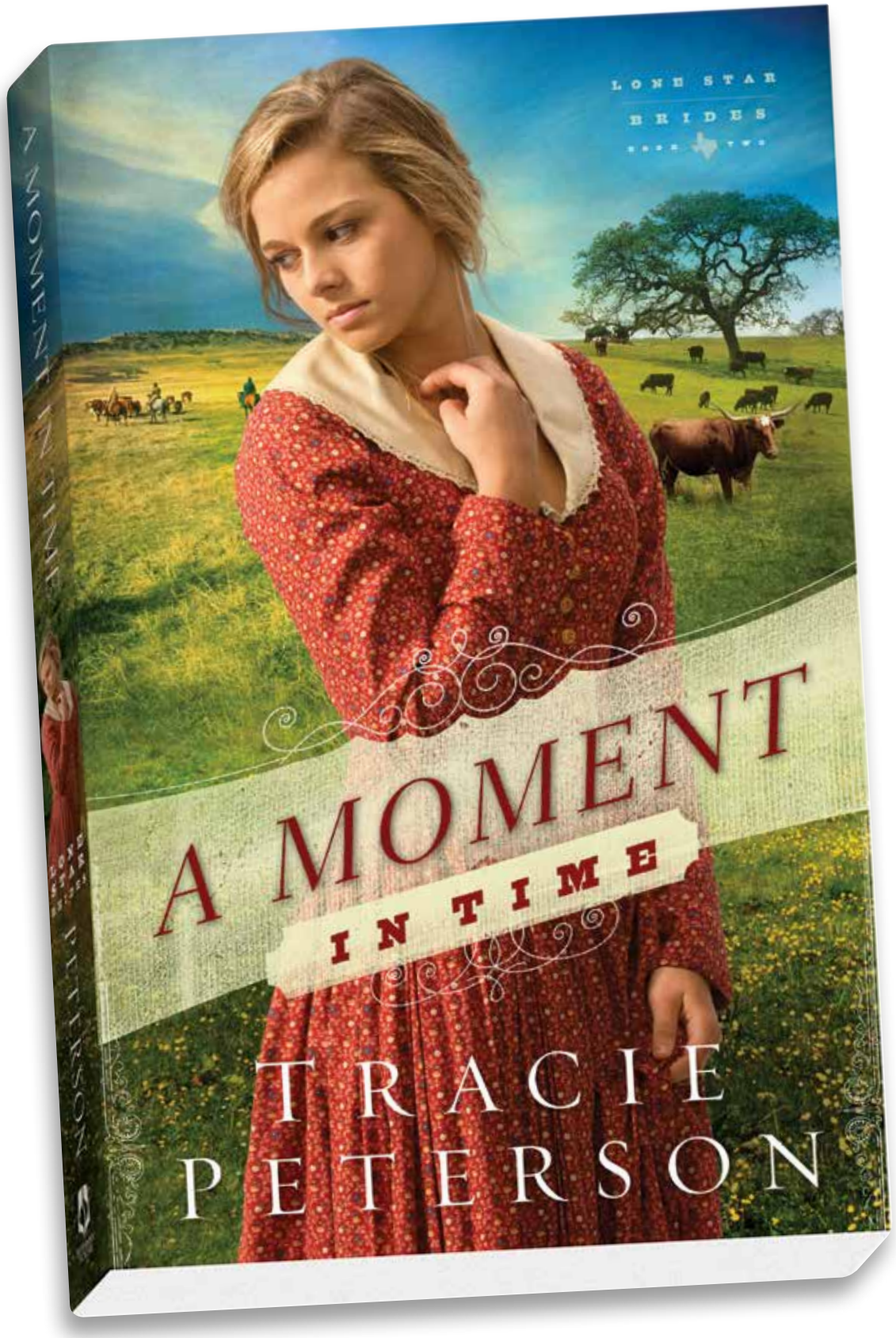

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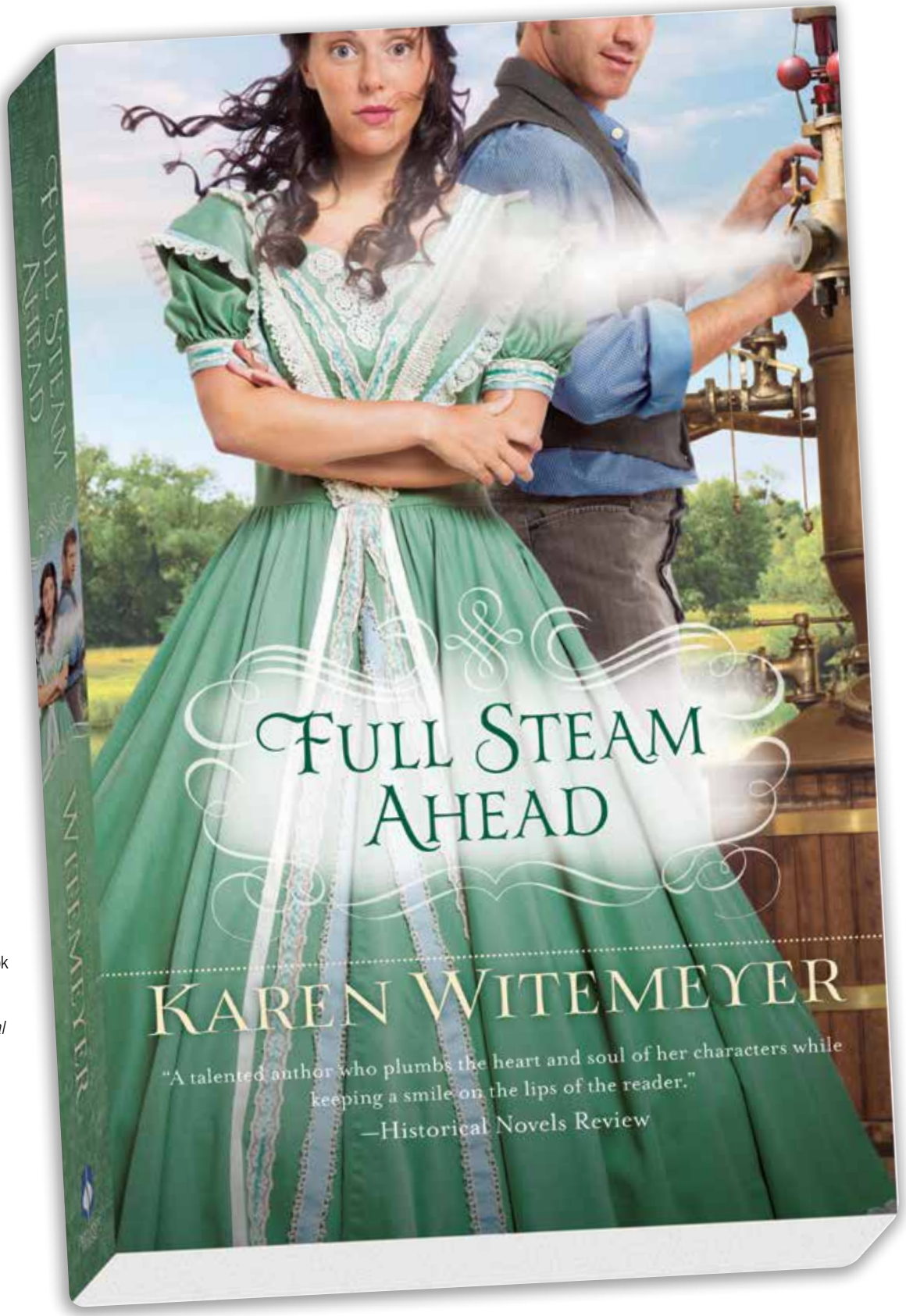

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Vowing to secure a suitable marriage partner, Nicole sets out with the Renard family's greatest treasure: a dagger personally gifted to Nicole's father by the pirate Jean Lafitte. Many believe the legend that the dagger is the source of all Renard Shipping's good fortune, though Nicole is sure her father's work ethic and honorable business practices are the keys to their success. Before she can board the steamer to New Orleans, Nicole finds her father's rivals—the Jenkins brothers—on either side of the gangplank, ready to grab her and steal the dagger. Quickly, she decides to instead travel north, to Liberty, Texas, where she can decide what to do next.

Darius Thornton needs a secretary—someone to help him get his notes in order. Ever since the boiler explosion aboard the *Louisiana,* Darius has been a man obsessed. He will do anything to stop even one more steamship disaster. The pretty young socialite who applies for the job baffles him with her knowledge of mathematics and steamships. He decides to take a risk and hire her, but he's determined her attractive face and fancy clothes won't distract him from his important research.

The job offer comes at exactly the right time for Nicole. With what Darius is paying her, she'll be able to afford passage to New Orleans in mere weeks. But Mr. Thornton is so reclusive, so distant, so unusual. He can create complex scientific equations but can't remember to comb his hair. And his experiments are growing more and more dangerous. Still, there are undeniable sparks of attraction between them. But Nicole is leaving soon, and if she marries, it must be to a man who can manage a shipping empire. Darius certainly doesn't fit that description. And the Jenkins brothers have not given up on kidnapping Nicole and seizing the Lafitte dagger for themselves.

Full Steam Ahead

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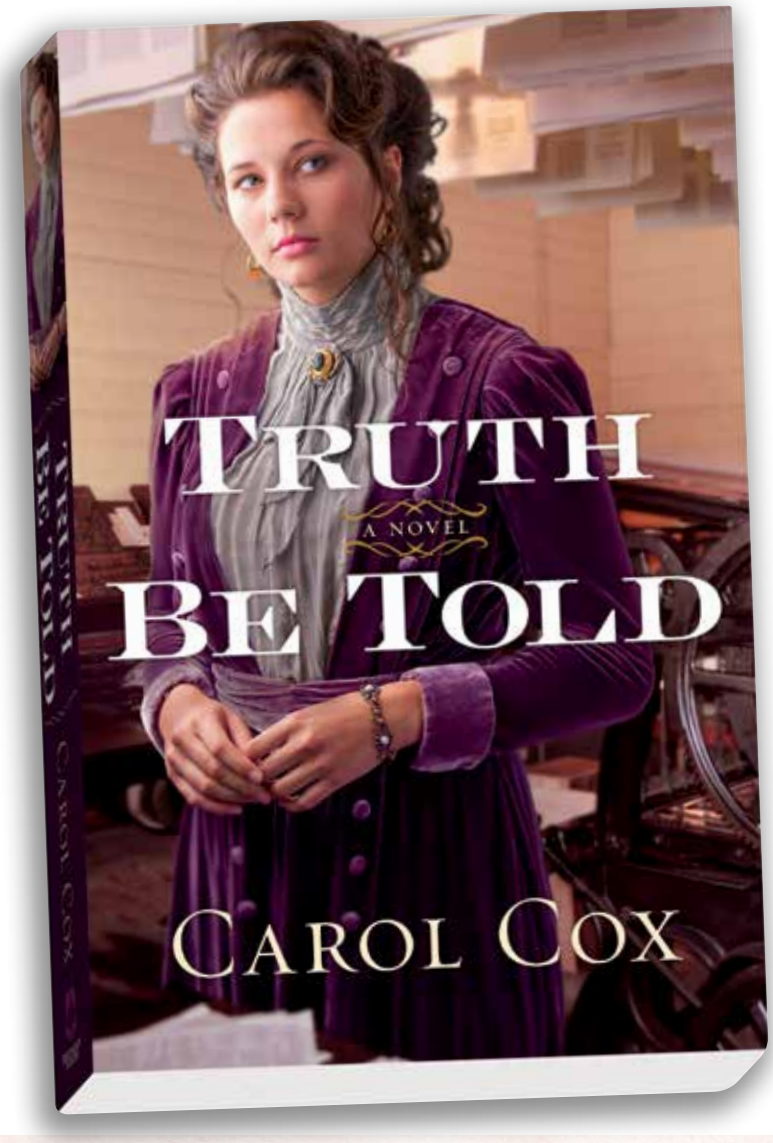

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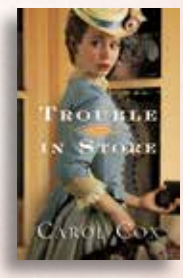

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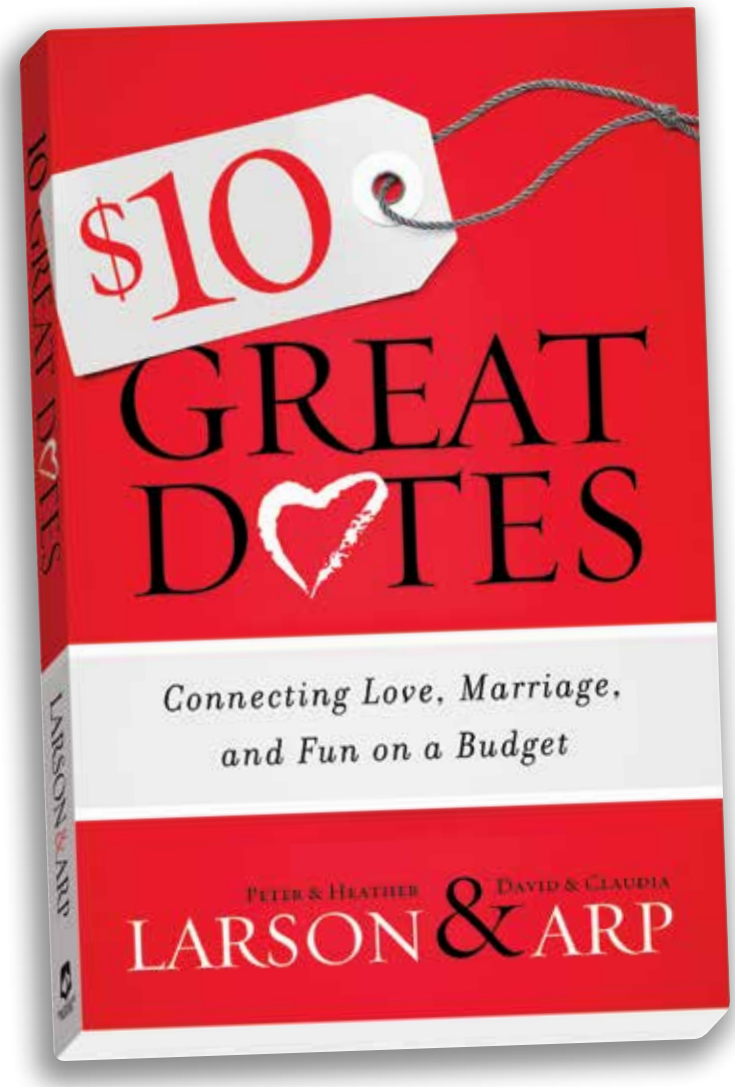

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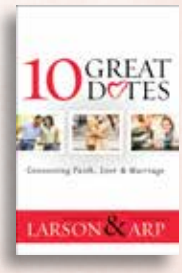

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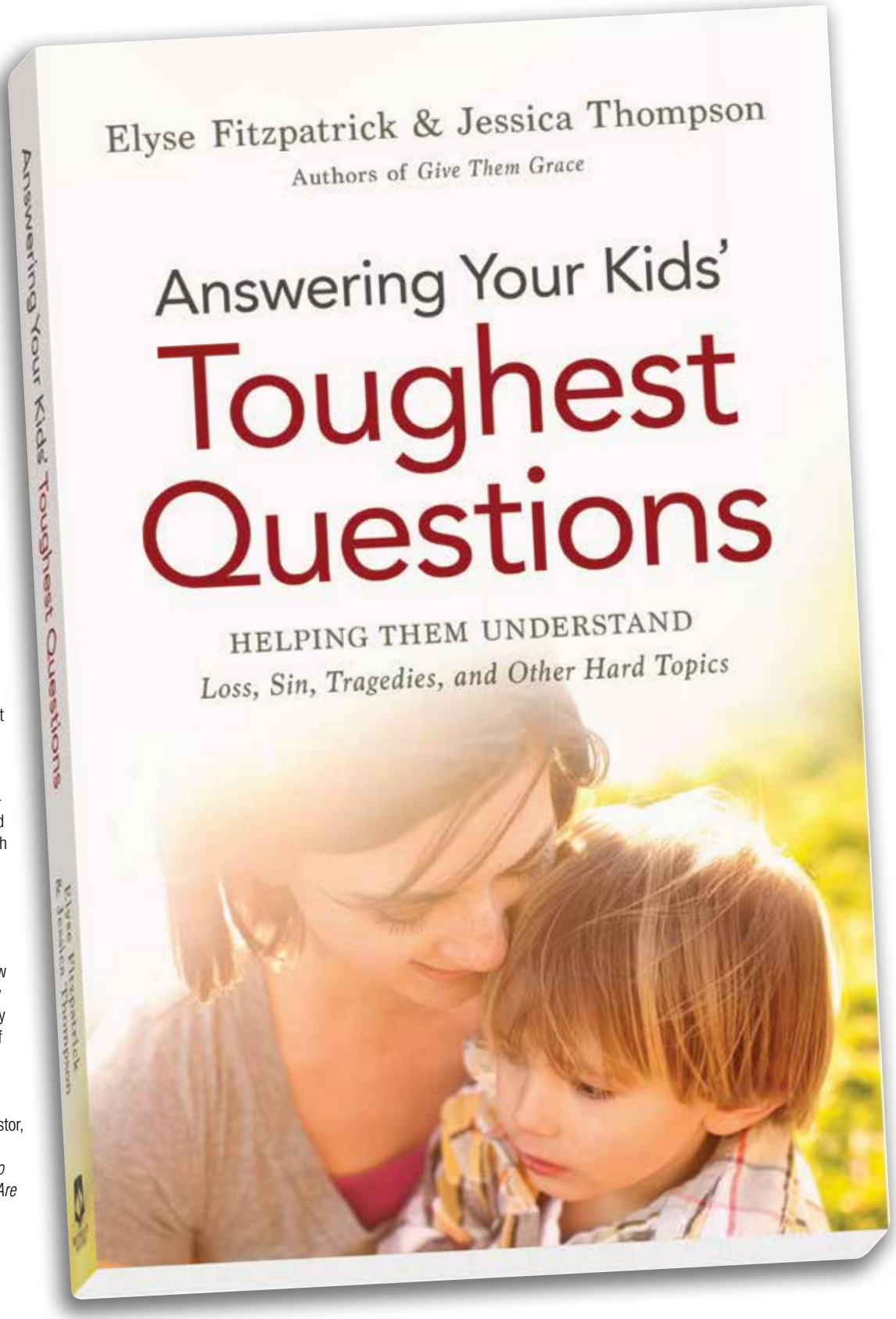

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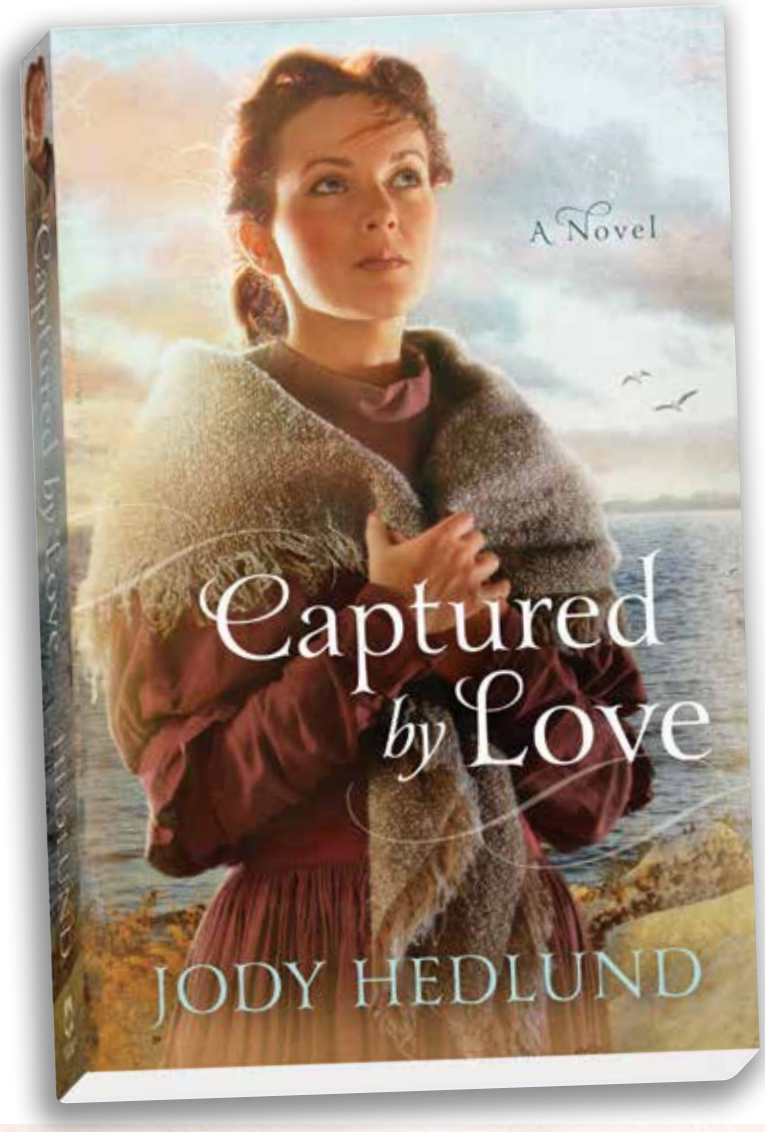

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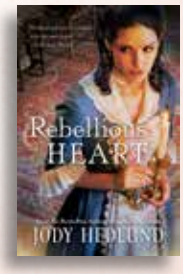

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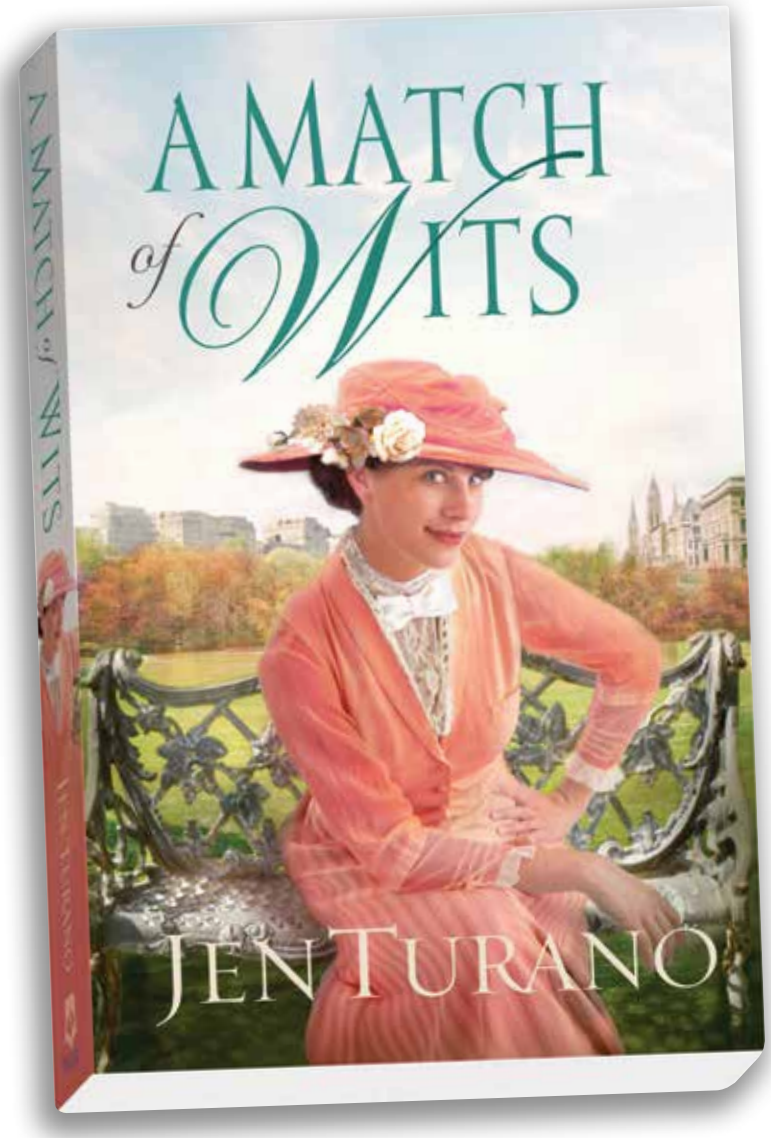

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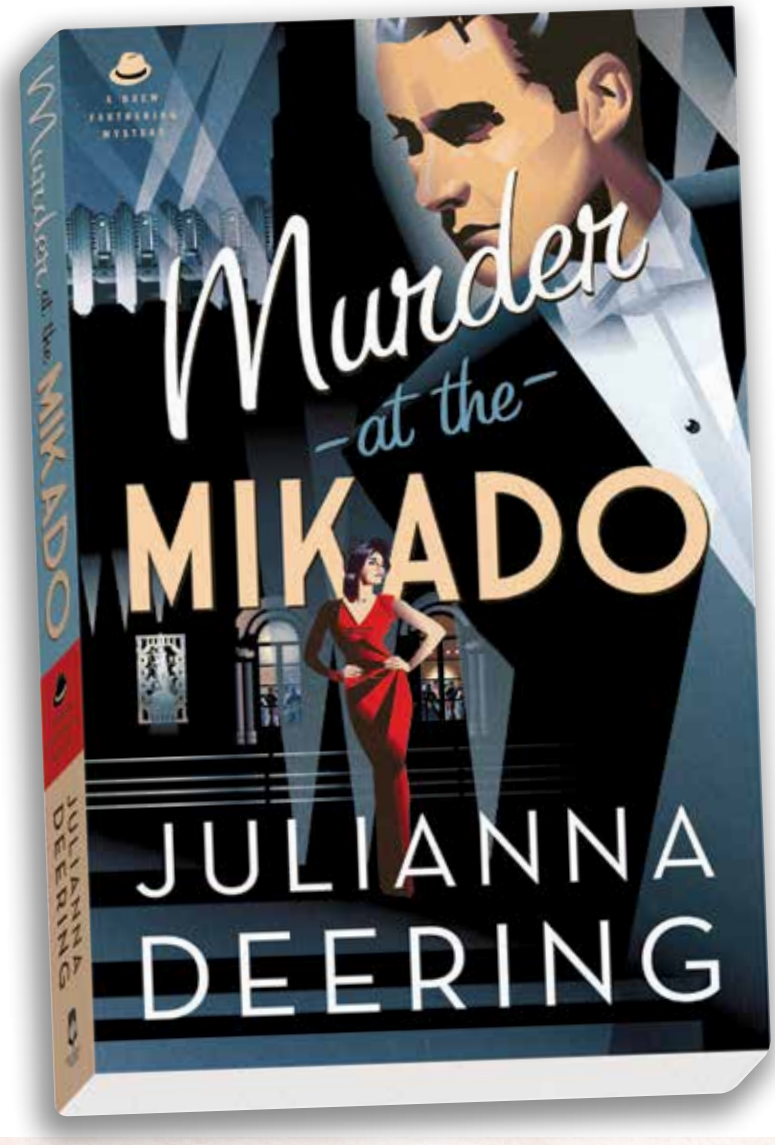

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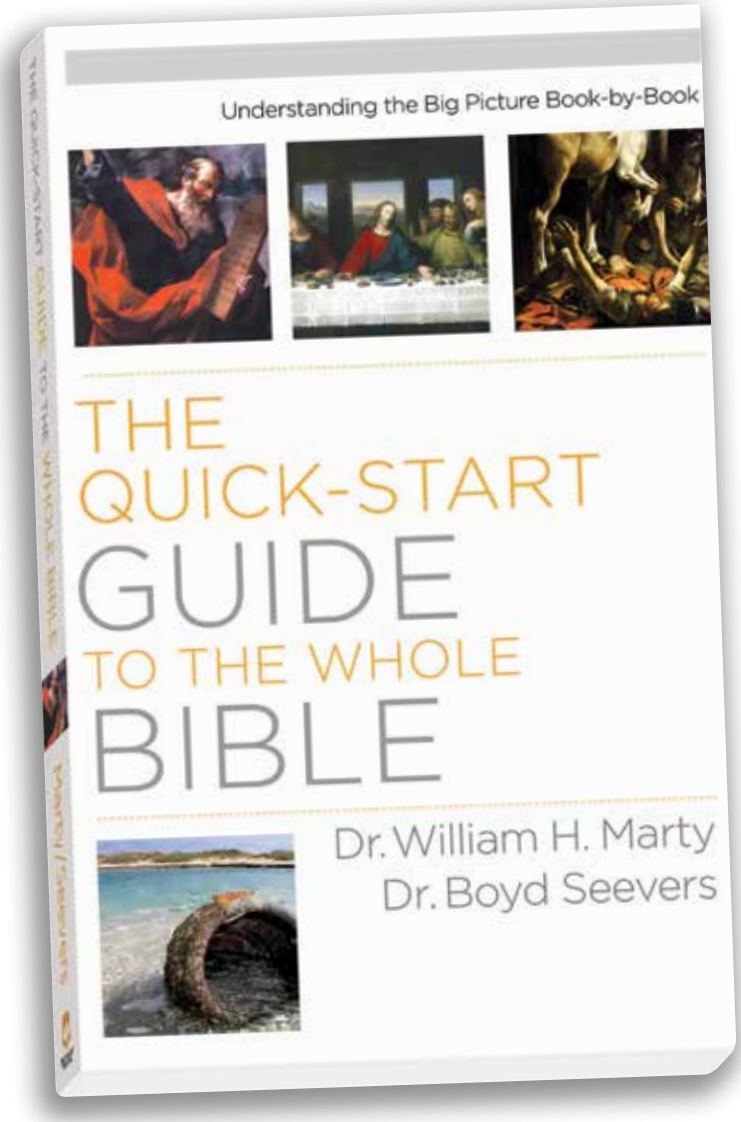

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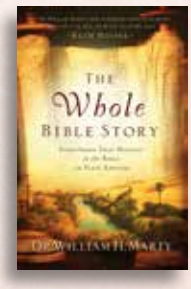

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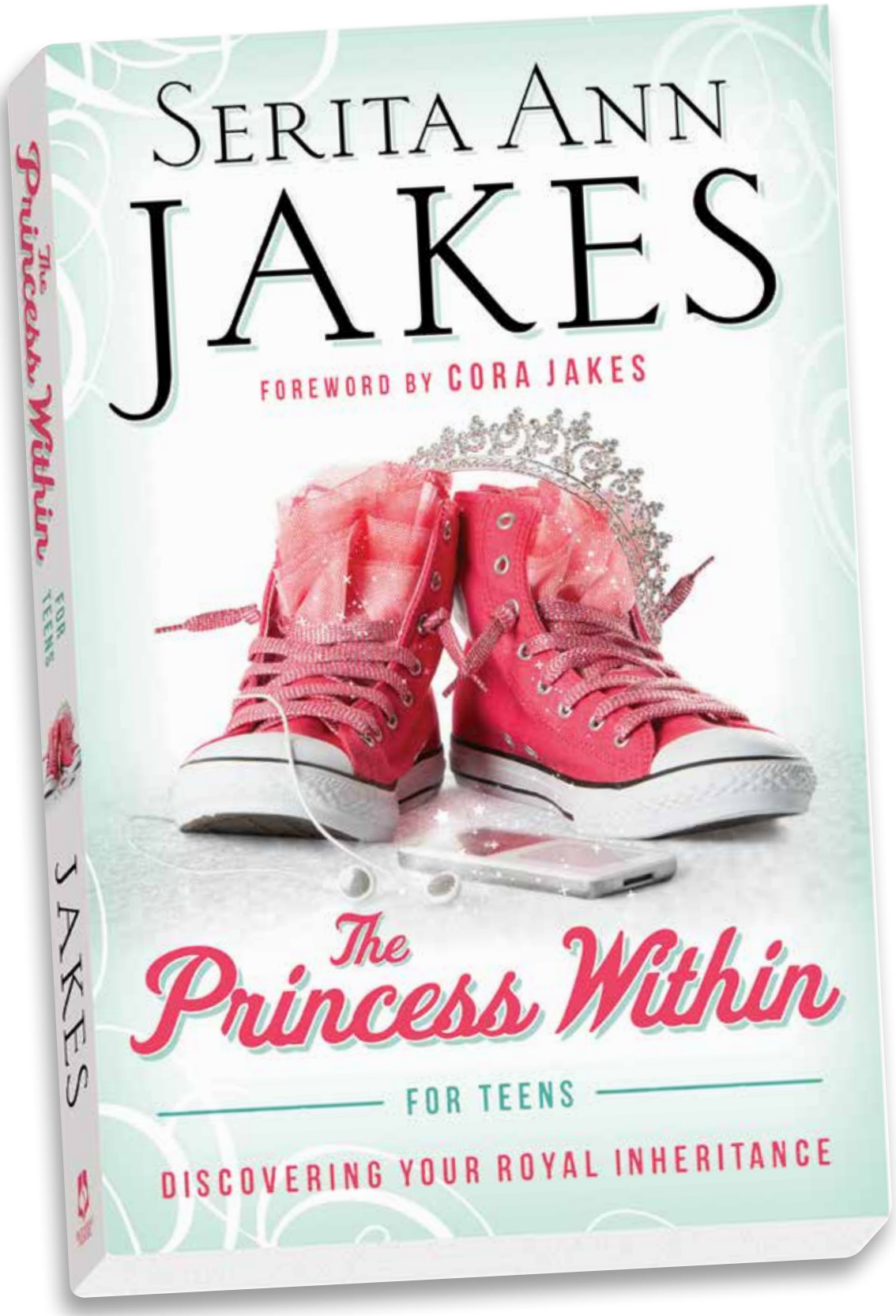

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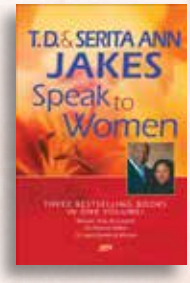

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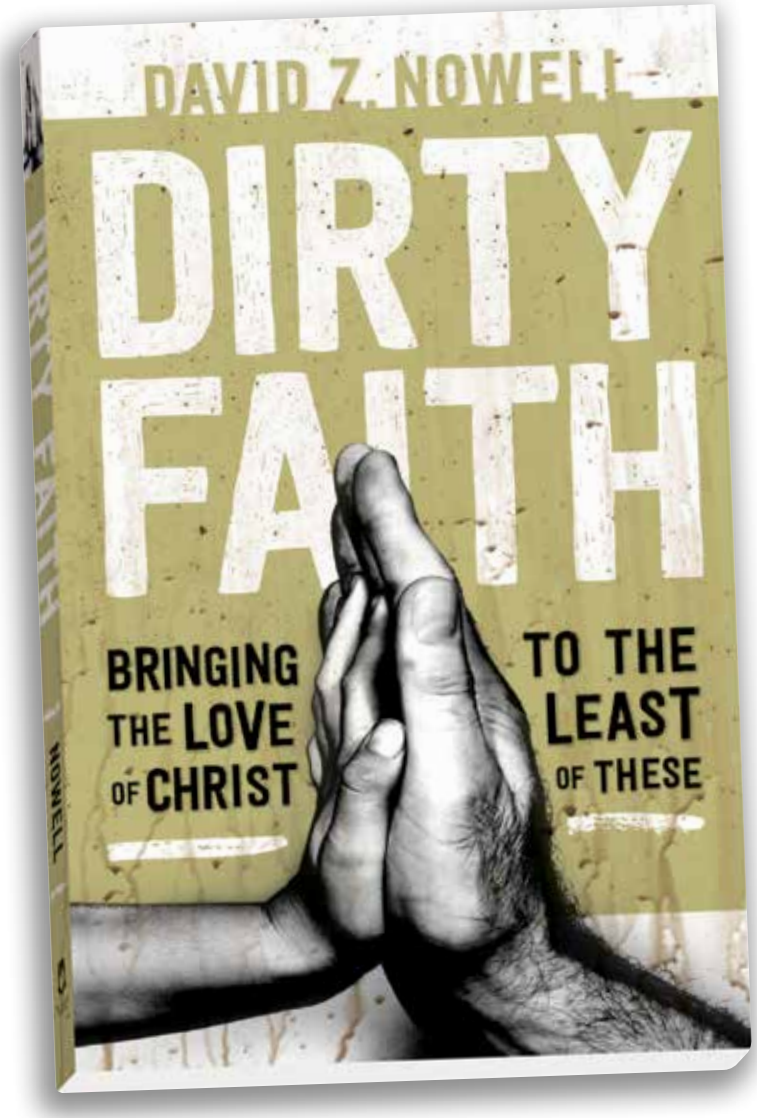

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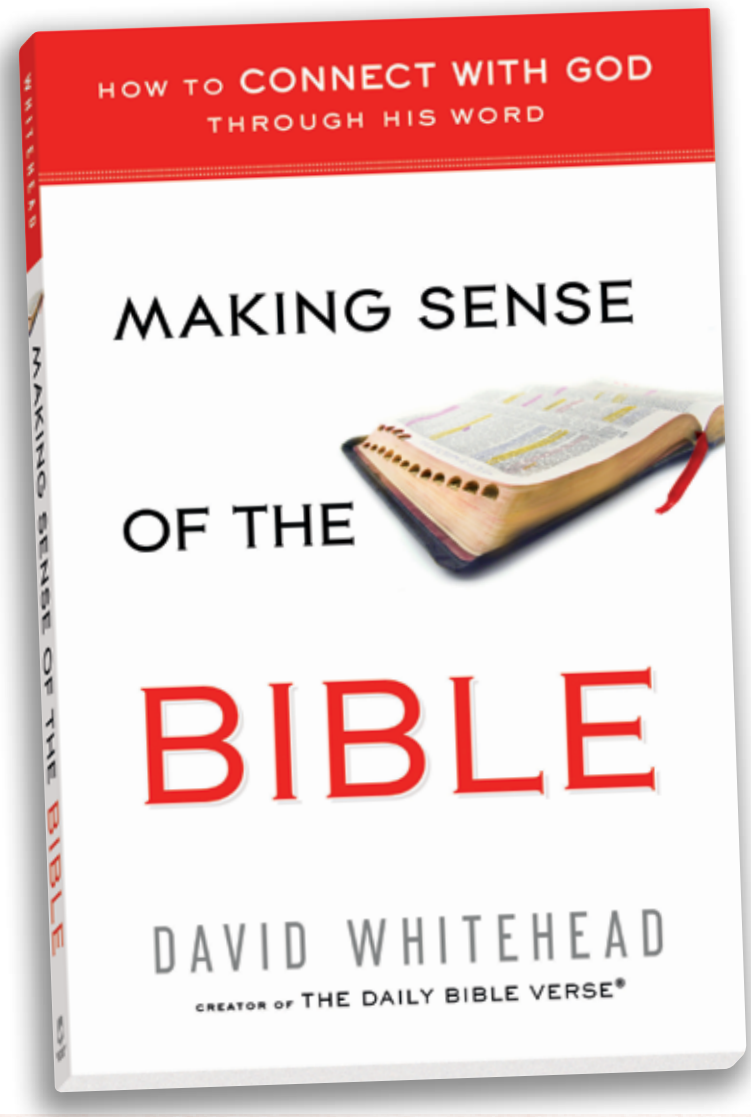

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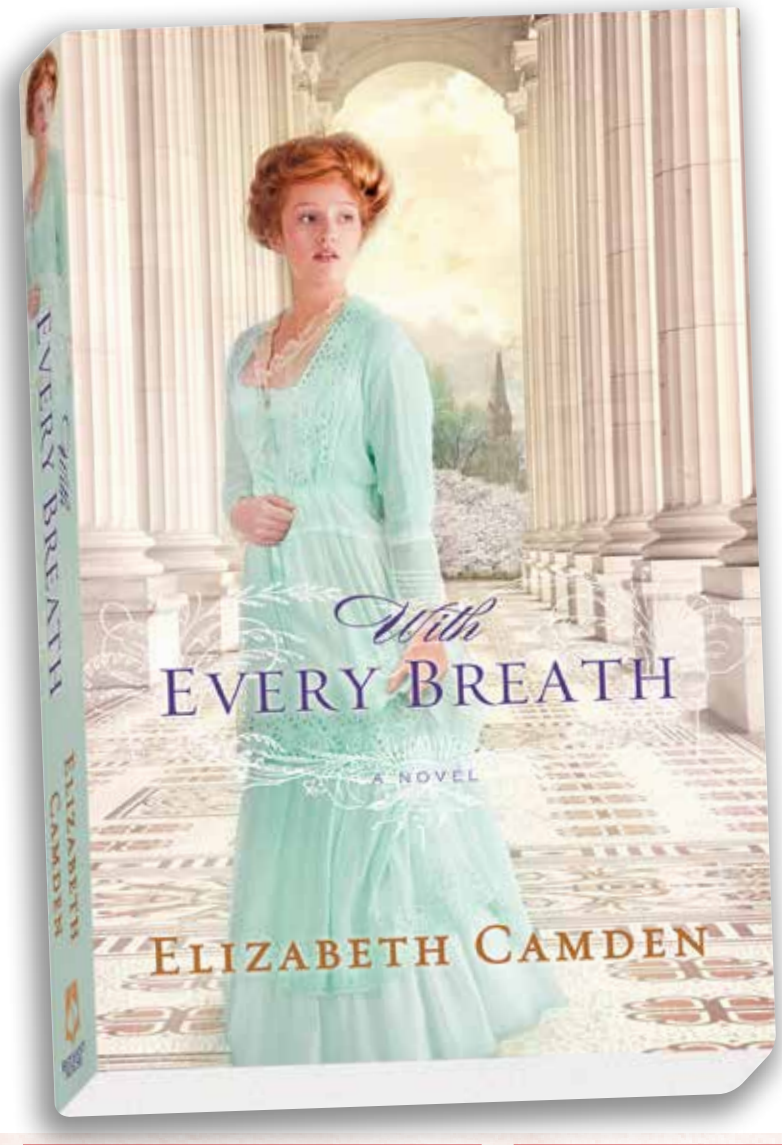

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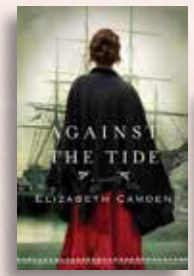

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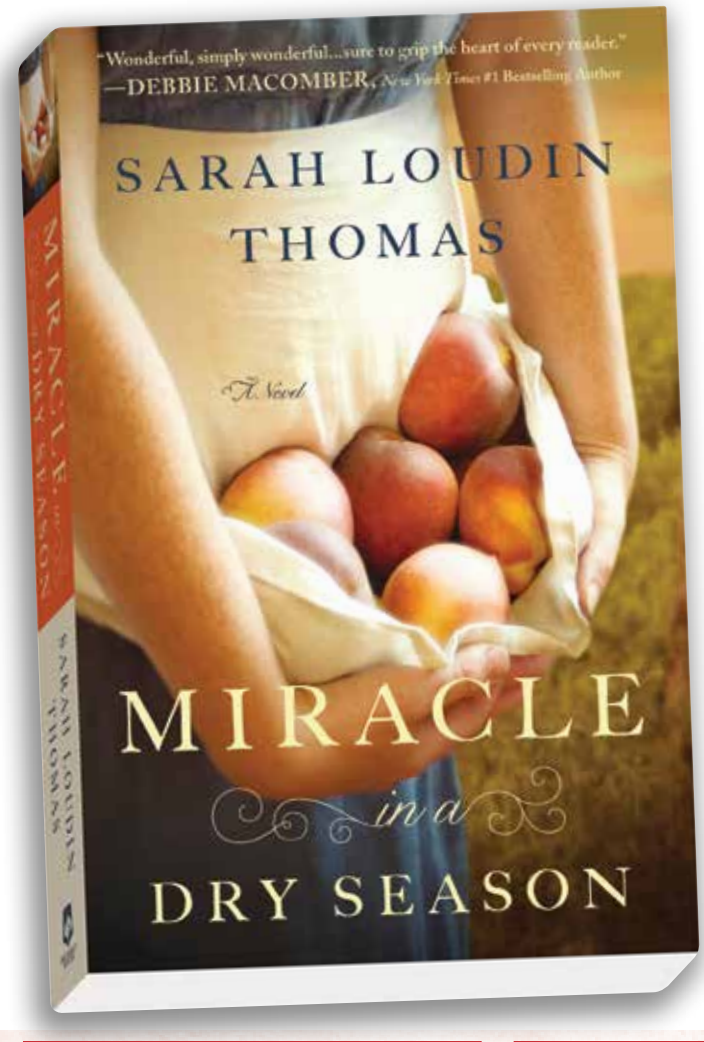

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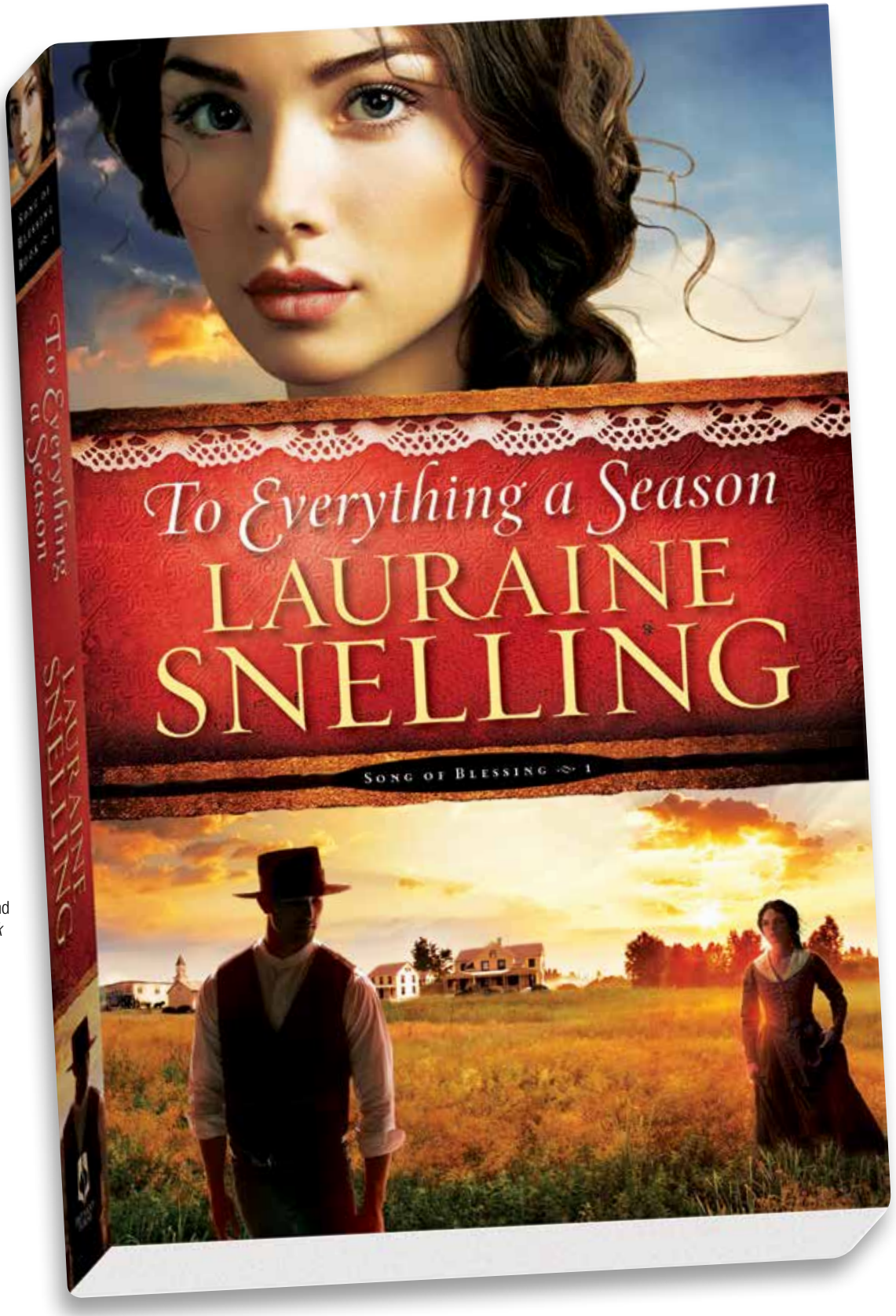

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A long time ago, she had a baby. But he got adopted and she never saw him again. Now she's sad and wishes she could find him. Her name is Doctor Lange and her birthday is in May. She's going to be sixty and she's been real sick and this would cheer her up a lot.

She's a very nice lady. She teaches at a college and makes awesome cookies and gave me a present on my birthday last year. This year, I want to give her a present.

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Haley

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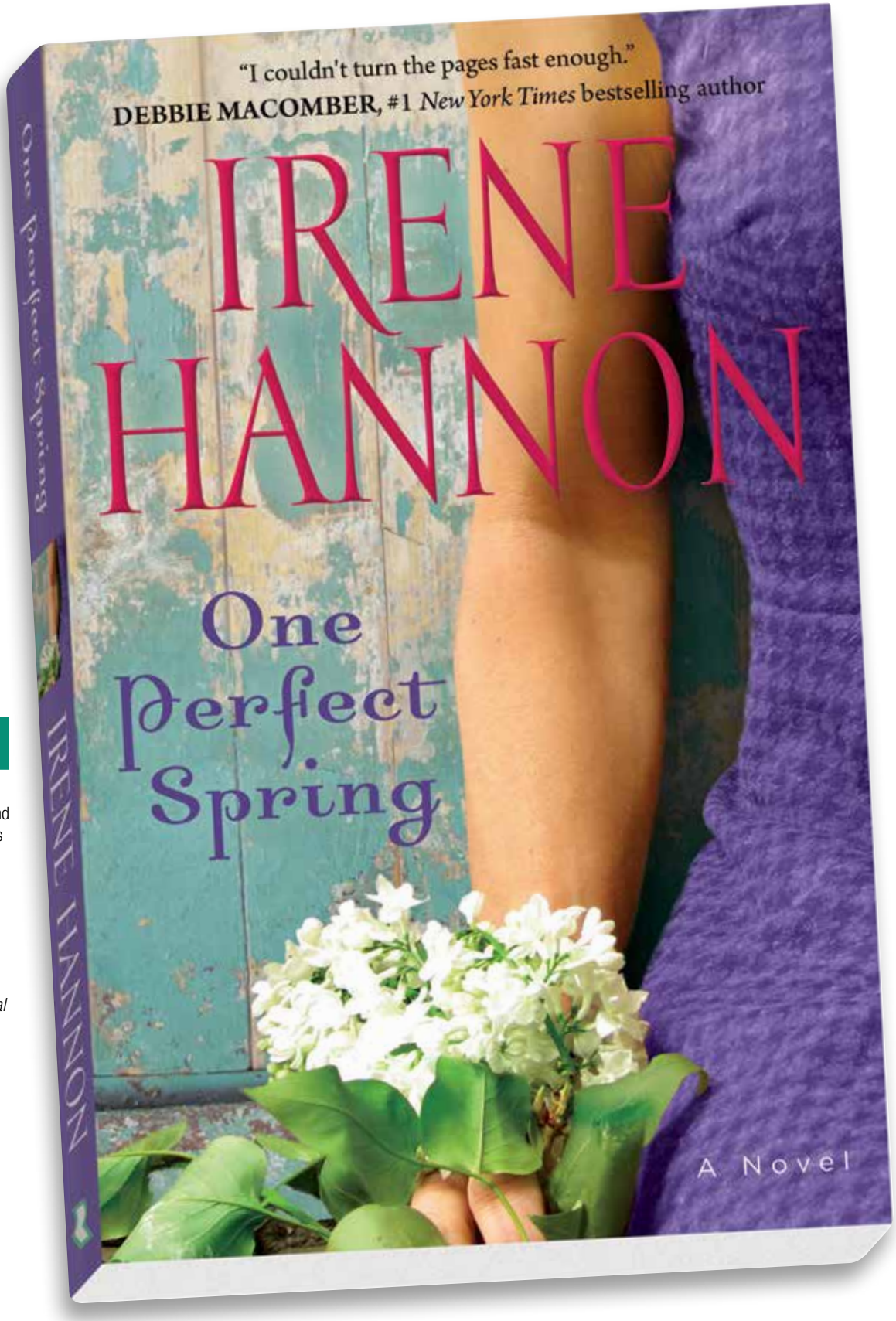

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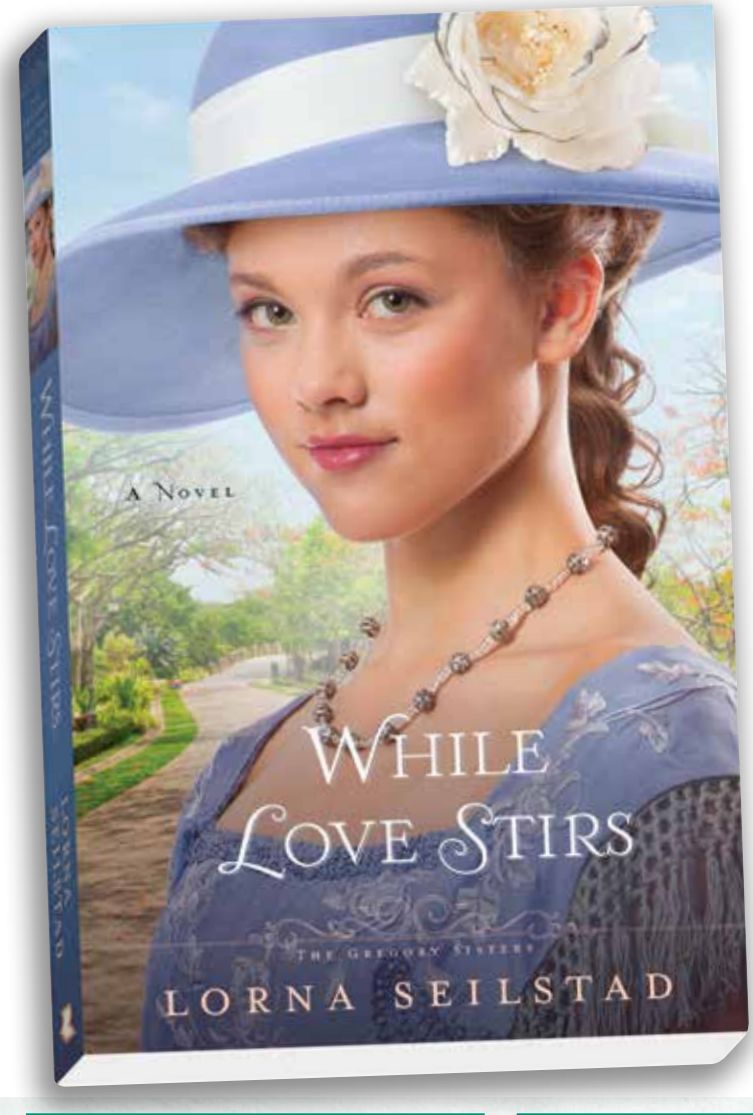

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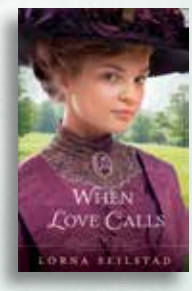

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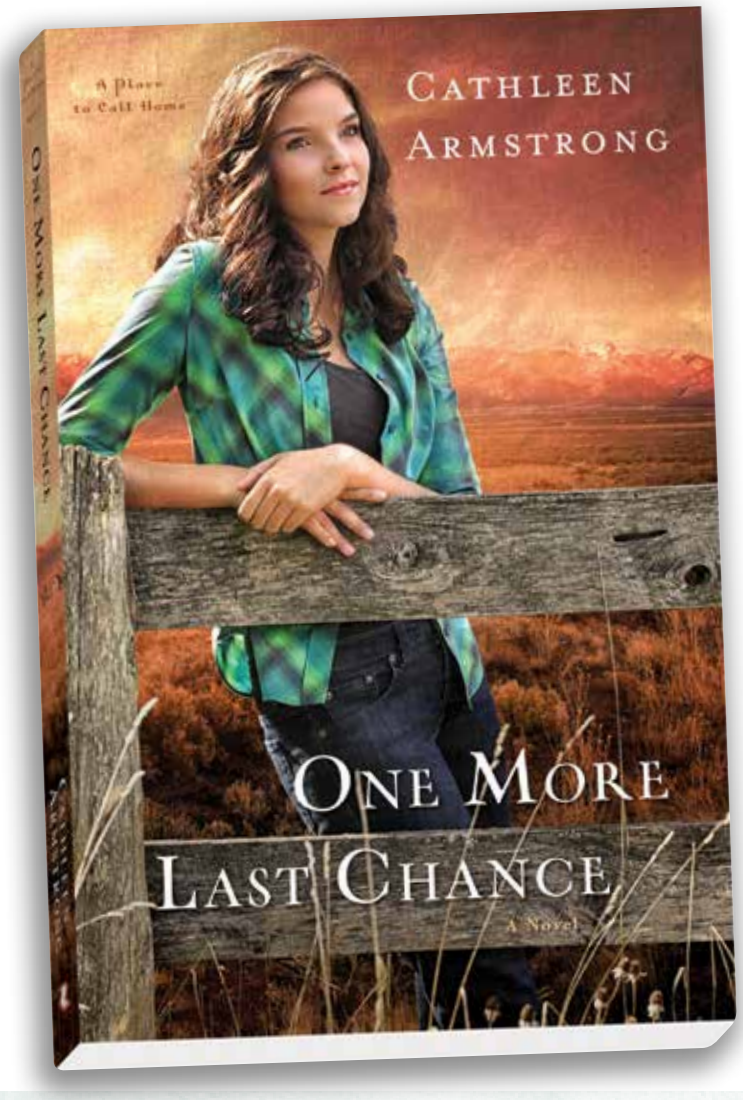

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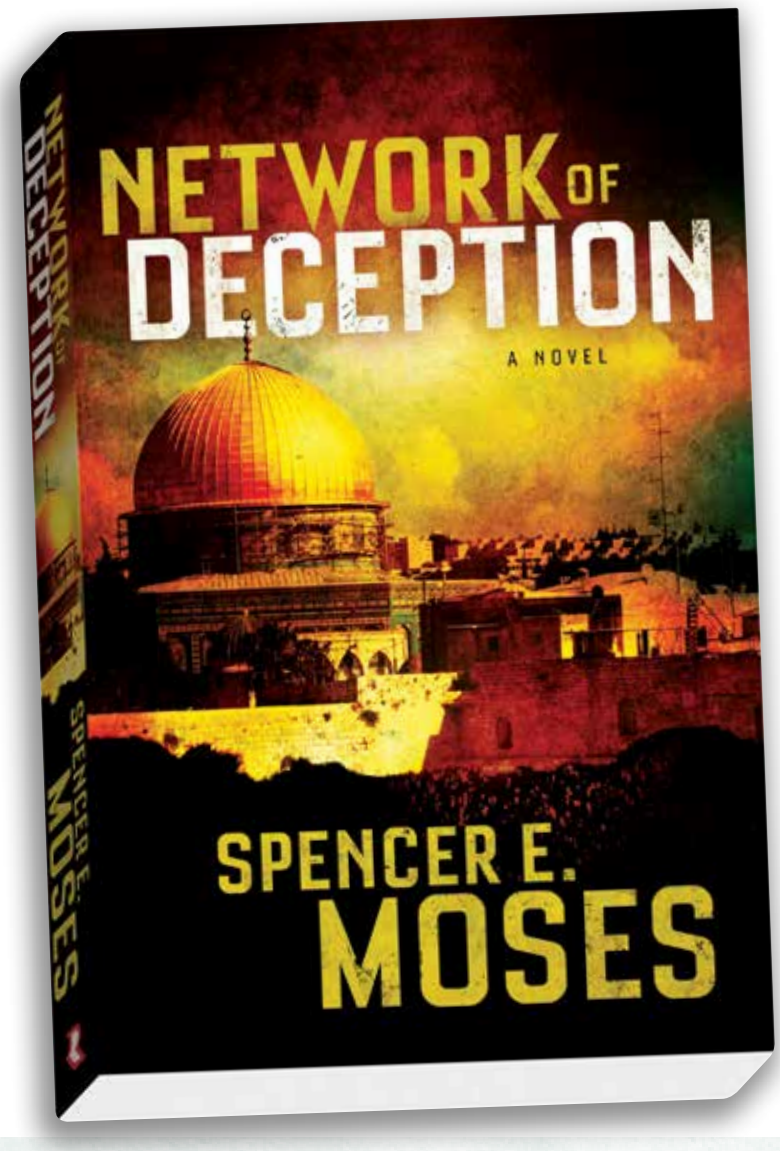

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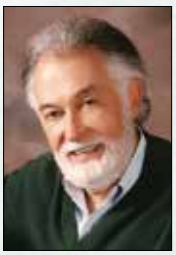

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"Gilbert's writing is smooth and

EXCERPT

Like most people, Claire Massey had a long list of things she'd never done.

Claire travelled the world, but somehow had missed seeing the aurora borealis and its pretty colors, except in photographs. For years, she'd planned on taking French cooking lessons, but time ticked by and her hands never slipped a tray of homemade croissants into her fancy Thermador oven.

Her feet had never run a marathon. She'd never written a novel.

And until today, she'd never been inside the walls of a prison.

Claire fingered the fine-grain leather bag in her lap as the car slowly moved through heavy metal gates and past the guard tower that strangely resembled a childhood fort.

"You okay, Mom?"

Claire startled at her son's voice. "What? Uh . . . yes, I'm fine." Her hand plunged inside her purse for her Dolce & Gabbanas. The sunglasses were a gift from Tuck. He'd slipped the gold-foiled package across the table to her at Riatas, his favorite steakhouse. *A little something for his darlin',* he'd said.

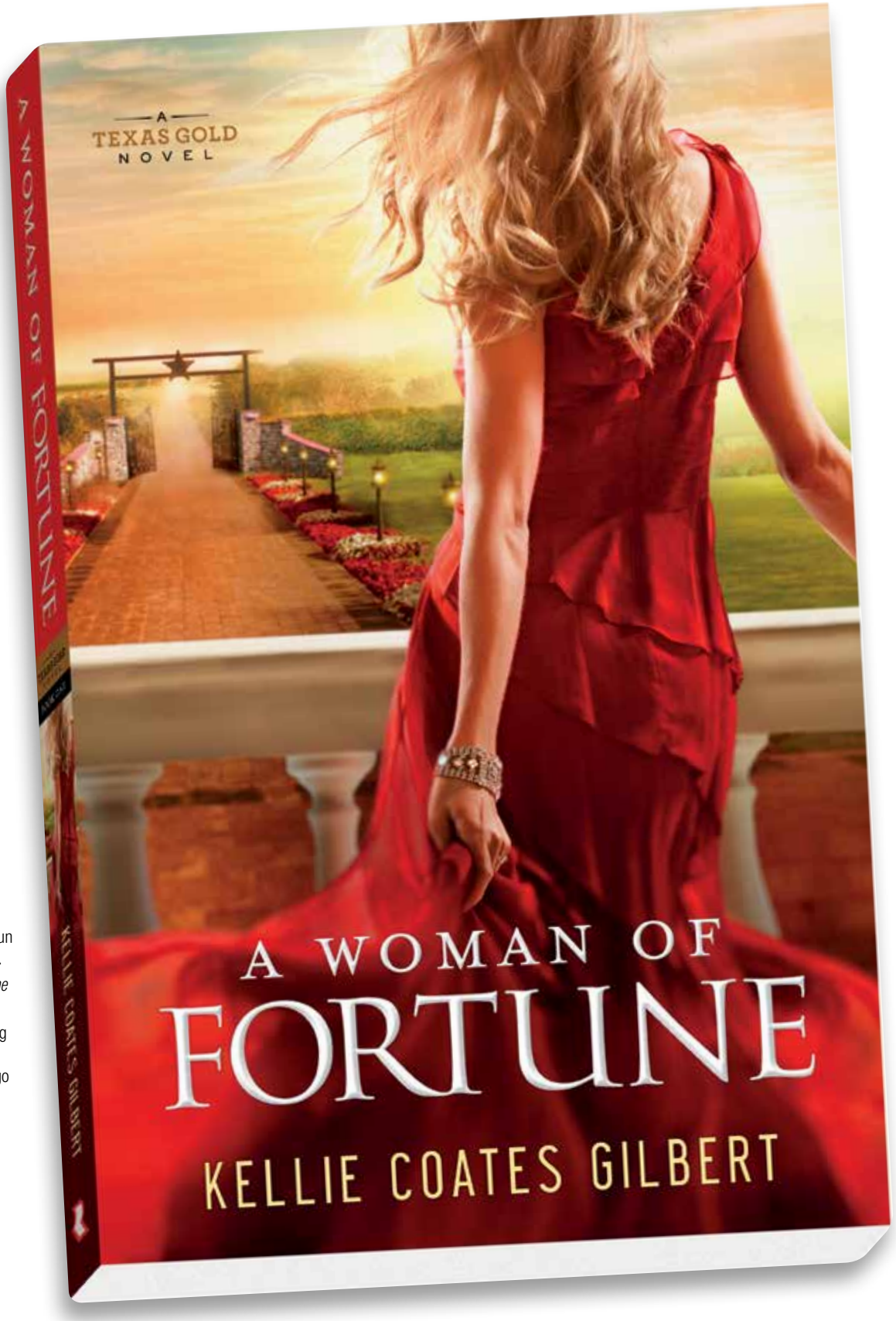
Max took a deep breath. "You don't have to do this, you know."

Claire nodded, keeping her eyes averted from the razor wire that cut a line across the horizon. She slipped the glasses on, glad for the barrier between her budding tears and the harsh Texas sun reflecting off the building looming ahead.

She swallowed. Hard. *This was no time to lose it.*

Max pulled one hand from the steering wheel and slipped his palm over her trembling fingers. "Please Mom, let me go in with you."

Claire shook her head. "No, this is something I need to do. Alone."



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"A satisfying and compelling

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As the two sisters walked toward home, Lizzie was the first to break the silence. "Mr. Horton surprised me, to say the least."

"Why so?"

"He has been so somber, so much in grief. I wondered if he would ever recover. I have not heard him speak two words to anybody since his wife died. But look, I thought we would have to beg for a ginger cake and he gave us a sack full."

"I am so glad he feels better, then. I meant to give him my condolences, but truly, I did not want to see the sadness in his eyes."

"I think that best. At this juncture, if he may be happy for a moment or two 'tis a good thing for him." She glanced quickly at her shoes and looked away. "I have worried that you could never find a suitor in Mowsley, and look at you! You managed to catch the eye of the most eligible man here. I think most people assumed Mr. Horton might not be looking so quickly."

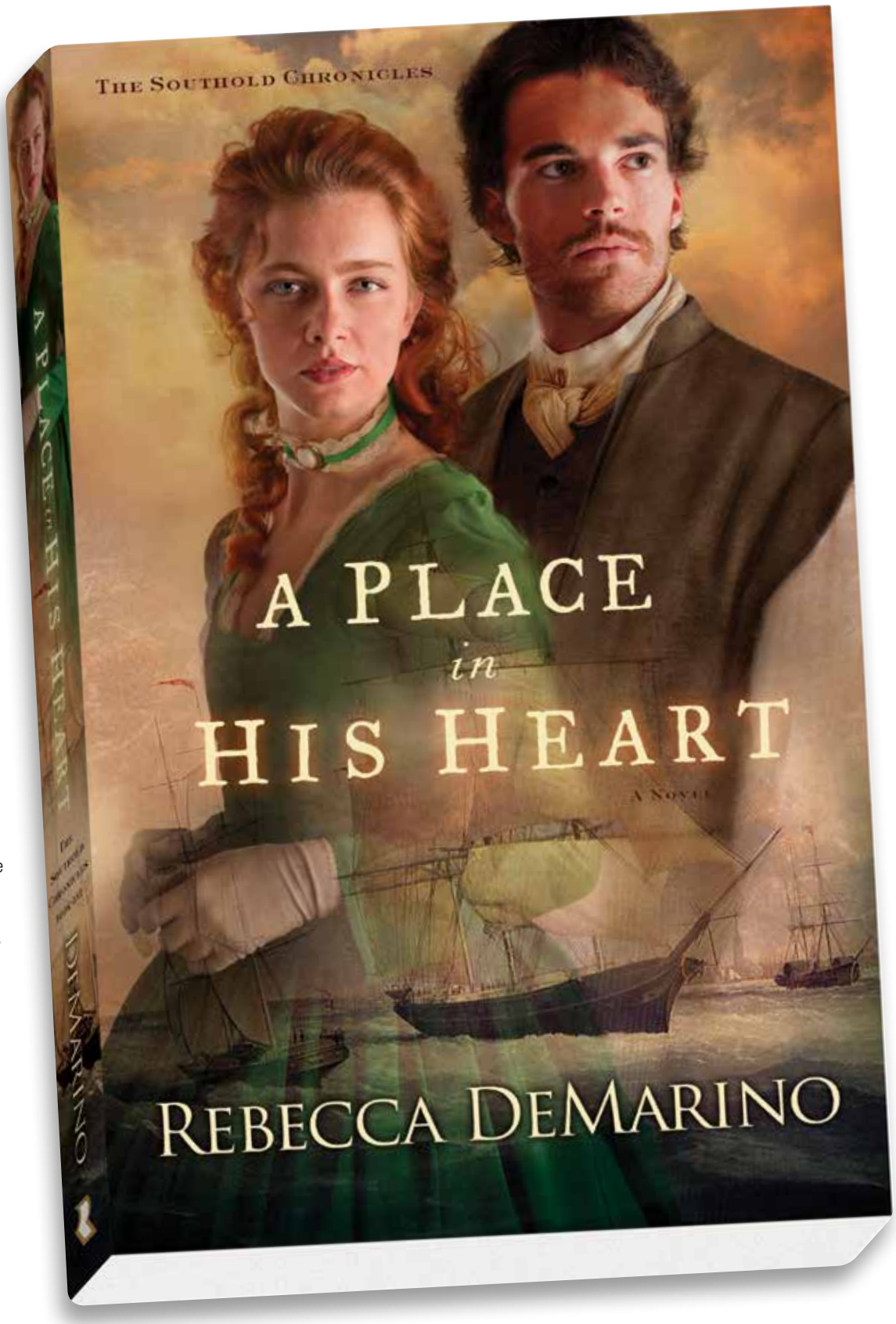
Mary darted a glance at her sister, her face warm. "Whatever do you mean?"

"Do not tell me you did not notice he could not take his eyes off of you."

"Nay, sister, I did not notice. Truly."

"If that be so, 'tis only because you could not take your eyes off of his kitchen." A giggle erupted. "To be sure, he noticed you, little sister."

Mary's heart did a timid flutter. Could that be true? Would it be possible that Mr. Horton might fall in love with her?



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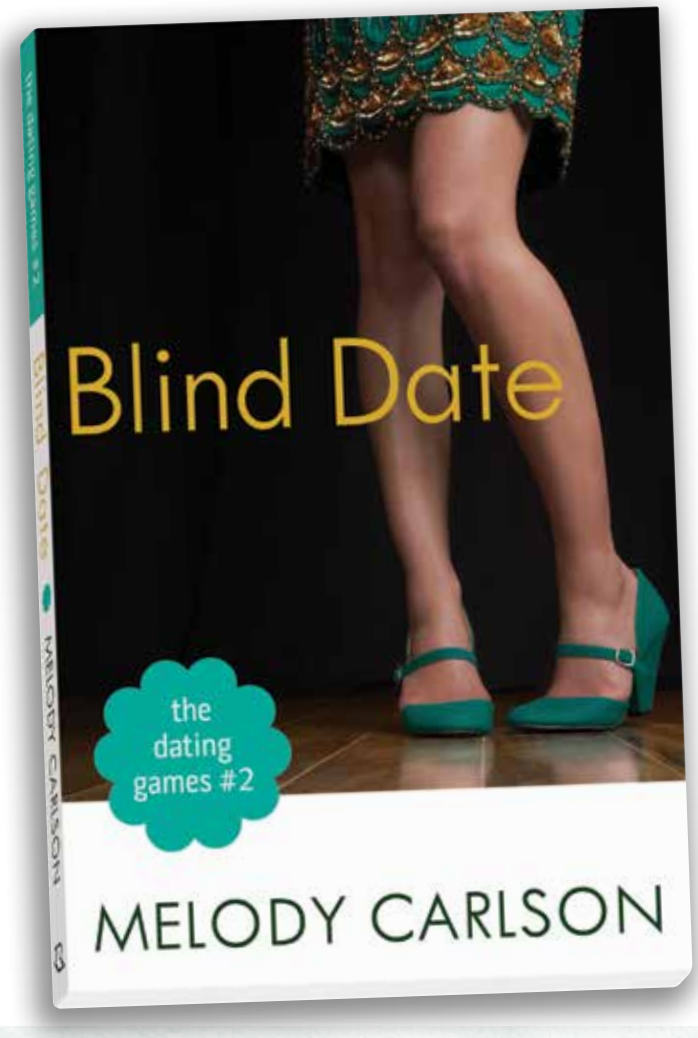

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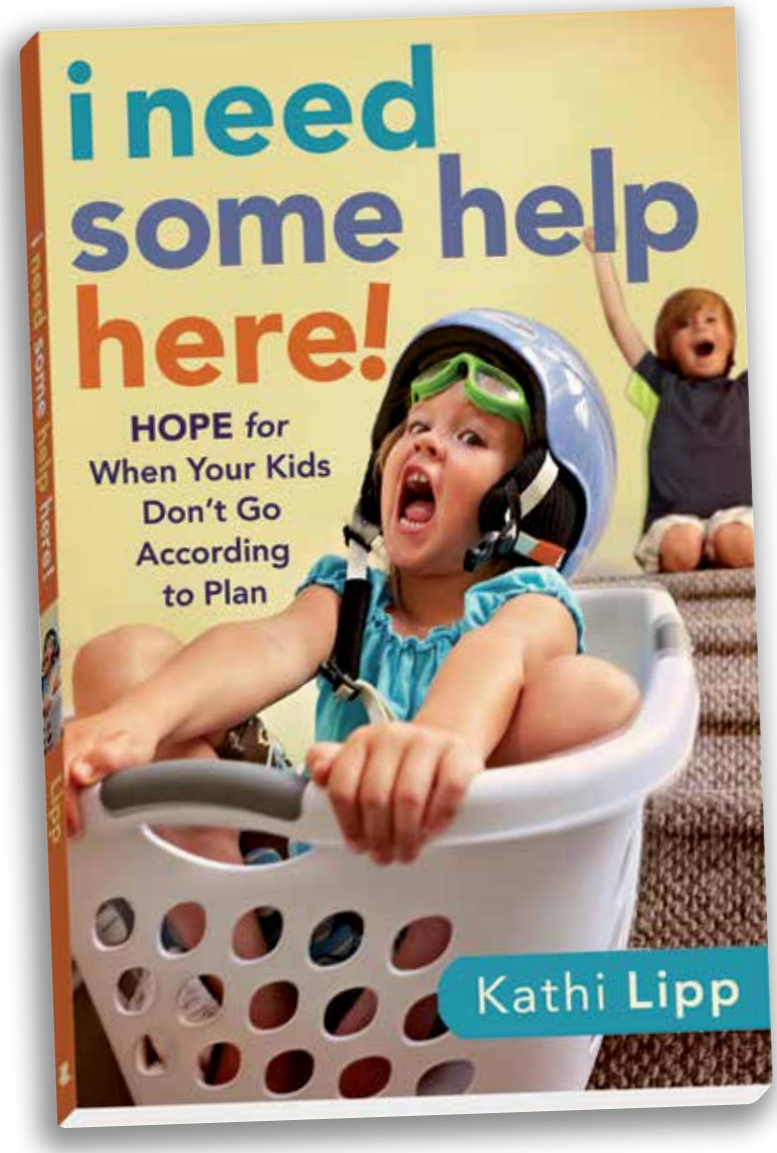

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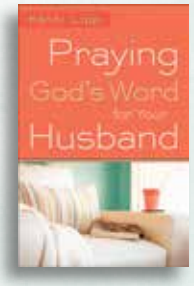

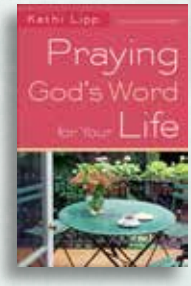

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In the coming pages, I will tell you where this journey for whitespace has brought me. To be honest, I don't want to tell you about any of it. Because I don't want anyone to see the memories I've wrapped so tightly to my chest for four decades—so tightly that I have forgotten they were even there.

Because it's rather embarrassing. You would think that a woman my age, a wife loved by her soulmate hubby, a mom of two beautiful boys, a high tech professional who has managed a career leading product teams, who has traveled halfway across the world as a missionary to help others find Jesus, would certainly know how to rest.

You'd think someone who has trained others to study the Bible and launched ministries of friendship and faith would know better than allow herself to spiral into a place of uncontrollable anxiety, especially at a point in life when my childhood dream to write a book was coming true.

If there was ever a time to write about the goodness of God and paint you beautiful pictures and tell you the top 10 ways to find rest, it would be now.

But, I don't have such easy words to offer to you.

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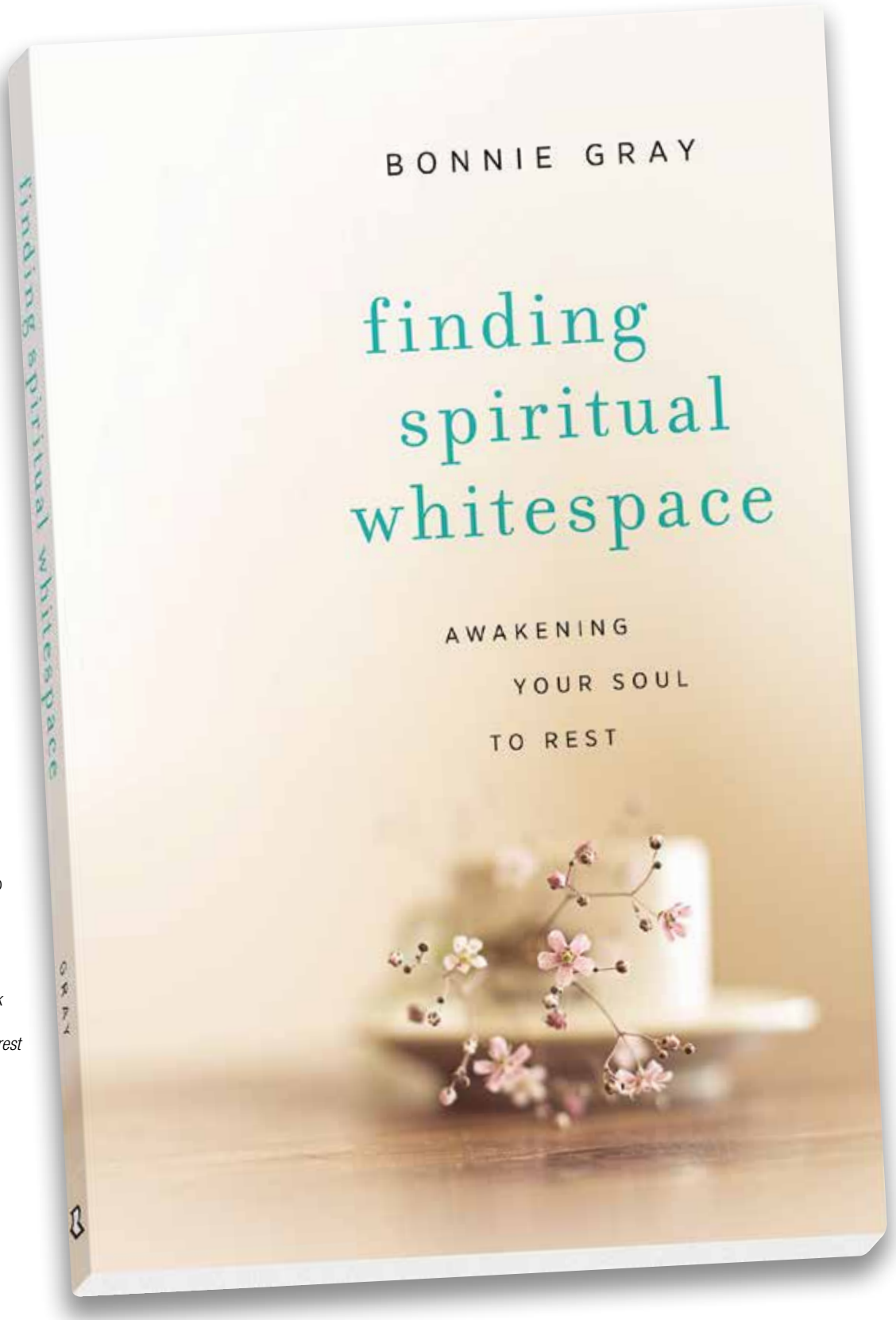

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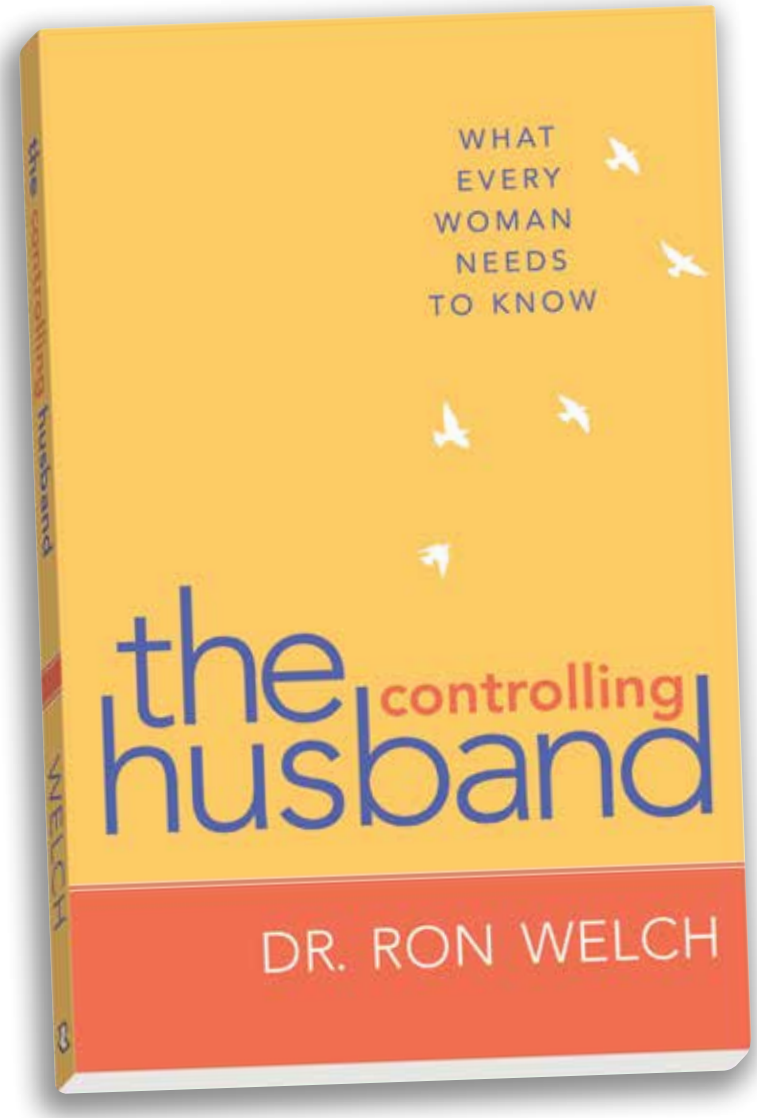

- Welch has been a clinical psychologist for 20 years and is overcoming this issue in his own marriage
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- Shows how controlling husbands develop, how wives allow it, and how both can change

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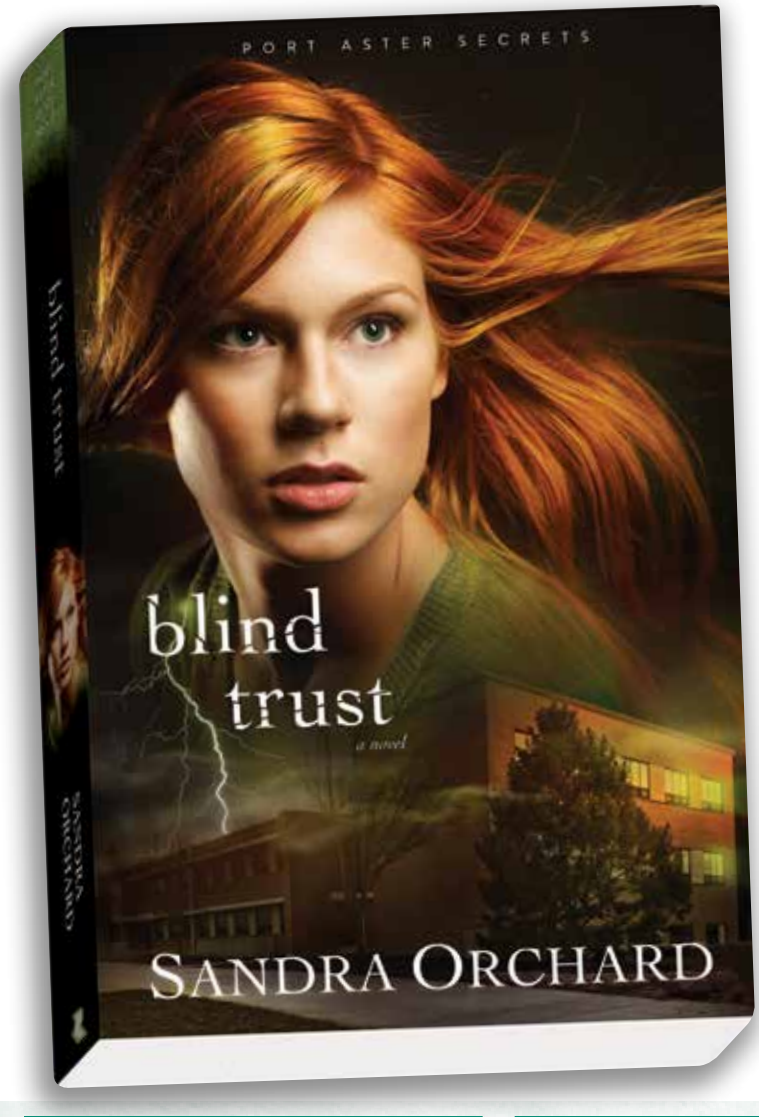

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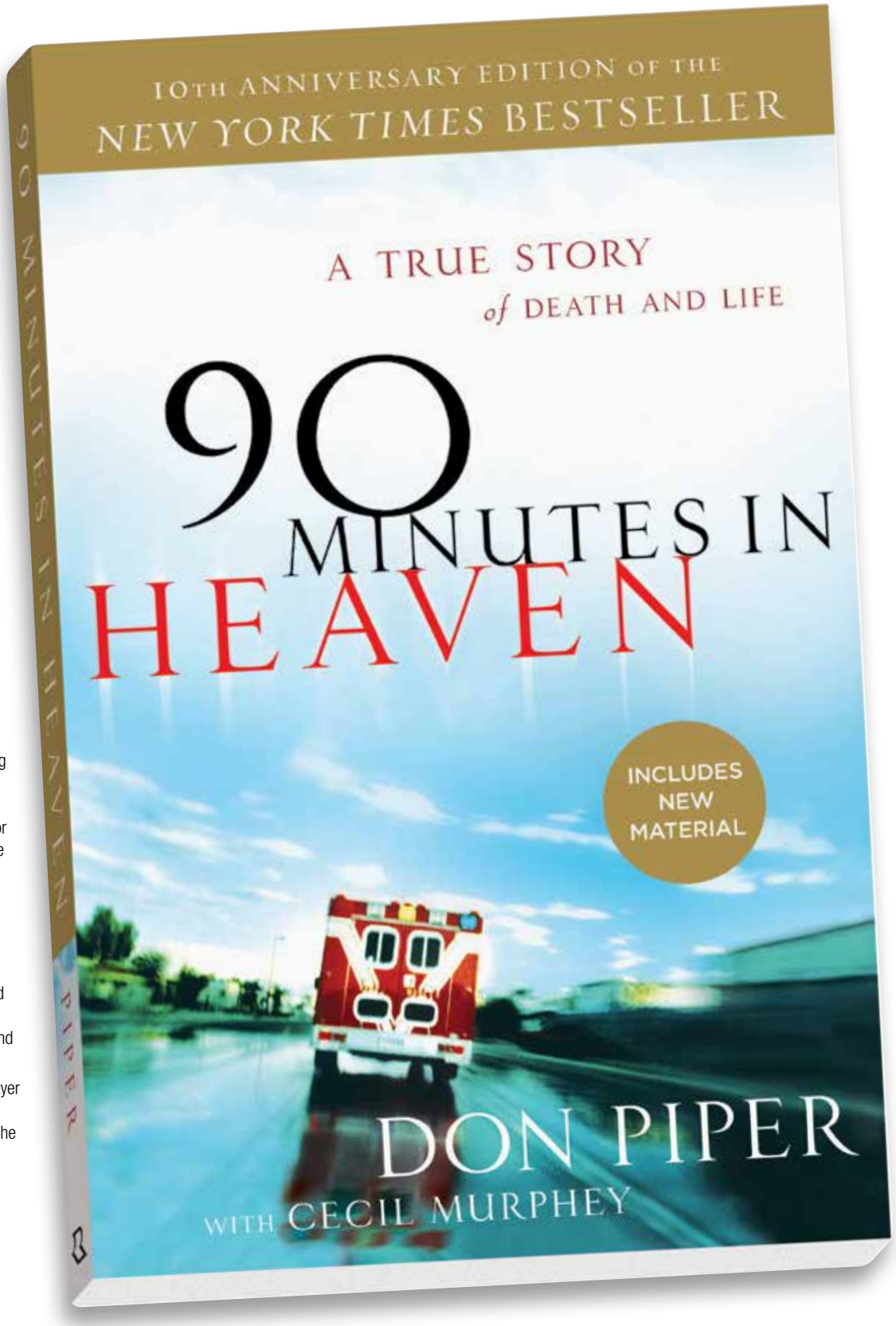

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Cecil Murphey has written or coauthored more than one hundred books, including the autobiography of Franklin Graham, *Rebel with a Cause.* A collaborator on the bestseller *Gifted Hands* with Dr. Ben Carson, Cecil resides in **Atlanta, Georgia**.

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This secret life was doing her in.

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And it all had to do with Tobe Schrock.

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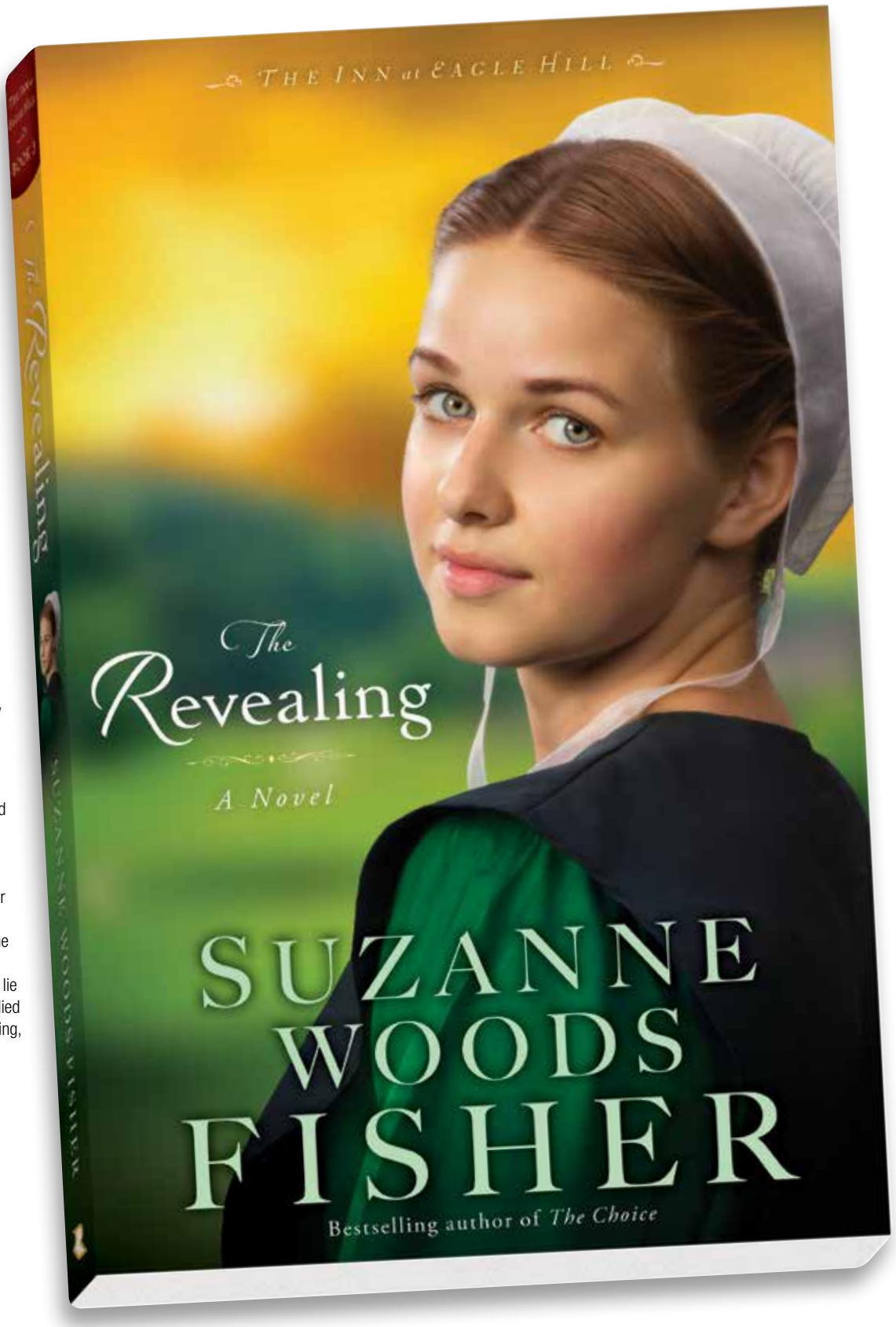
Except for today, when the bus to Stoney Ridge had run late.

As she walked down the lane, she tried very hard to do nothing but take deep breaths and think about Tobe. It helped a little, but not enough. She found herself nervously twirling the strings of her prayer cap and forced her hands down by her sides. Stubbornly, she wrestled against the anxiety. If Galen were already home and asked where she had been, she wouldn't lie to him. *I will not lie.* She had never once lied to him, though she didn't tell him everything, either.



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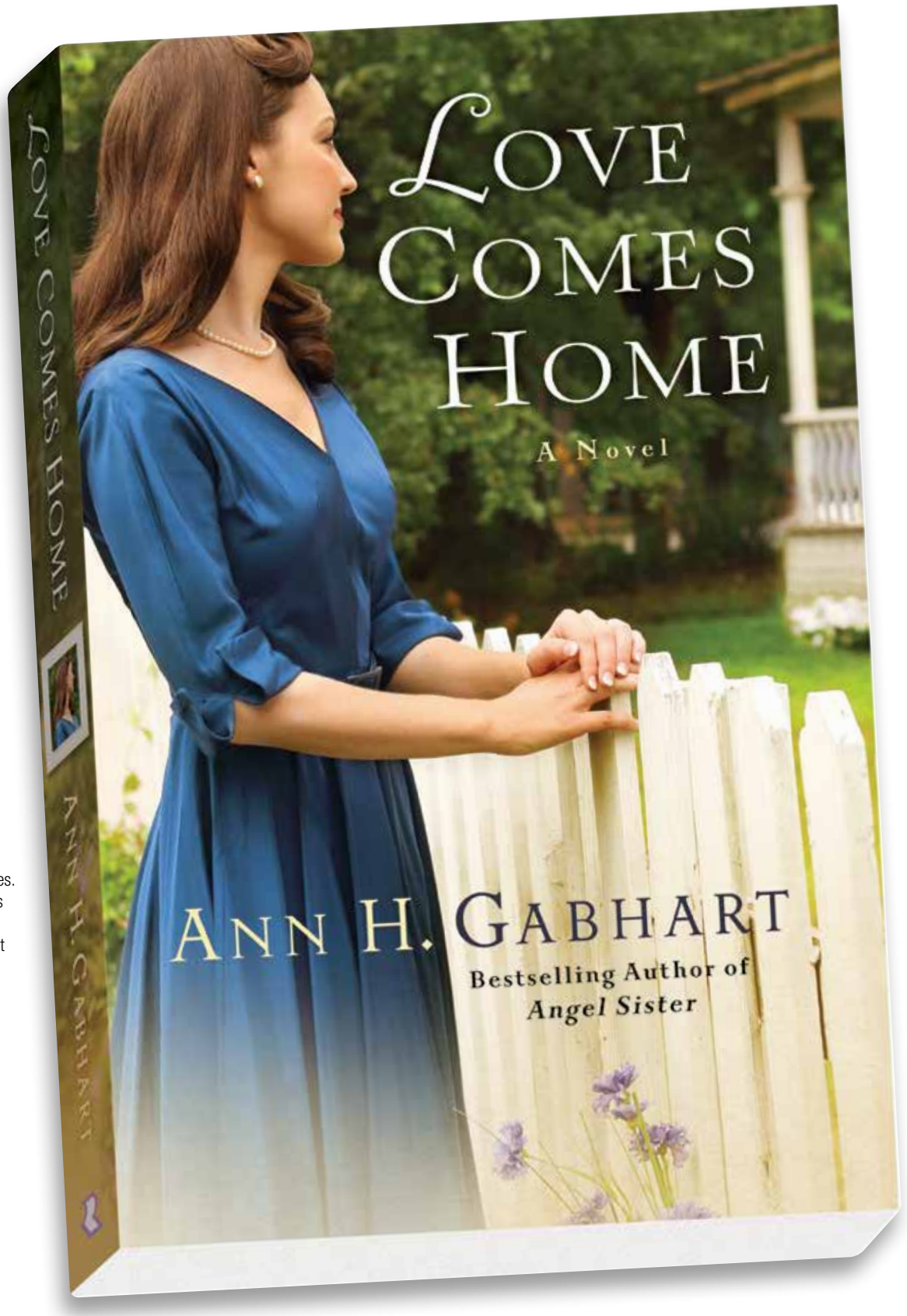
The news was good. The news was wonderful. Horns were blaring. People were shouting as they spilled out of the stores and office buildings into the streets. Kate Tanner grabbed her notebook and pencil and headed out of the newspaper building to join the crowd. This wasn't just the chance for another story. Her feet needed to be dancing in the streets too.

The boys were coming home! Japan had surrendered. The bombs, the terrible bombs, had finished the fighting. The war was over.

A man she'd never seen before grabbed her the second she stepped out on the street, lifted her off her feet and spun her around. He was smiling. She was smiling. He said something when he turned her loose, but she had no idea what as the noise around them drowned out his words. He laughed and slung his hat up in the air with no worry of retrieving it before he ran on up the street to lift another woman up in a victory dance.

Everywhere people were waving handkerchiefs and papers in the air. Kate joined in with her notebook. Sal, the guy who ran the restaurant across the street, grabbed her in a bear hug and knocked her notebook out of her hand. It didn't matter. Every second of this scene would be burned in her memory forever. The smiles on the faces. The boys shimmying up the lamp posts who wouldn't have to worry about the draft now. Girls sparkling at the thought of their sweethearts coming home. Sparkling like Kate.



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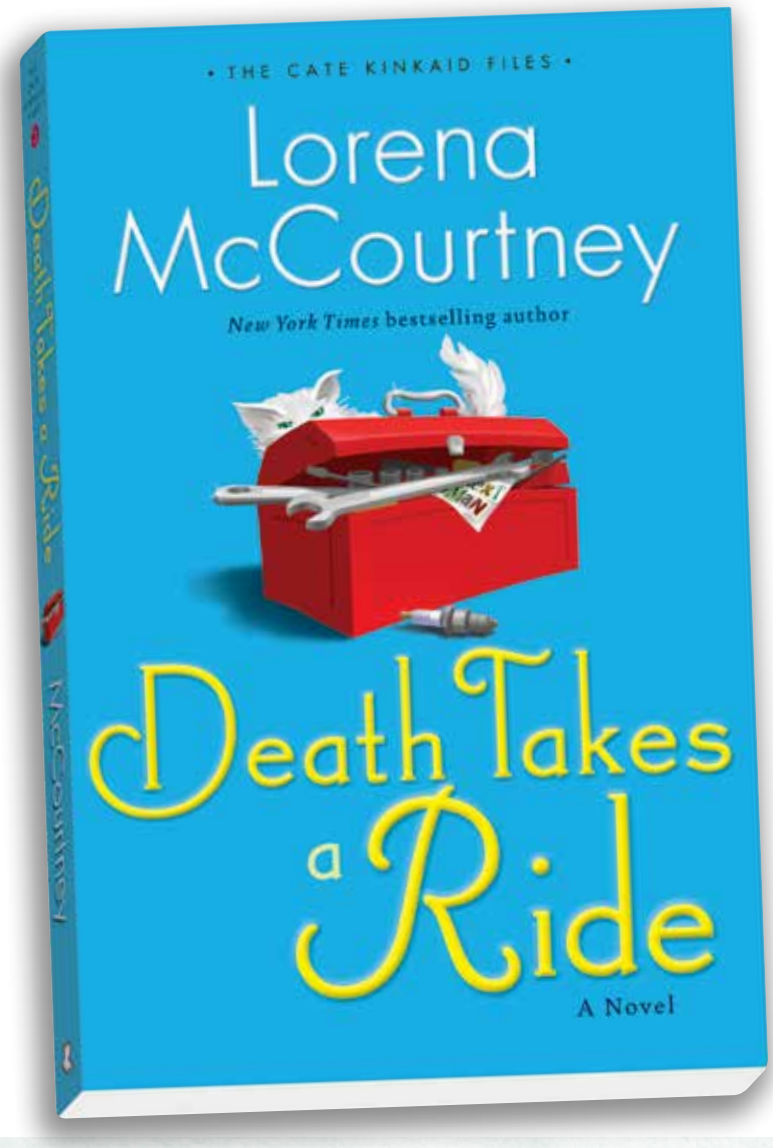

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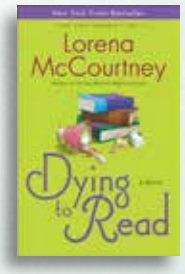

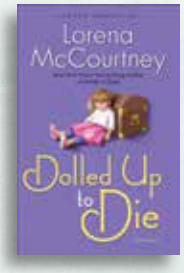

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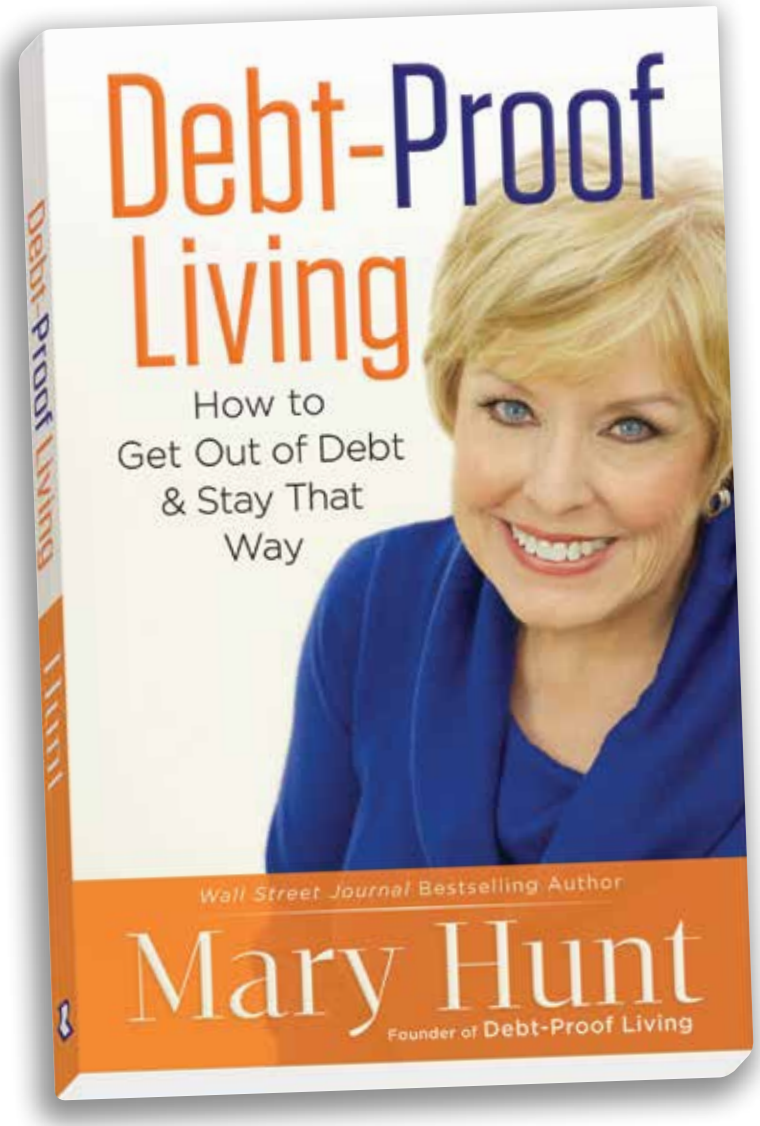

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Our dog has special needs, the greatest might be the need for a lobotomy. After that, he could use a good dose of Prozac. Add some Ritalin and he'd approach a vague semblance of a well-adjusted canine. Feels almost doable.

Except for his trail of freakish accidents and half-baked suicide attempts.

Sometimes I think if Henry—that's the dog—had ended up in a different family, we'd all be better off. Some combinations just don't mix. Take Mentos candy and diet cola. Put them together, and you get a carbonated geyser blowing your bottle cap.

Pets are supposed to be fun. A pleasant enrichment of your life. Dogs especially. Loving, loyal, sleeping by your feet.

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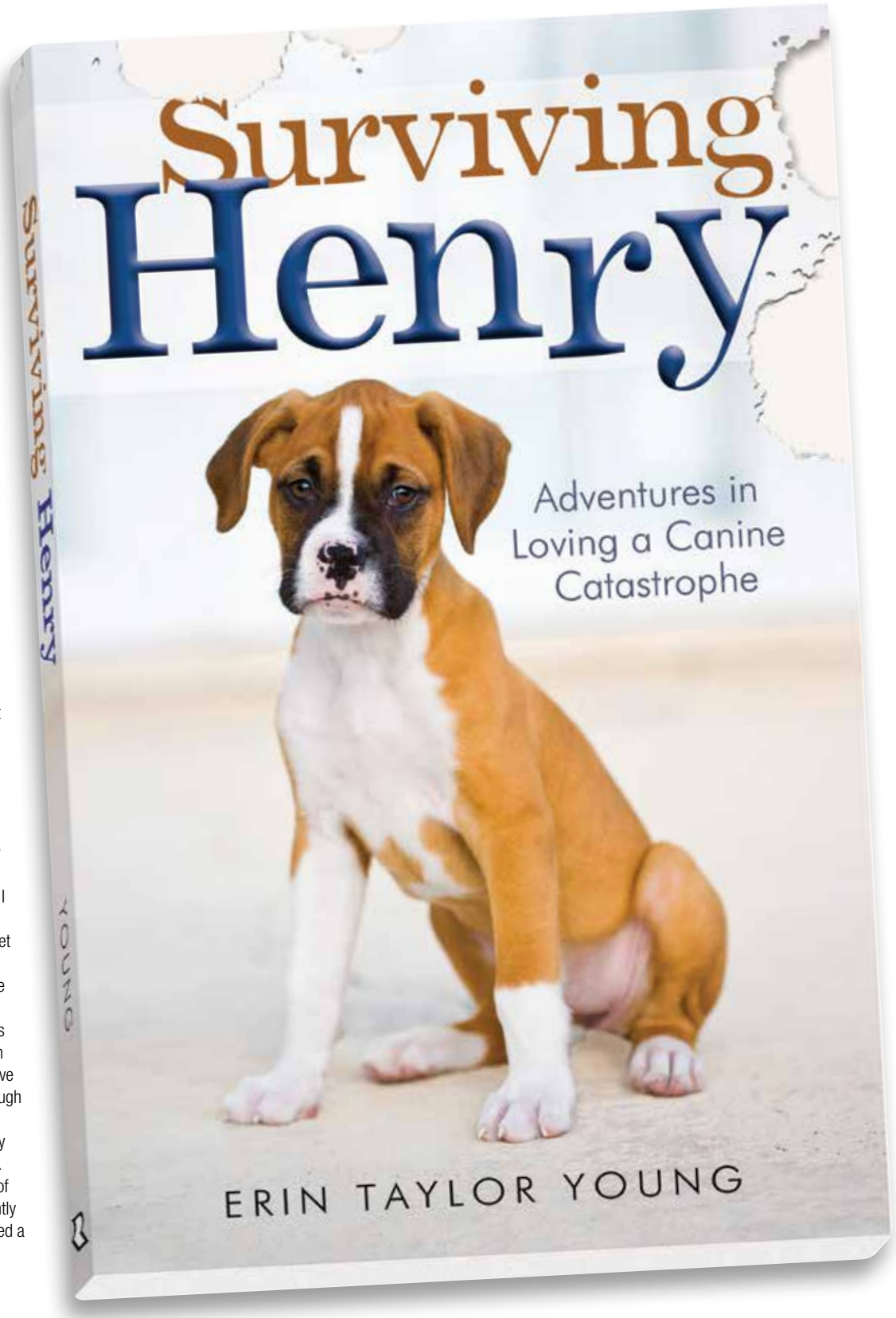
I don't believe in divine misprints. But life with Henry makes me wonder.

Today, for instance, I find myself careening through my neighborhood at Mach five, clinging to the handlebars of a wobbly, electric scooter tied to a brawny dog whose sole desire—I discover a bit too late—is to tow me pell-mell across the Yukon and back. Lemme tell ya, they don't make brakes strong enough for that.

Contrary to what you might believe, I did not wake up this morning and wish for death. I was simply implementing yet another wear-out-the-dog plan. Henry is a purebred boxer, a bundle of muscle who makes other high-energy dogs look comatose. We try to counteract his spirited enthusiasm—otherwise known as maniacal hyperactivity—with massive doses of exercise. Better behavior through exhaustion, and all that. But we never tire Henry enough to achieve one piddly bit of better behavior. Walks don't do it. I could hike until my feet blistered out of my sneakers, and Henry might be slightly winded. I, on the other hand, would need a skin transplant.



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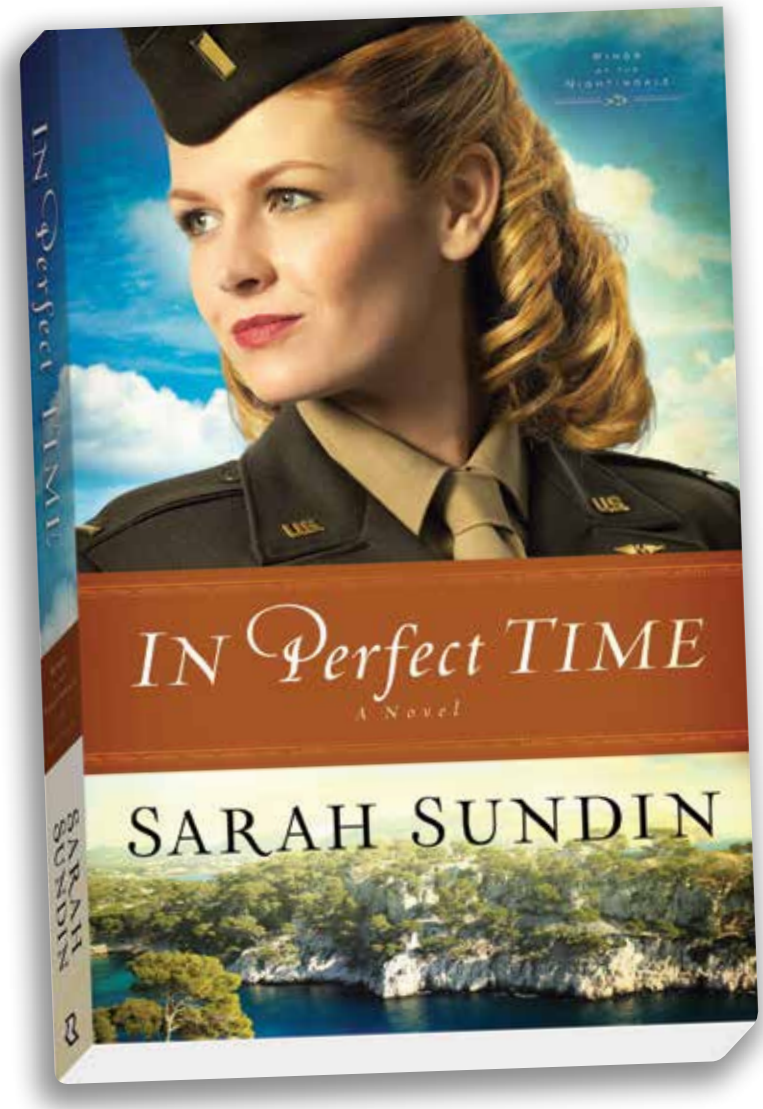

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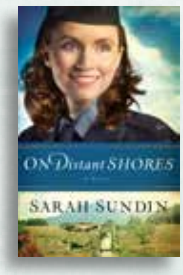

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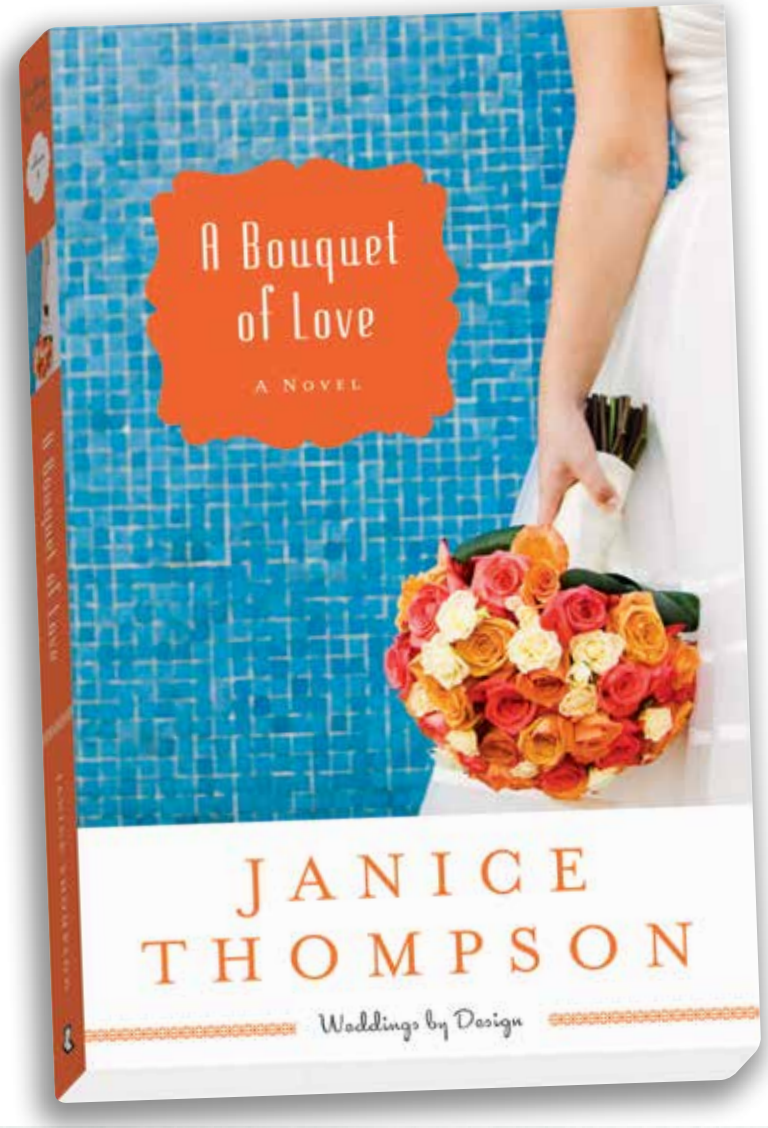

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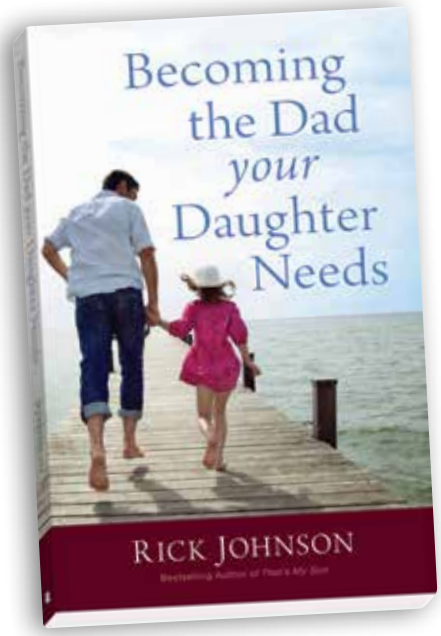

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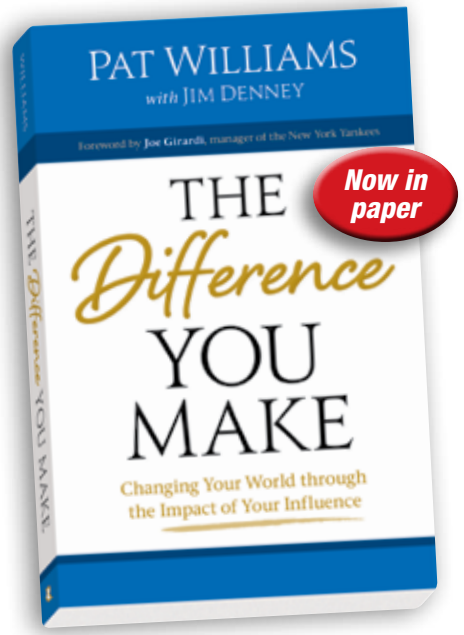

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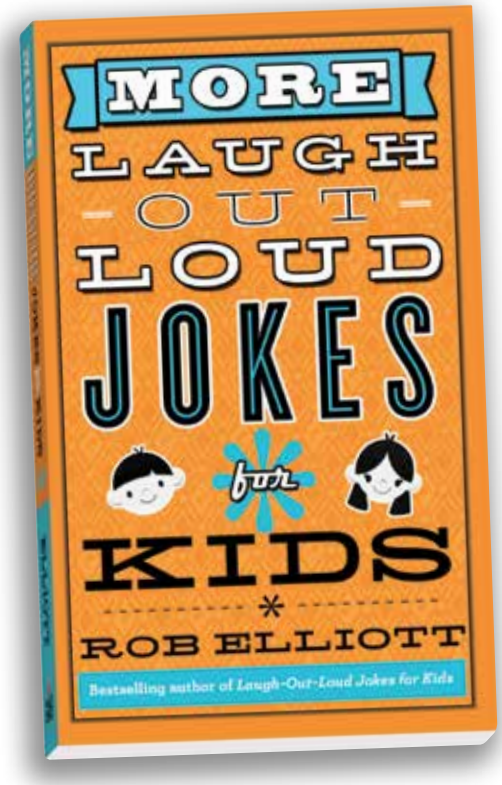

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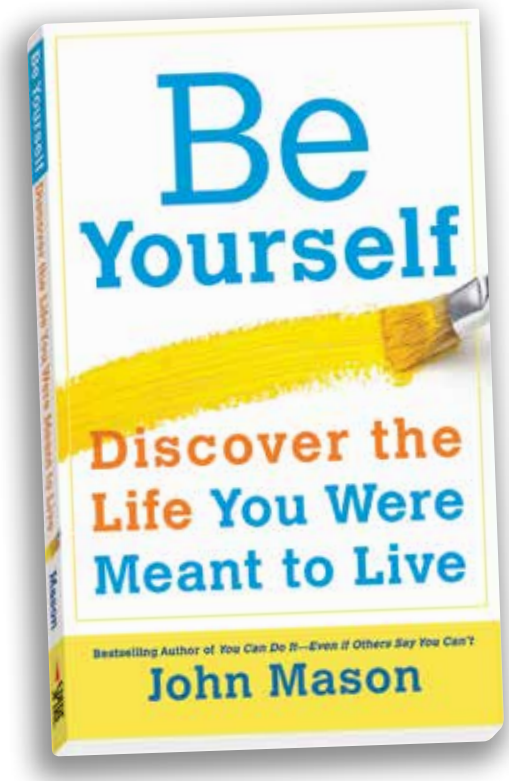

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Minutes after the first warm handshake, I knew I had met a new, yet already very dear friend.

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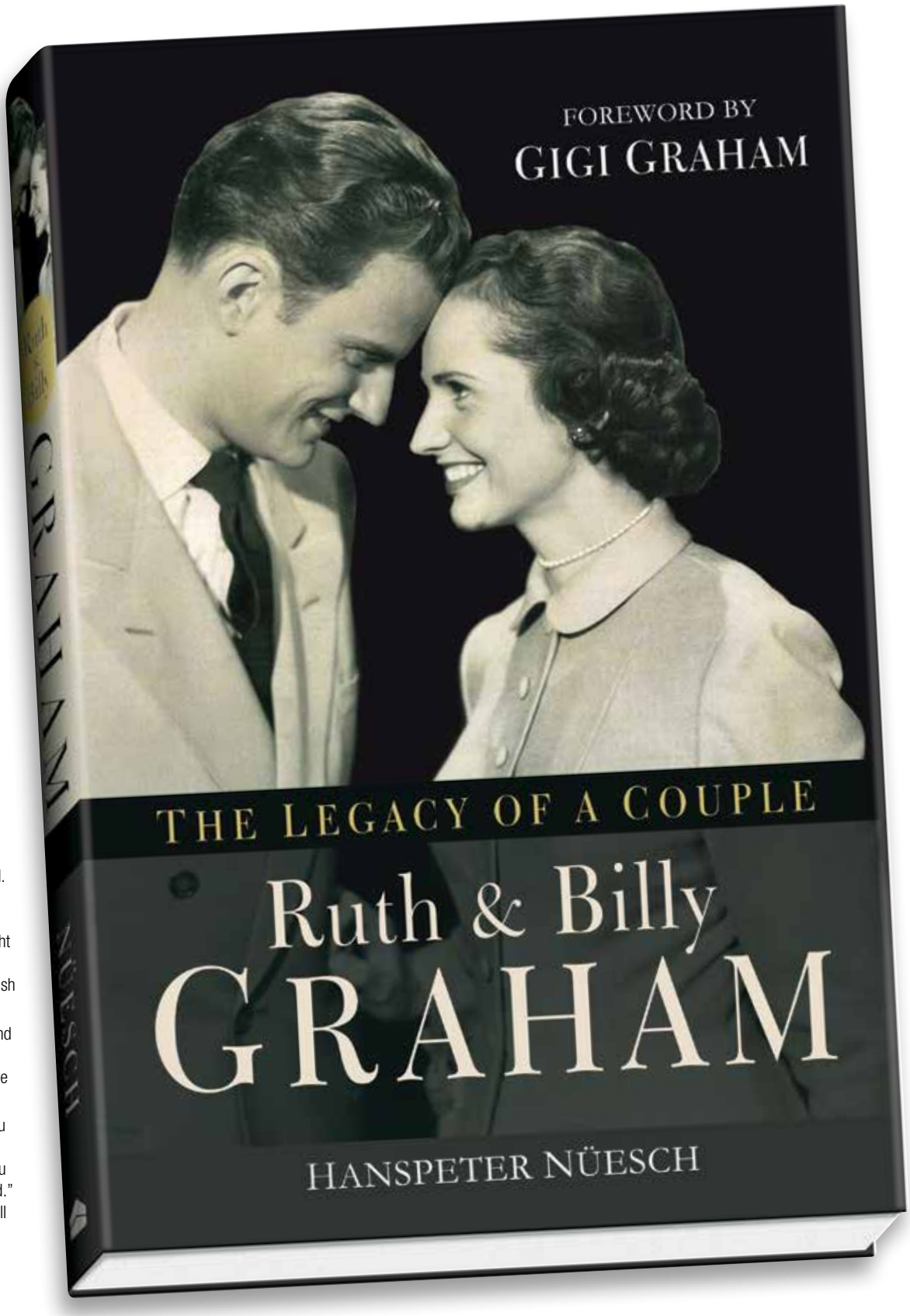
A few months later, while visiting Hanspeter and his family in Switzerland, I began to get a small glimpse into the seriousness of this project. Hanspeter had spent hundreds of hours researching my family. He had gathered every book and article ever written about or by my family. He had acquired any piece of information he could get his hands on. Books, papers, letters, and articles I had never even seen or knew existed. At times I had to laugh because he seemed to know more about me and my family than I did. Again I was caught up in his energy and enthusiasm and yes, I now believed he would accomplish this task. . . .

Hanspeter's focused enthusiasm and obedience to what he felt God called him to do, has paid off. This book is the finished product.

Thank you Hanspeter and thank you Vreni for supporting your volcano. You both bless me more than I can say. You too, are people "who change the world." And, I am grateful and privileged to call you dear friends.



and Billy Graham

- Will benefit from media surrounding Billy Graham's 95th birthday and TV event in fall 2013
- Focuses on ten core values that were foundational to Billy and Ruth's ministry
- Includes more than 100 photos, many never before published
- Foreword by Gigi Graham and an endorsement from Billy Graham

No one has preached the gospel to more people than evangelist Billy Graham. But behind this exceptional man is an equally exceptional woman who made his global ministry possible. Through her love, support, prayers, and personal ministry, Ruth helped shape the ten core values that have been foundational to the Grahams' ministry:

- partnership
- authenticity
- humility
- intimacy
- focus
- integrity
- faith
- global responsibility
- empowerment
- grace

In light of these core values, personal friend of the Grahams and director for Campus Crusade for Christ International in Switzerland Hanspeter Nüesch describes both the life and ministry of Billy and Ruth. This deeply personal book illuminates the legacy the Grahams leave to couples doing ministry today and into the future, sharing stories and anecdotes from their life and times. Includes a foreword from Gigi Graham and more than one hundred photographs that capture the life of one of the most influential figures of the last century.

Ruth and Billy Graham

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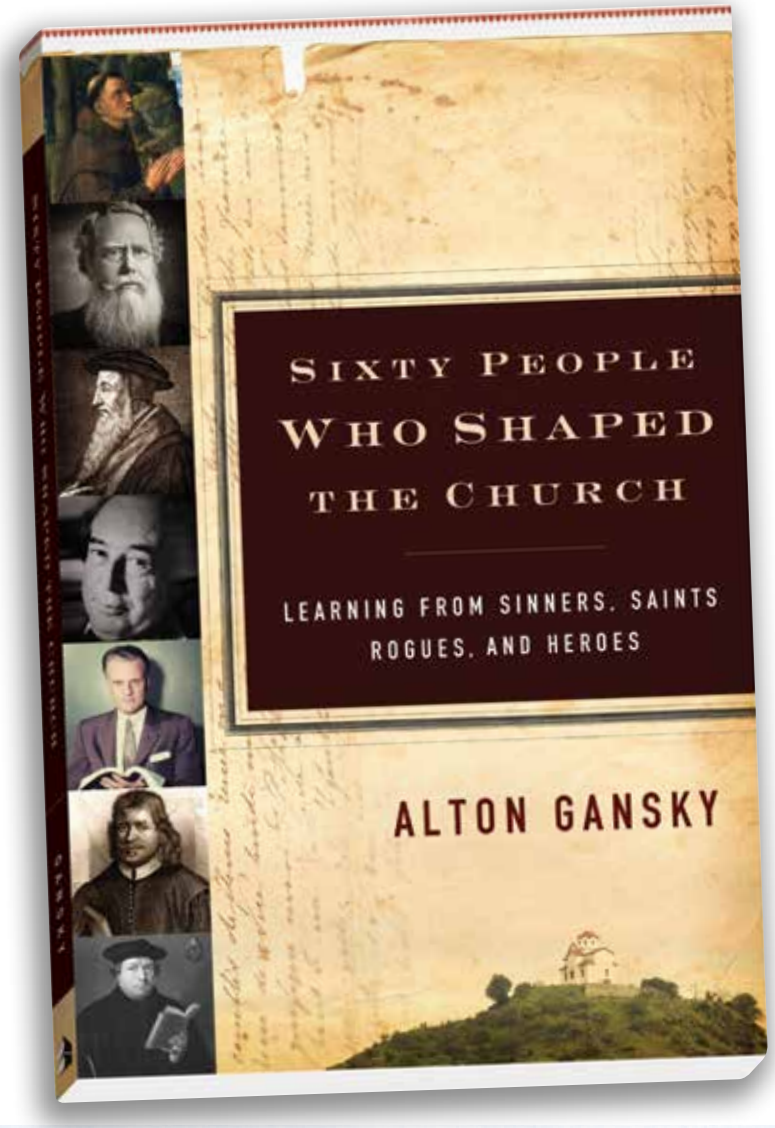
A Unique Glimpse into the Lives of Christians Who Shaped the Church



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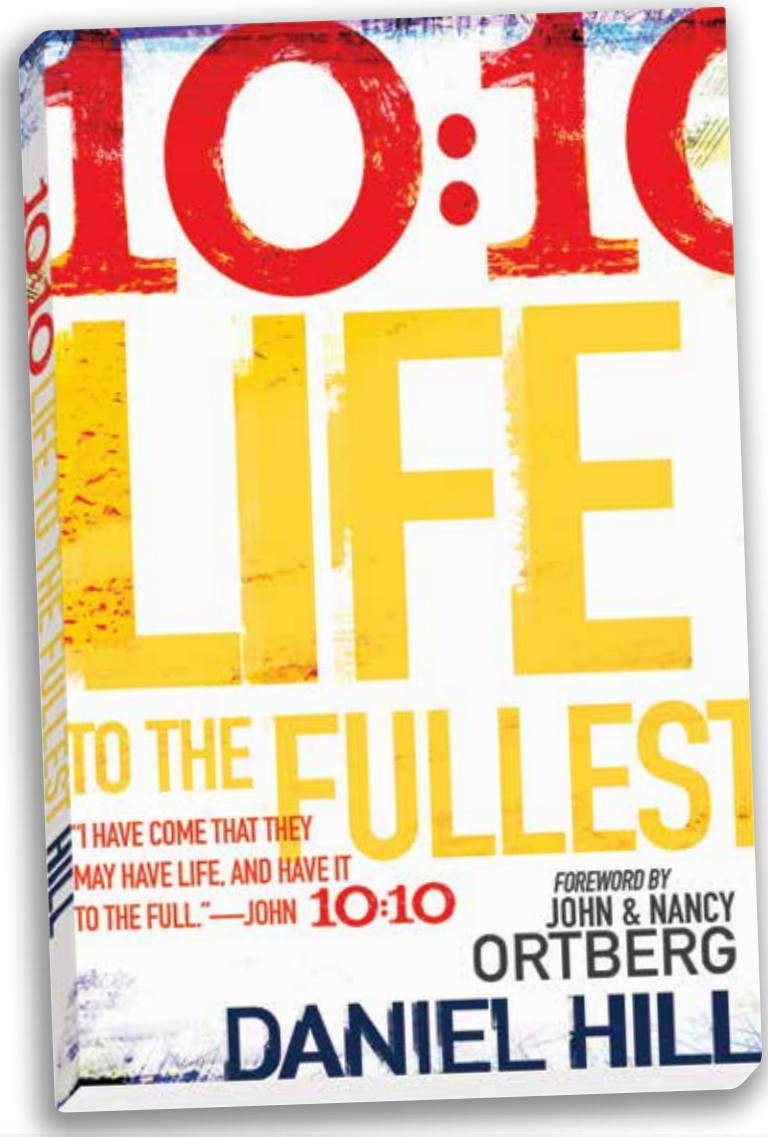
Alton Gansky is the author of twenty-four novels and eight nonfiction books. He is a Carol Award winner and an Agel Award winner, and has been a Christy Award finalist. He holds a BA and an MA in biblical studies and has been awarded a Doctor of Literature degree. Director of the Blue Ridge Mountain Christian Writers Conference, Gansky also serves as an editor and collaborative writer for top tier authors. He lives in **Fresno, California**.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)



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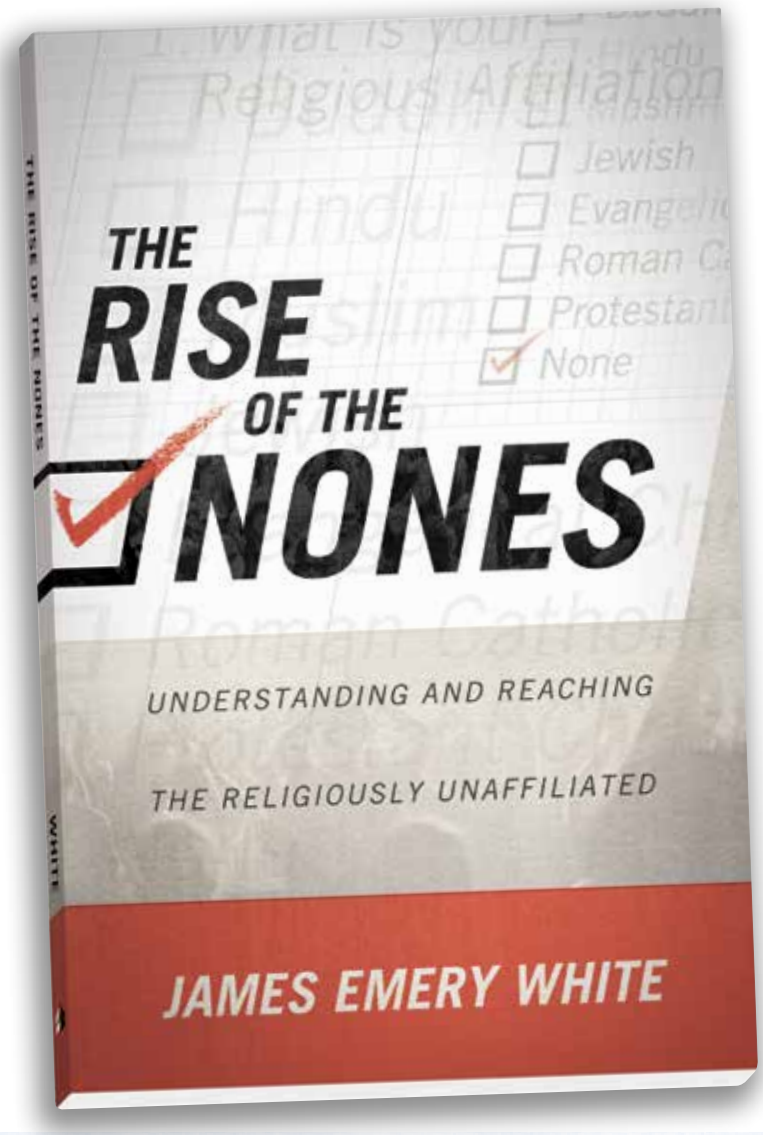
The Fastest Growing Religious Group: Who They Are and How to Reach Them



- The "nones" (those who claim no traditional faith) are the fastest growing demographic in the U.S.
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- Author's church is currently experiencing 70 percent of its growth from the unchurched

The single fastest growing religious group of our time is those who check the box next to the word *none* on national surveys. In America, this is 20 percent of the population. Exactly who are the unaffiliated? What caused this seismic shift in our culture? Are our churches poised to reach these people?

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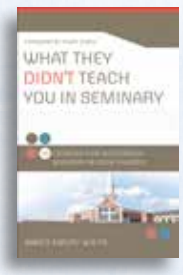

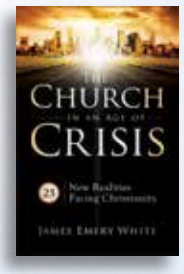

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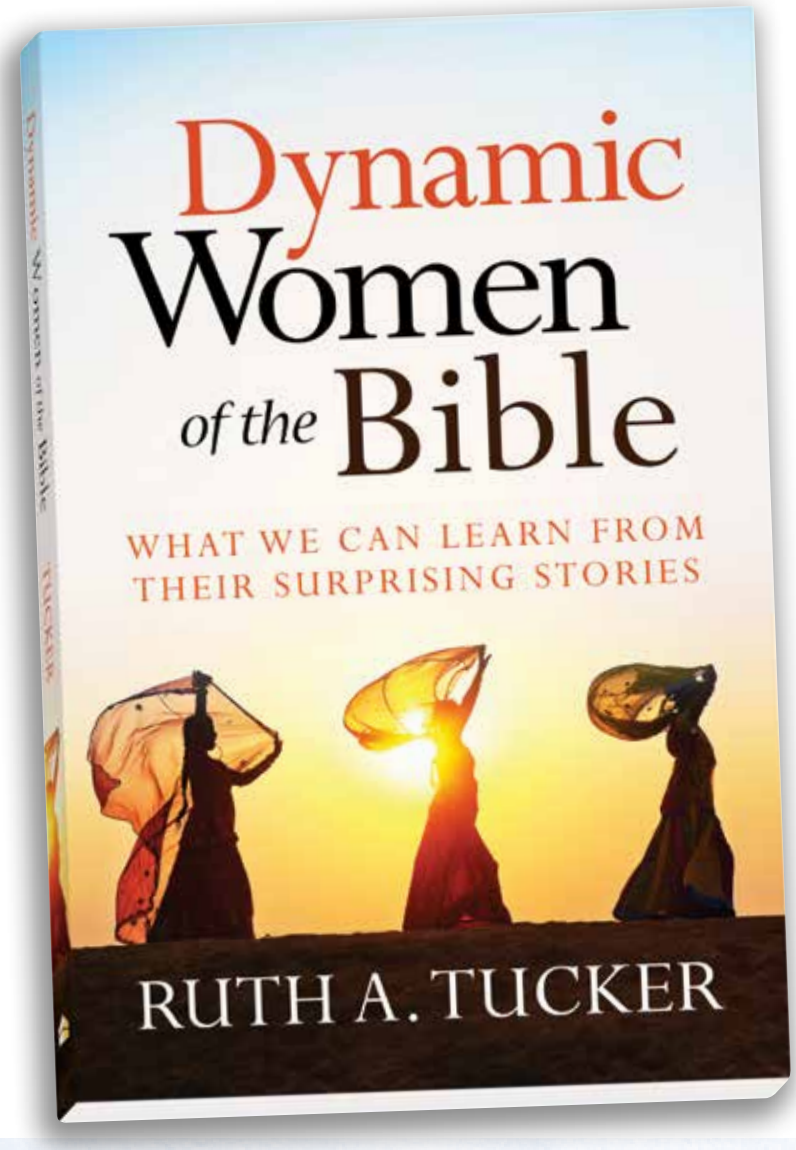

- Fresh retellings of the lives of more than fifty biblical women
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Though we often focus more on the male heroes and villains in the Bible, the pages of Scripture are brimming with women who are edgy, strong willed, and controversial. Far from the stereotype of sweet and submissive, many women of the Bible steal the show despite being cast in the supporting roles. What parts did these women have in the vast family of God? What challenges did they face that we face even today? And what can we learn from them if we allow them to be the three-dimensional people they really were?

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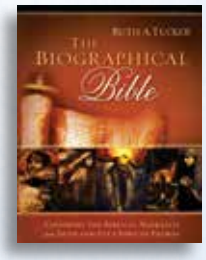

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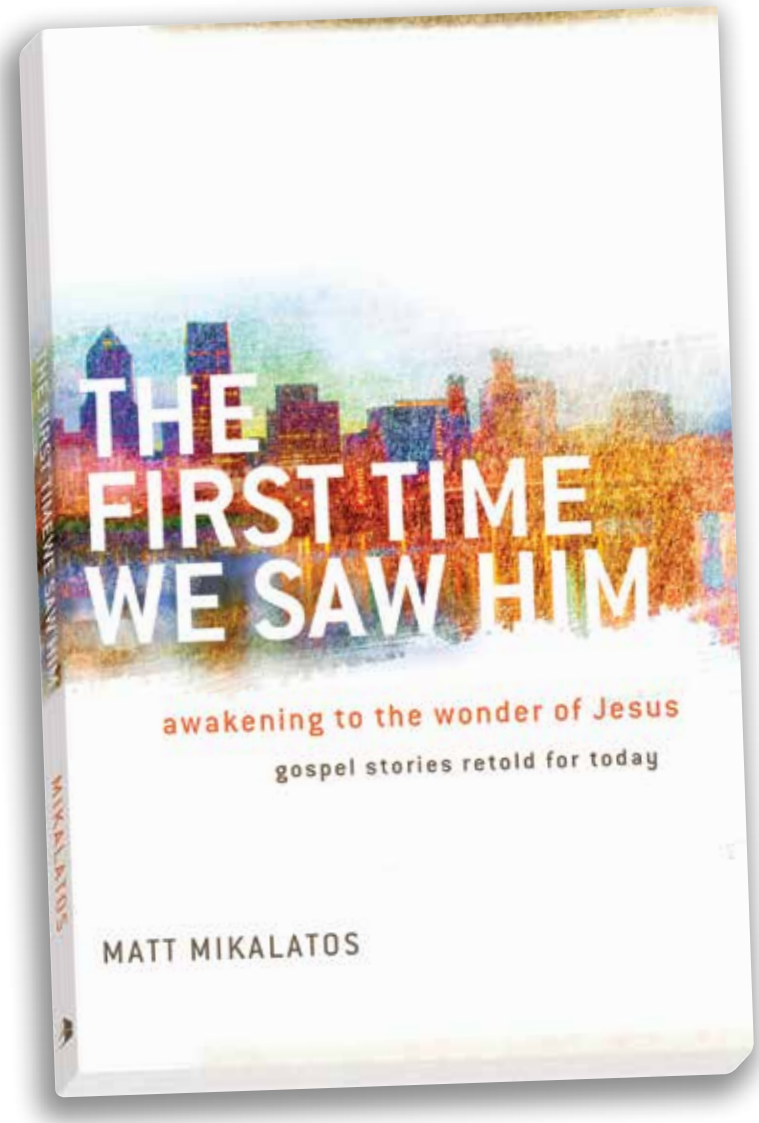

- Accessible and captivating book helps readers understand Scripture's intended meaning
- Author is on staff with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) and speaks regularly to college age and young adult audiences
- Talented writer highlights the beauty and intensity of the stories of Jesus's life

Scripture tells us that the words of Jesus made people uncomfortable, confused, angry, repentant, worshipful, and riotous. Today, we read the words of Christ in a steady, even tone and find ourselves wondering if maybe we're missing something. Could it be that we've lost the emotional power of Jesus's words simply because we're too familiar with them?

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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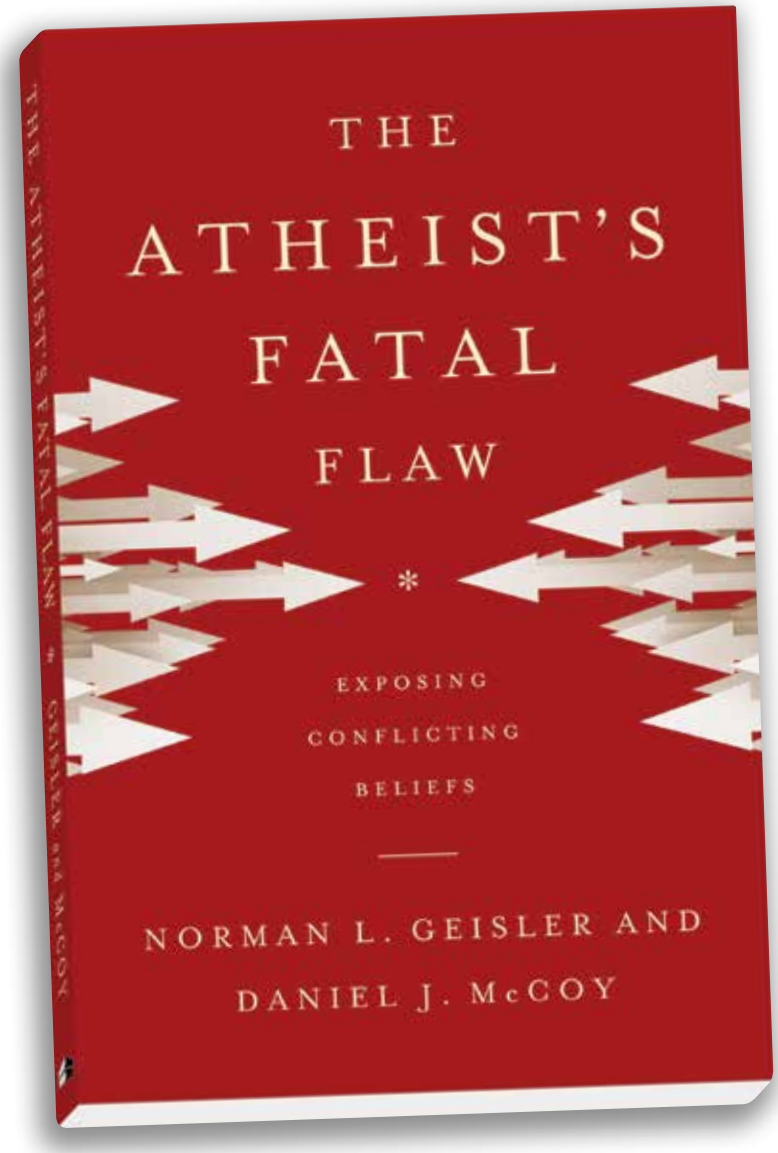
An Apologetic for Our Times



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Daniel J. McCoy (MA, Veritas Theological Seminary) is an associate minister and Christian school teacher in **Chanute, Kansas**, and is currently working toward a PhD through North-West University in South Africa.

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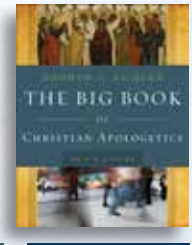

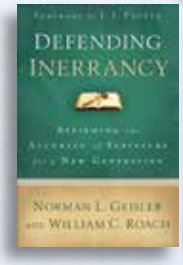

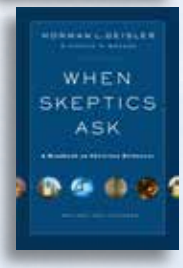

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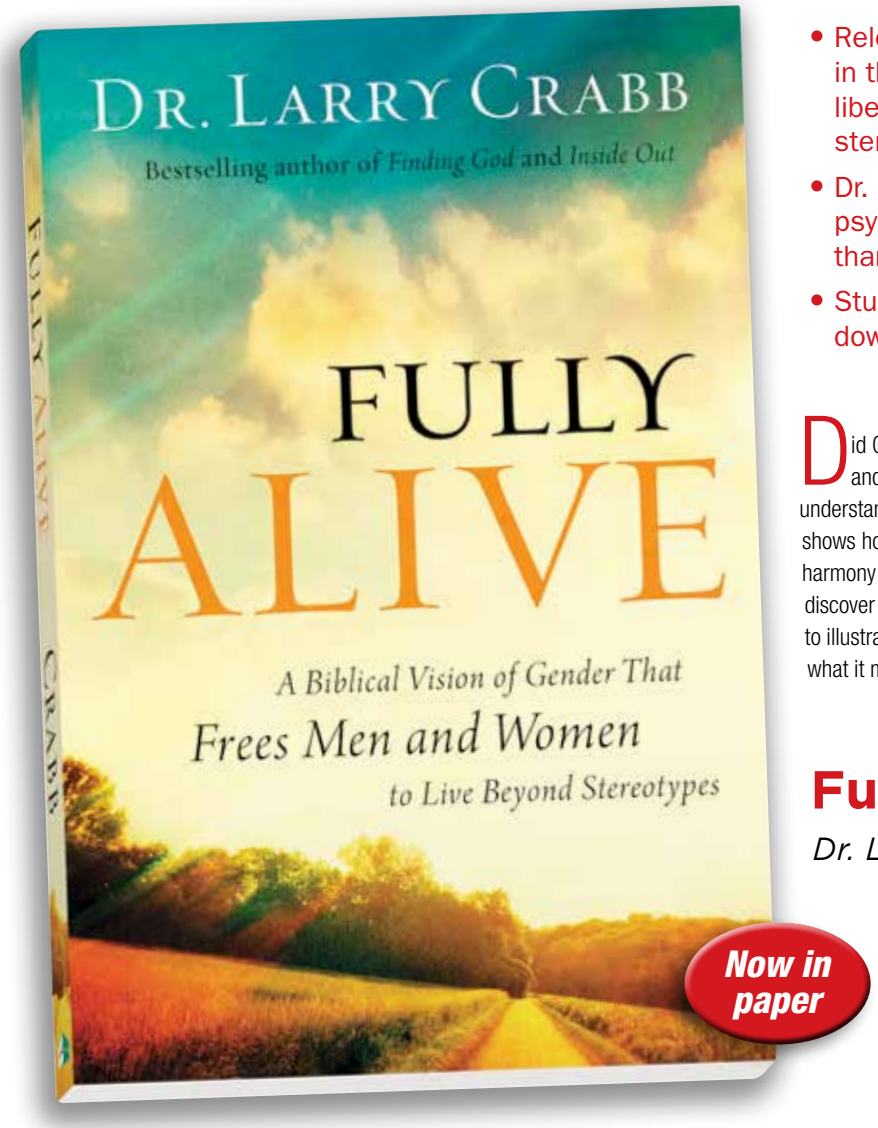

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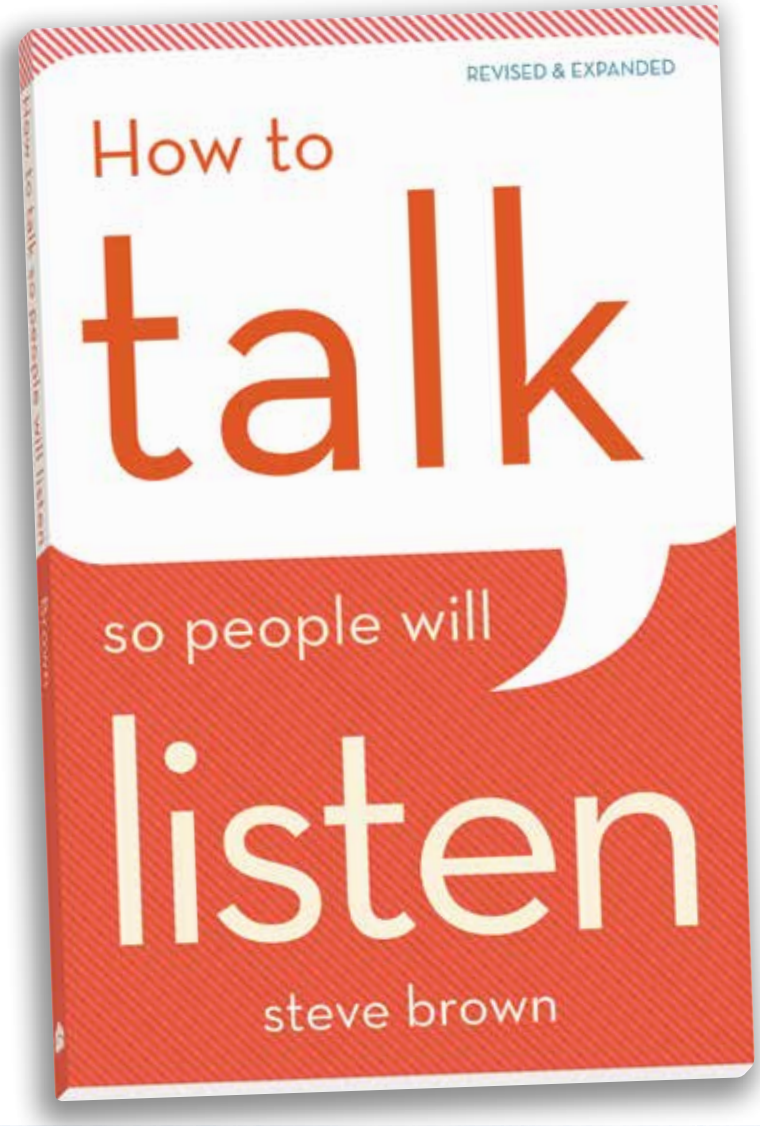

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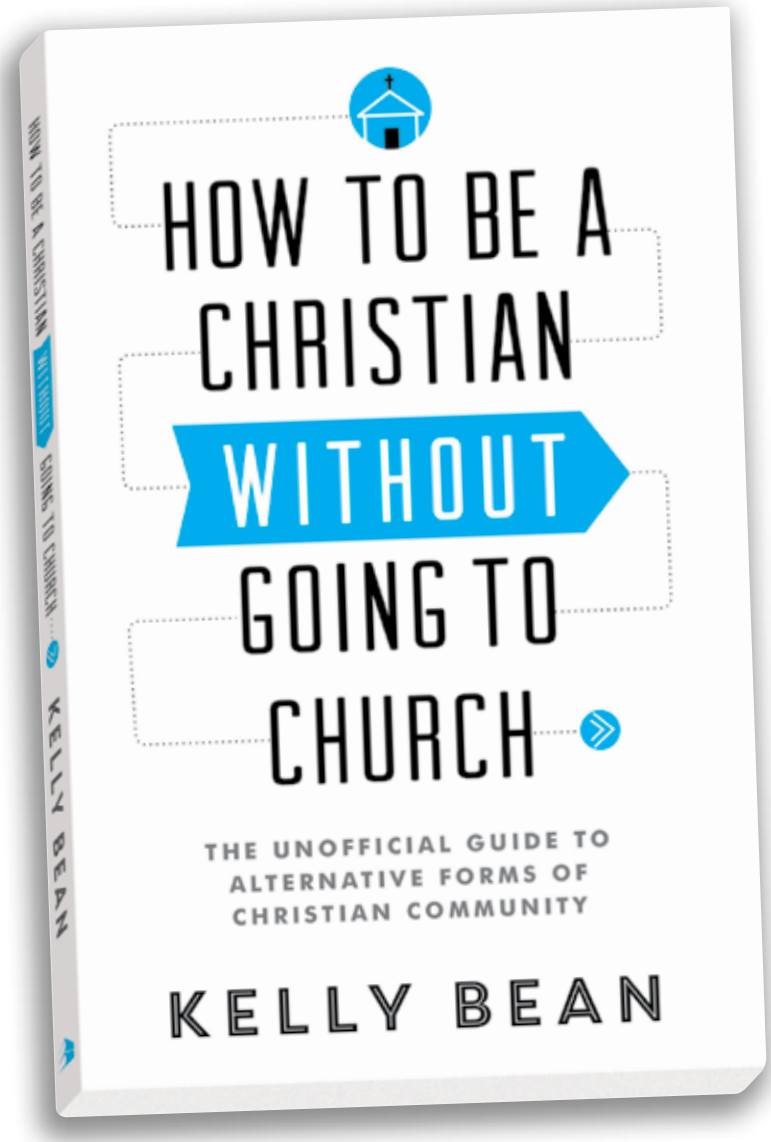
A Hopeful Vision for the Disenchanted



- Explores a number of alternative ways people are experiencing church
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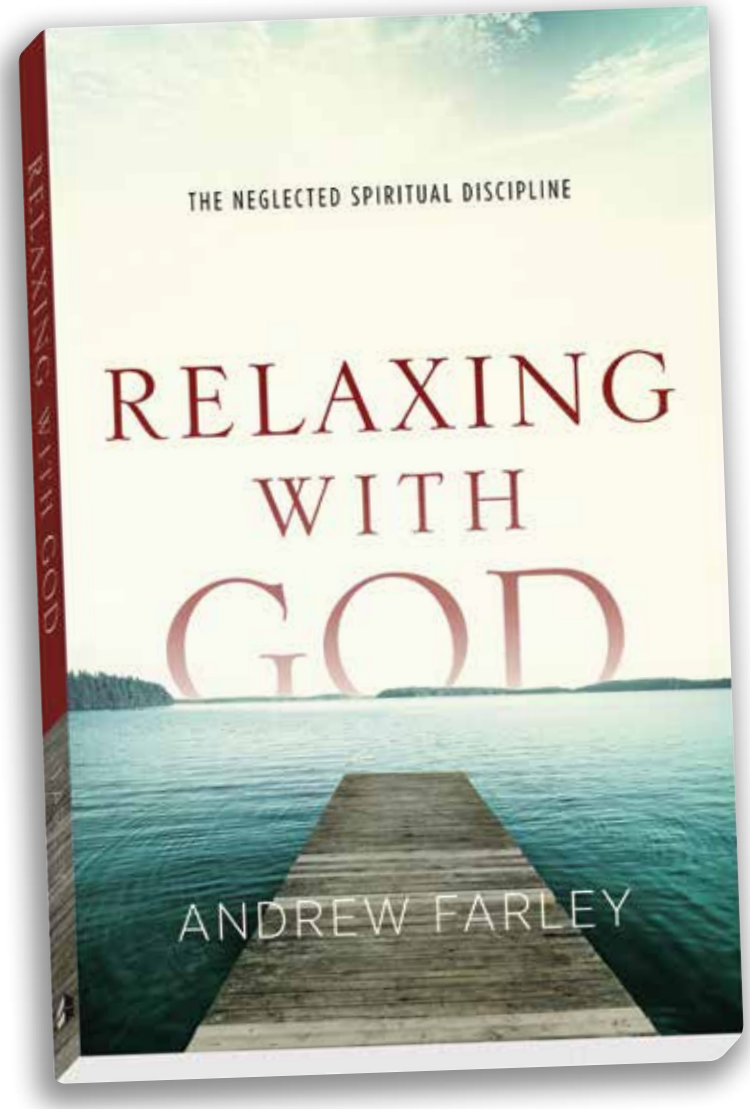
Kelly Bean served as pastor/cultivator of Third Saturday Organic Community, which gathered in her living room for twenty-four years. She is coplanter of Urban Abbey, an egalitarian intergenerational intentional community in north **Portland, Oregon**. A pastor, speaker, writer, mentor, activist, and artist, Kelly has been creating and leading strategic networks for women in ministry for the past ten years with both National Emerging Women Leaders Initiative and Convergence. She is contributor to a Fuller Seminary publication on the church in contemporary culture and has written for *E-Florescence*, *Mutuality*, and *Idea-Lab* magazines. Kelly is pursuing a masters degree in ministry leadership from George Fox Seminary and working to complete a certification in mediation and conflict resolution from Marylhurst University. She is a mother of three children, grandmother of three, and wife of Ken.

How to Practice the Neglected Art of Resting in Christ



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I lie in bed alone that night—Trent at a football game—and imagine our son.

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It is the kind of love that holds the universe and it feels much like a fish only I know it has a heart and a brain and fingernails and it hiccups beneath the cover of my skin, and it is one of the greatest love affairs, this love between mother and child.

"I'm glad you weren't alone," Trent says when he arrives home to find me still awake, curled around our unborn.

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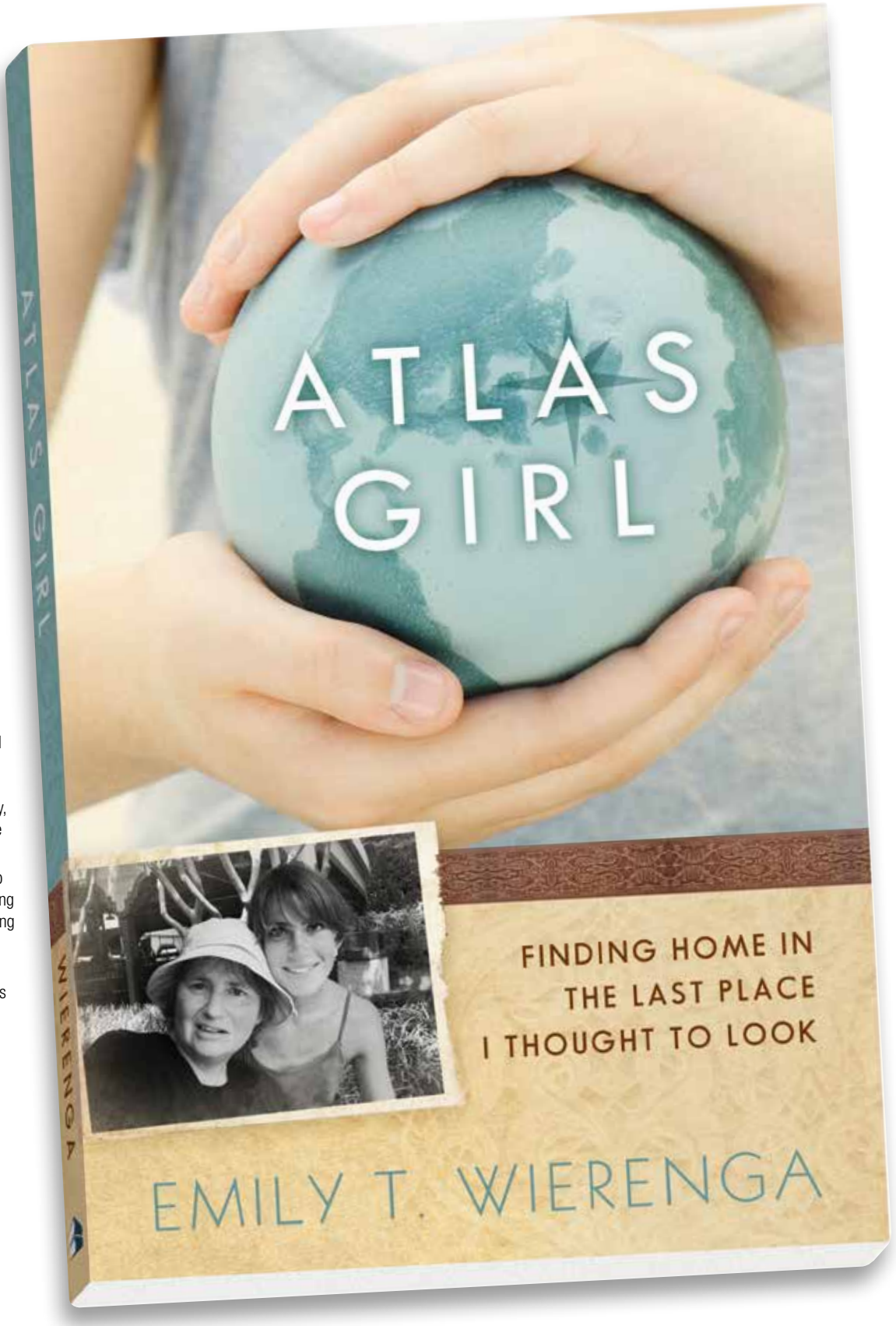

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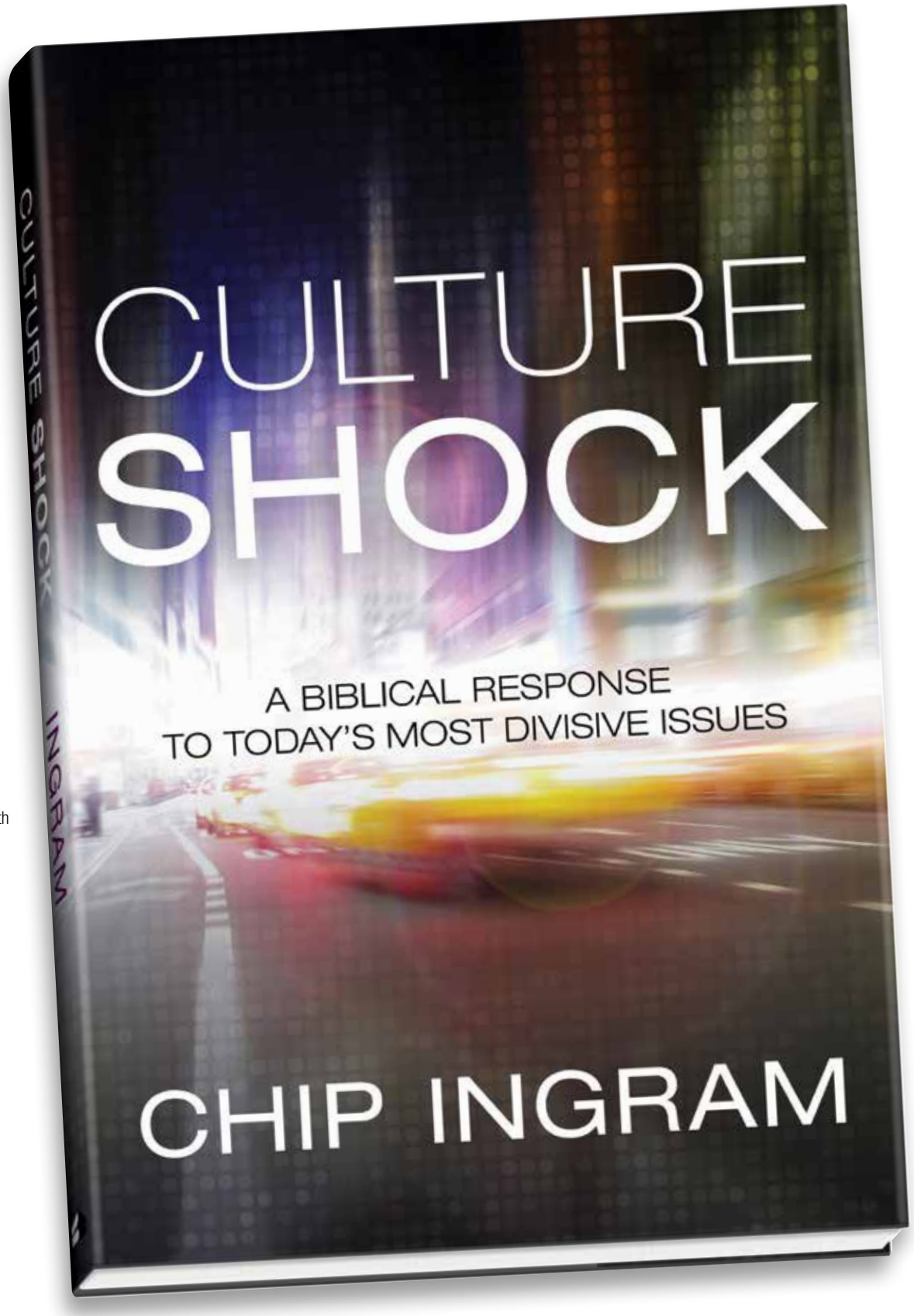

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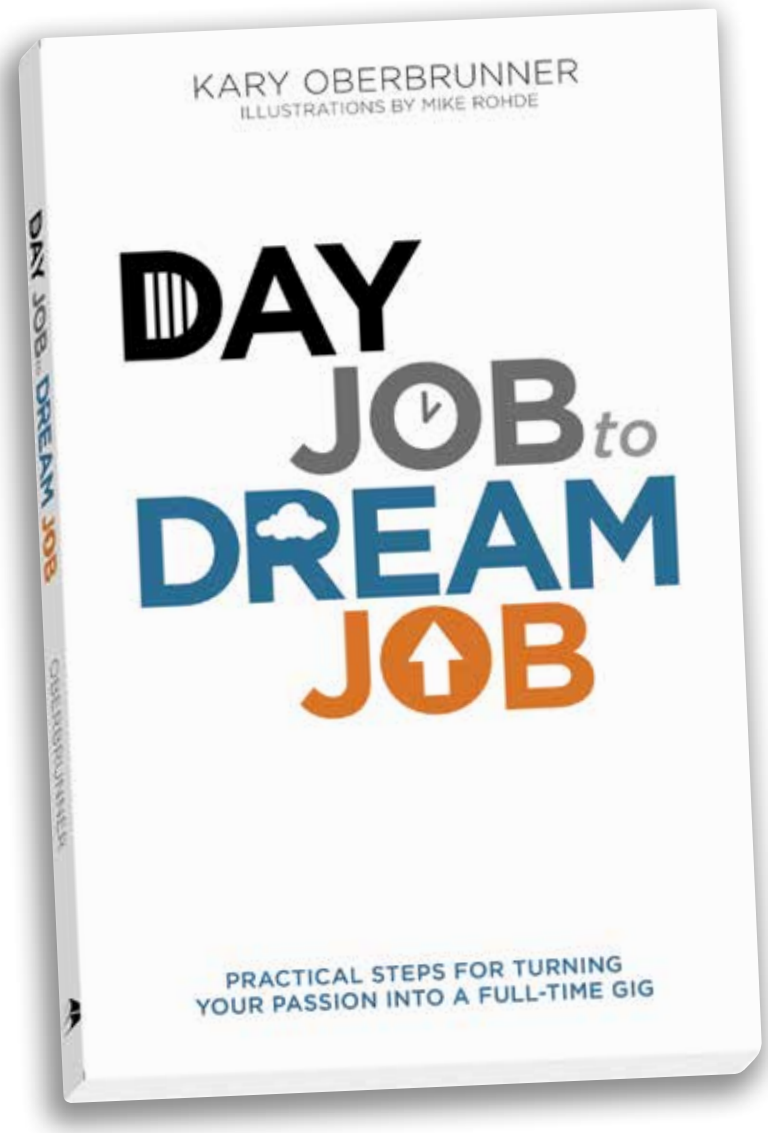

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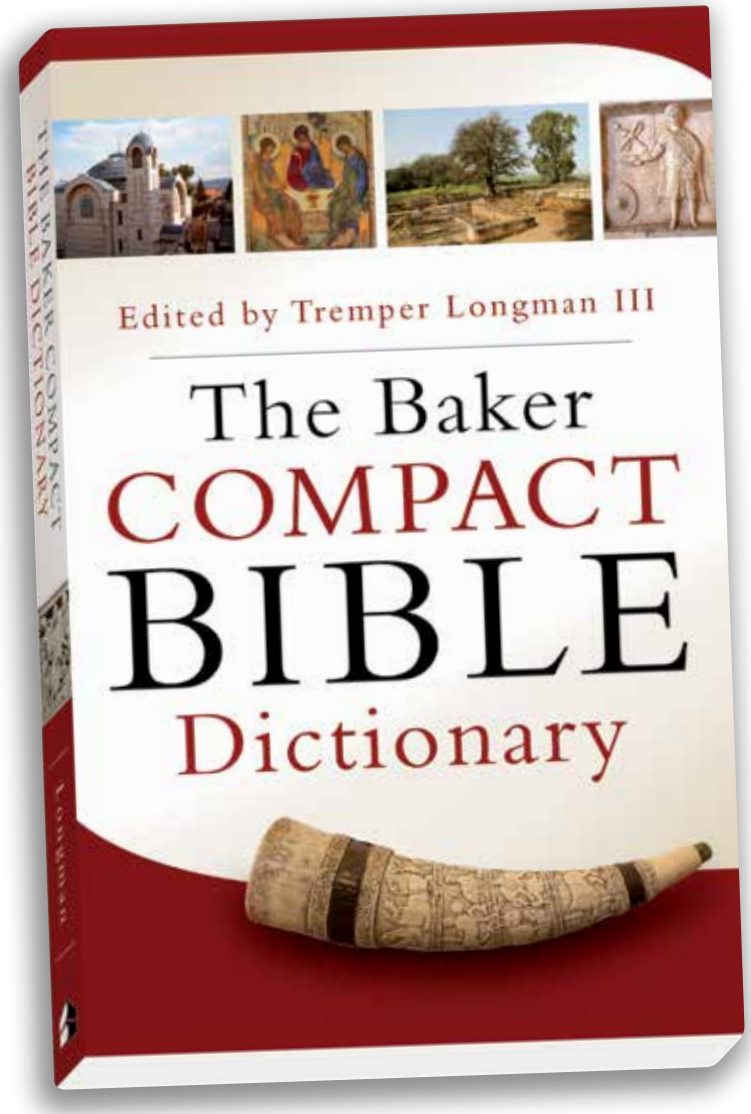

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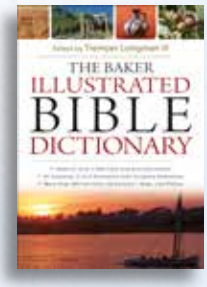

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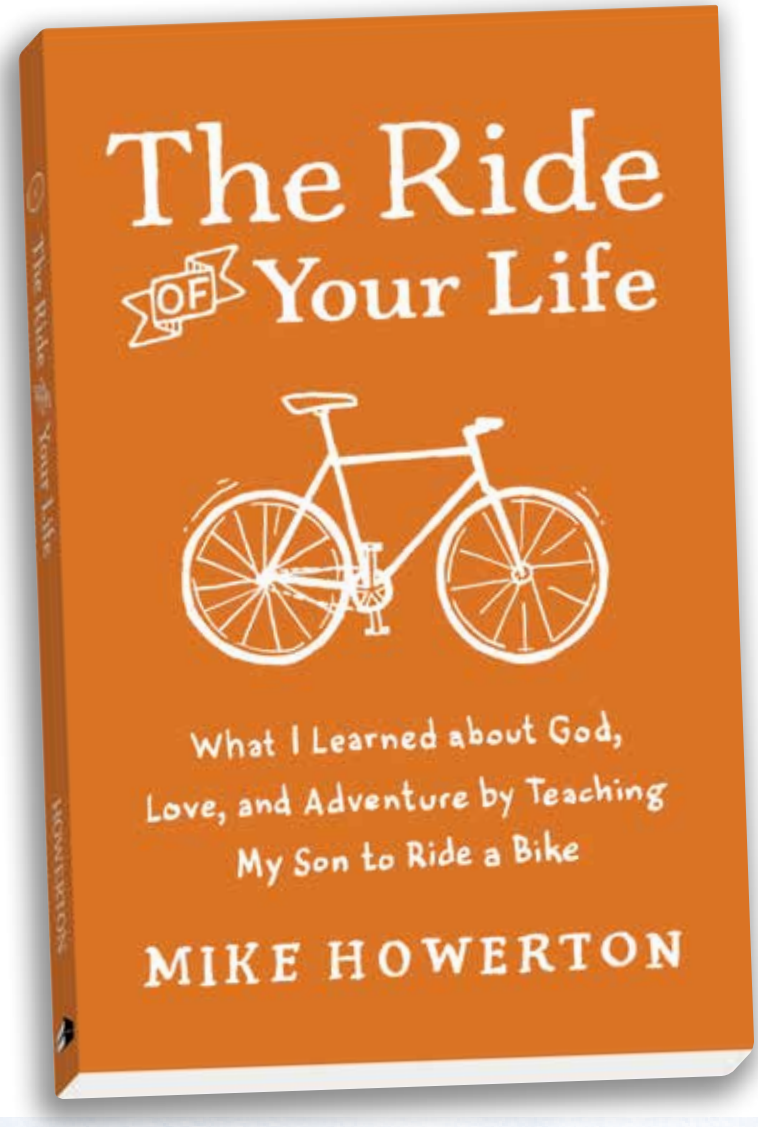

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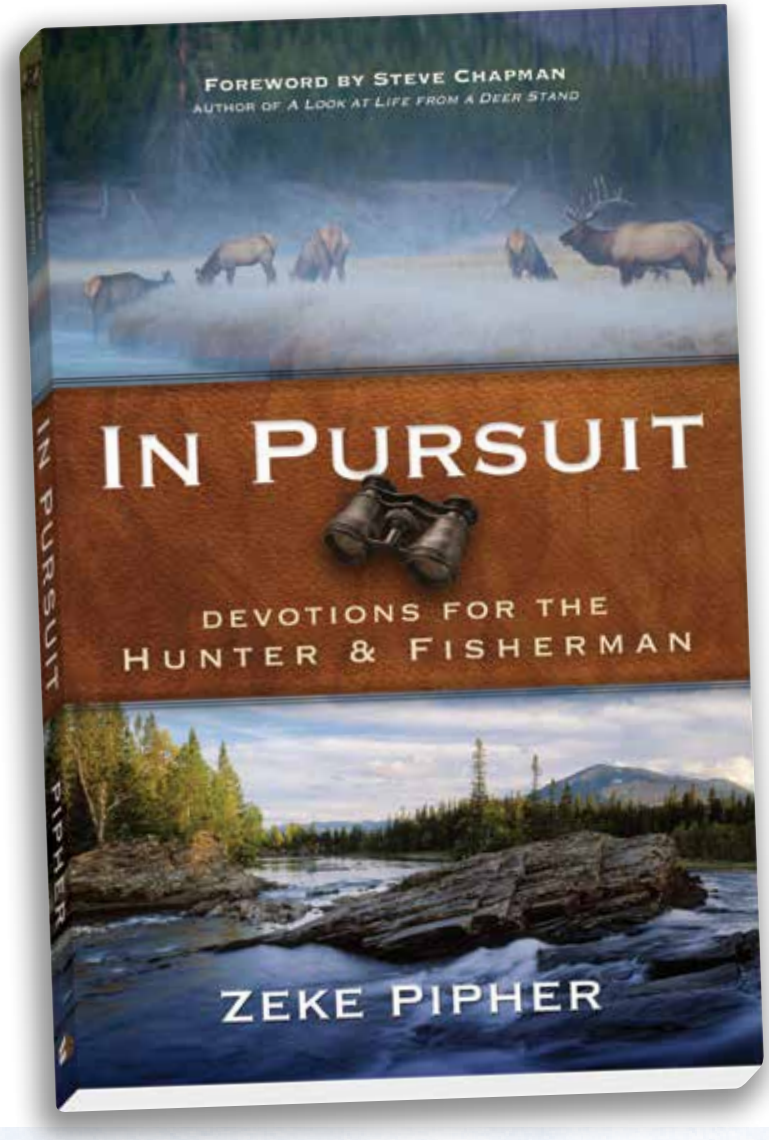

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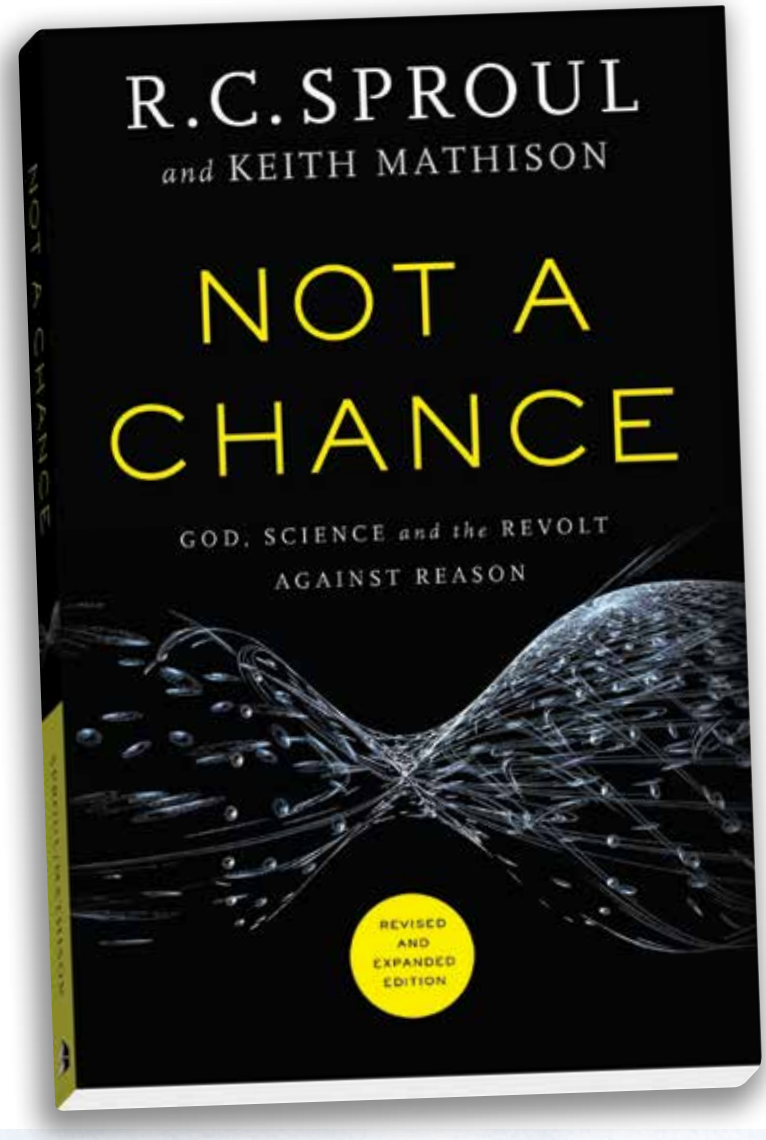

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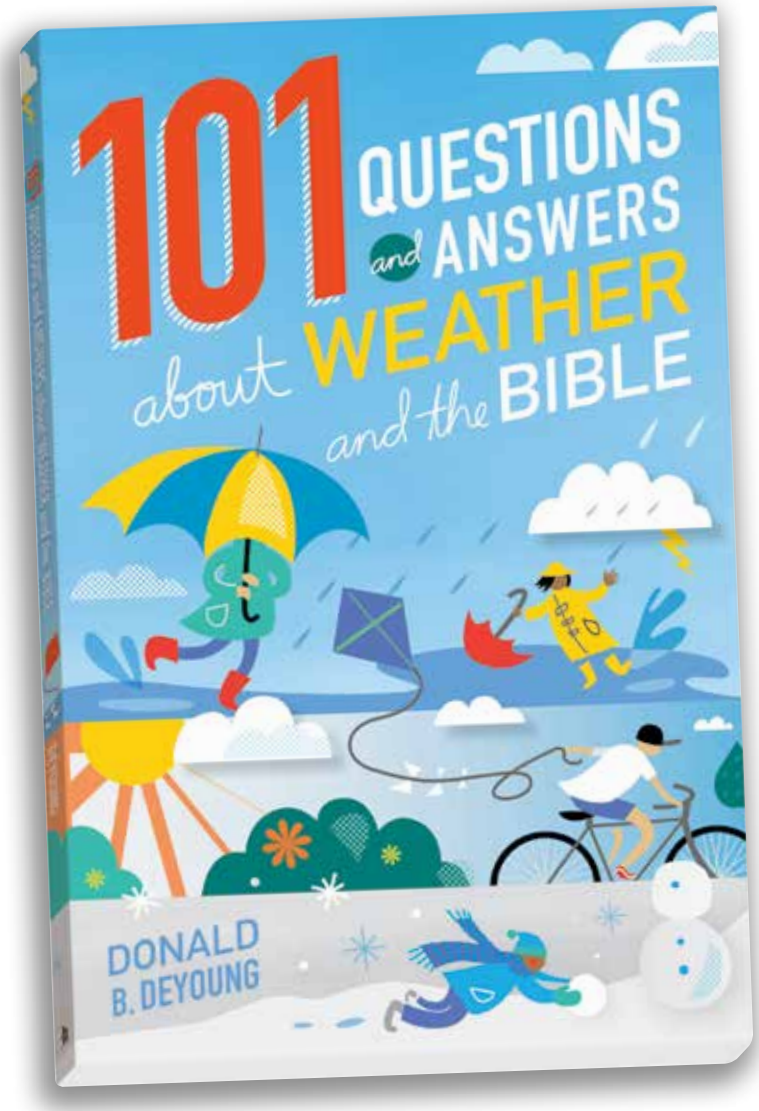

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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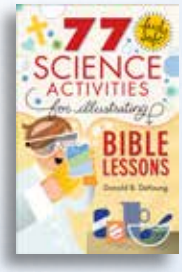

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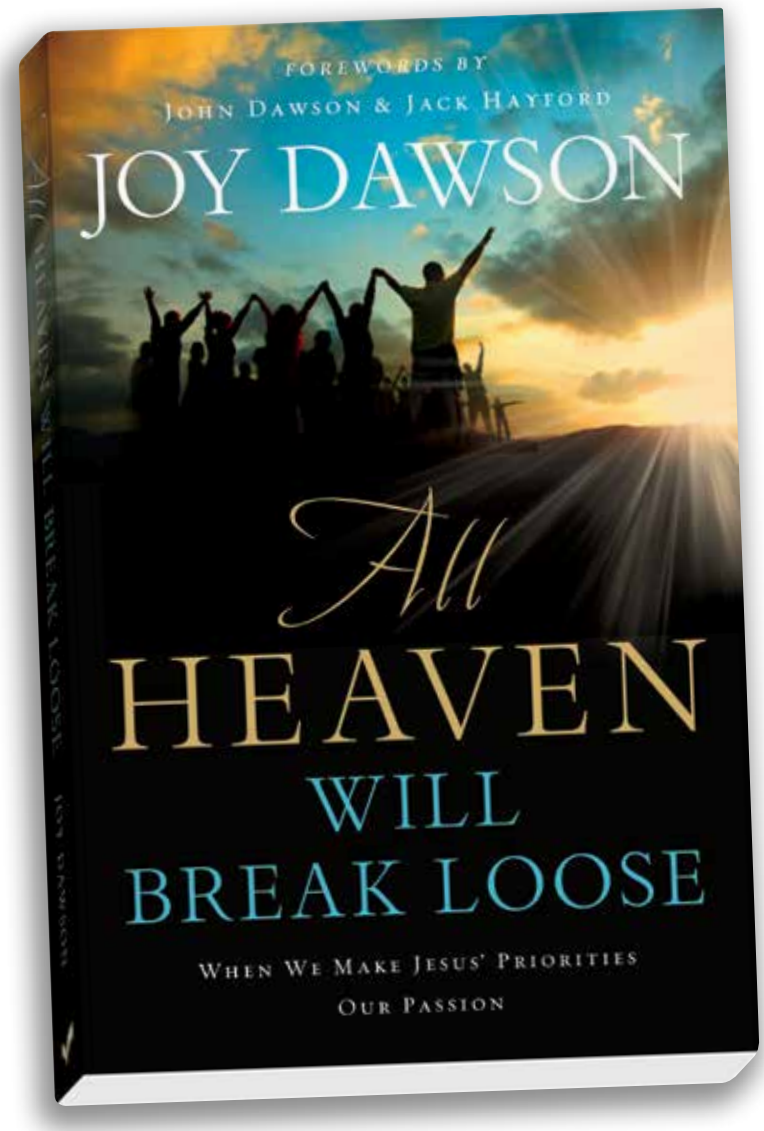

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It is time to help fulfill Jesus' high priestly prayer, says renowned Bible teacher Joy Dawson, and to realize that, if believers are to spend eternity together, we need to start exercising and enjoying the unity Jesus prayed for us to have. Demonstrating our unity is not without cost, as she explains, but when we do, all heaven will break loose—here, now. Dawson describes the principles involved, the importance of forgiveness, the problems of difficult circumstances, and much more. In the last days, not only genuine revival is possible, but the joyful outcome of believers walking in unity.

All Heaven Will Break Loose

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Joy Dawson and her late husband, Jim, served as missionaries with Youth With A Mission and elders of The Church On The Way in **Van Nuys, California**. Mrs. Dawson's Bible-teaching ministry and missionary journeys have taken her over the decades to every continent on earth. Multitudes have been blessed by her television and radio ministries, and countless lives have been changed through the international distribution of her teaching on the character and ways of God.

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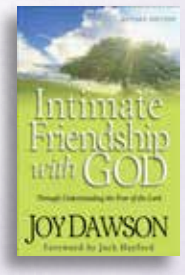
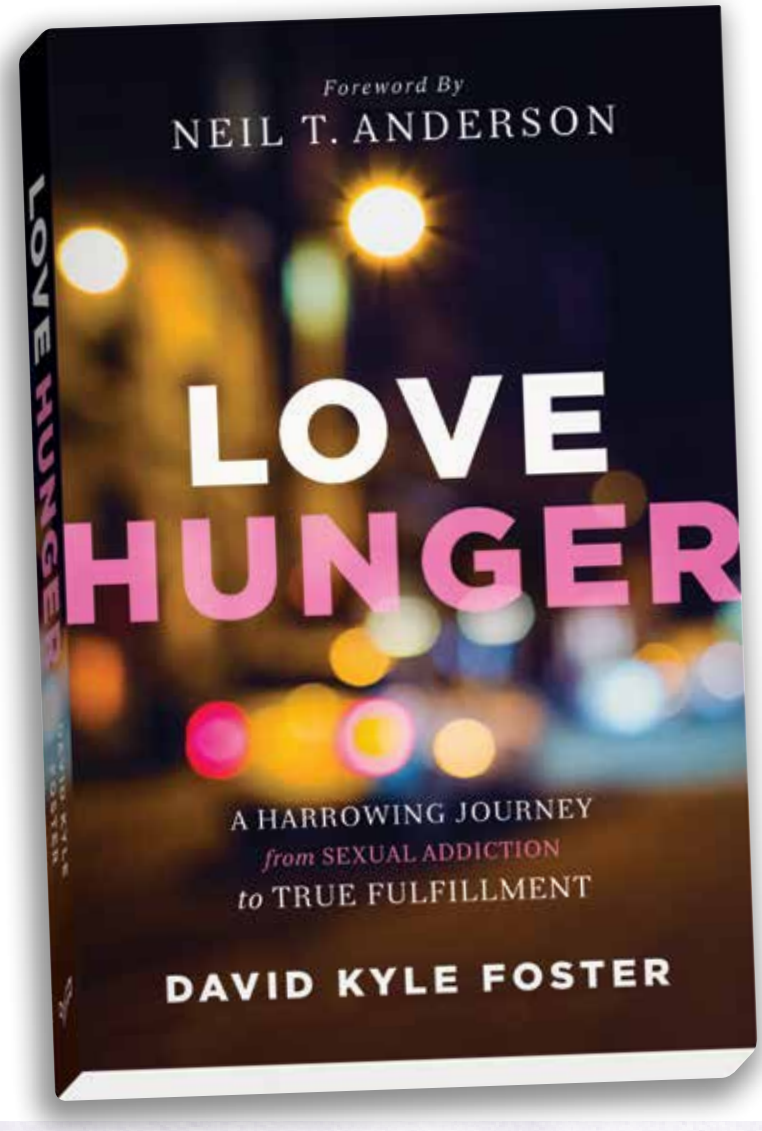


One Hollywood Actor's Harrowing Journey from Sexual Addiction to True Fulfillment



- Foreword by Neil T. Anderson, bestselling author of *The Bondage Breaker*
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Male prostitution, pornography, cults—secret sins rival the glitter of Hollywood for young actor David Kyle Foster. Winning wholesome television roles, his star on the rise, he is relieved to be free from his father's abuse. But the desperate loneliness and sexual obsession that characterized his youth accompany his rise to success—and bondage to a double life seems the only answer. Can Jesus' love reach one so broken?

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Love Hunger

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Kyle Foster, founder of Mastering Life Ministries, holds an MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a DMin from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. He is an adjunct professor at Asbury Theological Seminary and other institutions and serves on the faculty of the Wagner Leadership Institute. An author and frequent talk show guest, Foster hosts *Pure Passion*, a televised outreach equipping believers to minister to those trapped in sexual sin and brokenness. David lives in **Franklin, Tennessee**.

A Former Muslim's

EXCERPT

The whole building shook, as if there had just been an earthquake. Toppled by the tremor, I grasped the back of my chair to keep from falling. I was deafened by the noise, like a thousand trumpets blasting together.

The entire auditorium was suddenly filled with dense, black smoke. I felt as if I were under water, or as if my ears were stuffed with cotton. The stench of the fumes made me cough and made my eyes water.

A friend ran toward the front of the church, waving his arms and shouting, "Get out! Get out, now! It was a bomb! There may be more! Hurry!"

People screamed in fear. The only exit, at the back of the room, was jammed. People were lying wounded and bleeding amid the wreckage. Groans and cries for help mingled with the noises of panicked worshipers trying to escape. Nightmarish images of death and horrible wounds were all around and I could not shut them out.

My friends were dying all around me and there was nothing I could do!

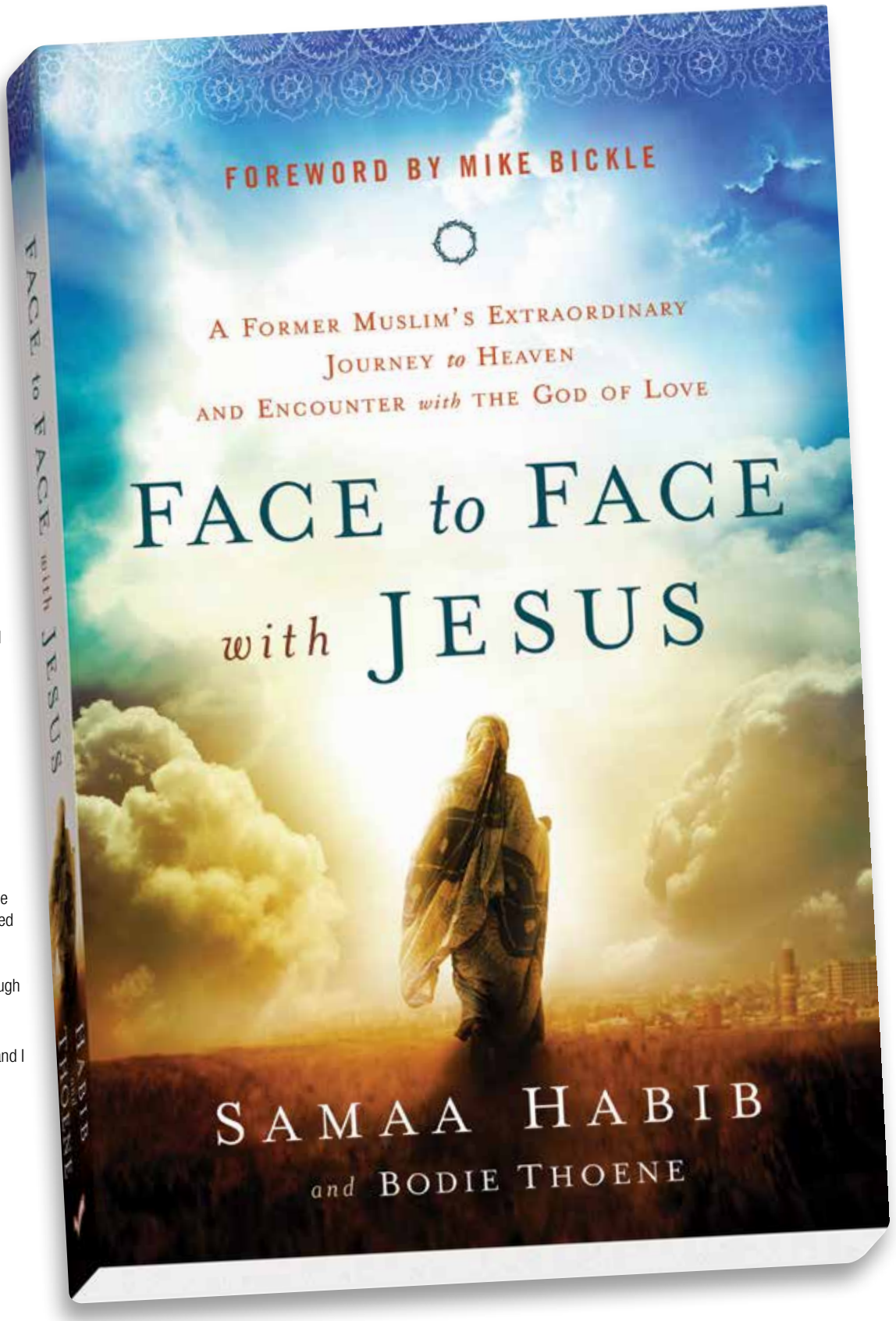
I leaned against a cabinet containing a fire extinguisher, trying to catch my breath.

It was at that instant that a second bomb, hidden inside the cabinet, exploded.

I was thrown ten feet into the air and smashed against the opposite wall. All the air was knocked out of me. I was deafened and blinded, yet at the same moment my entire body felt on fire, as though an electric shock coursed over me and through me.

The pain was excruciating. I imagined the angel of death was choking me. He and I were fighting for my breath.

"Jesus, help me! Jesus, save me!" I gasped, and then I breathed my last.



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Samaa Habib grew up a Muslim in the Middle East and became a believer in Jesus Christ even before he appeared to her. Through this and other supernatural experiences, she shares the Lord's great love for people and his imminent return. She is now studying in **America**.

Bodie Thoene has written more than 45 works of historical fiction, selling more than ten million copies and winning eight ECPA Gold Medallion awards. She and her husband, Brock, live in **Nevada**.

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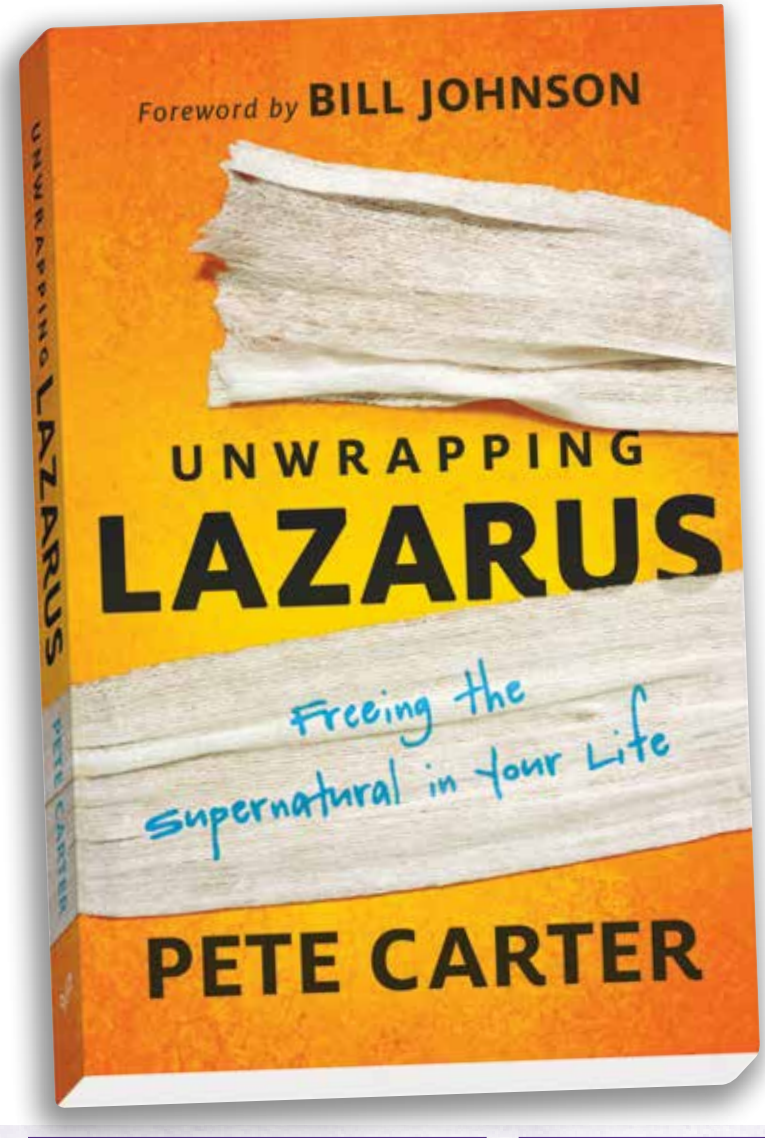

- Foreword by bestselling author Bill Johnson
- Author is connected with Bethel Church in Redding, California
- Shows how everyone can participate in God's amazing works

After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he directed onlookers to unbind the resurrected man so he could walk freely. Just so, modern-day believers need to be unloosed from destructive thoughts and behaviors in order to overcome disappointment, walk in the fullness of their identities, move in the supernatural, and much more. Dr. Carter, a medical doctor and church leader, shows that we serve Jesus best by "unwrapping Lazarus"—helping others and ourselves become all we were created to be. Carter's biblical teaching, humor, and personal testimony attest to dramatic healings and enriched lives for all who are stuck, sick, or weak. It is time to get unwrapped and walk in the miraculous.

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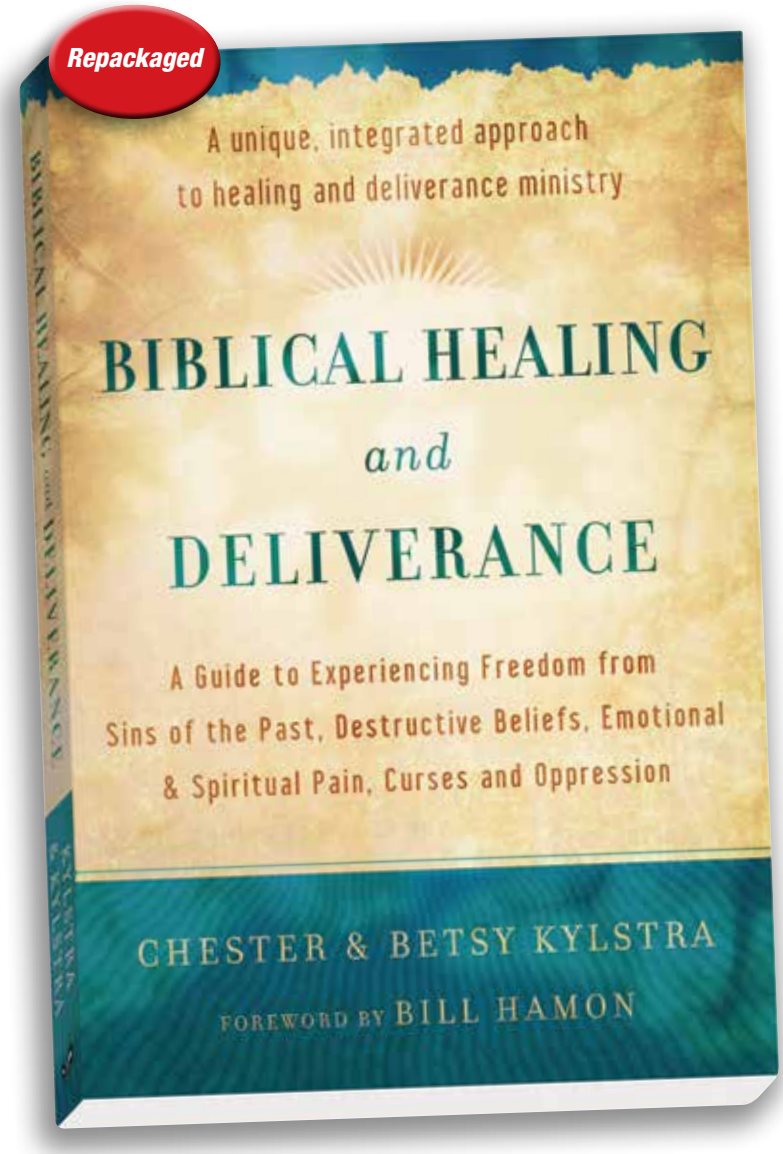
Foundational, Life-Changing Teaching on Biblical Healing and Deliverance



- Authors have seen lives changed by these principles for over 20 years
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- Foreword by Bill Hamon

Rejection, depression, guilt, fear—evidence of spiritual bondage in today's world is rampant. In this classic work, Chester and Betsy Kylstra explain that pain can be traced almost without fail to four key sources: generational sin, ungodly beliefs, life's hurts, and demonic oppression. The hurt is real—but so is the good news. God wants no one to stay locked in bondage! With immense practicality and real-life examples, and with the Bible as guidebook, this unique ministry approach to healing and deliverance addresses all four areas, directing both prayer ministers and those in need to God's plan for wholeness—with life-transforming results.

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Chester and Betsy Kylstra are ordained ministers with Christian International Ministries Network. They serve on Bishop Bill Hamon's Board of Governors and on C. Peter Wagner's Apostolic Roundtable of Deliverance Ministries. They founded Proclaiming His Word Ministries in 1992. The Kylstras, who have four adult children, travel around the world and live in **Hendersonville, North Carolina**.

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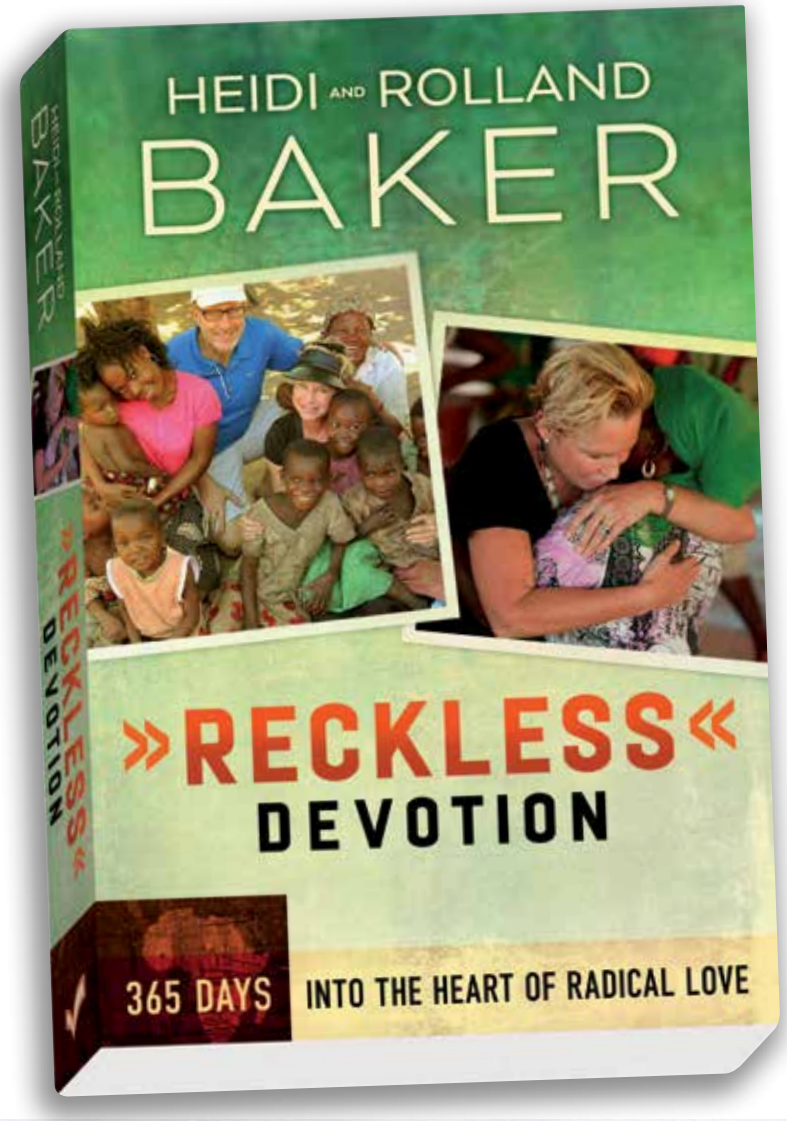

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Heidi and Rolland Baker, founders and directors of Iris Ministries, have served as missionaries for more than thirty years to the world's poorest people. They both earned PhD degrees at King's College, University of London, where they planted a thriving church for the homeless. They have lived and ministered for many years in **Mozambique**. They also travel internationally, teaching about "passion and compassion" in the ministry of the gospel. They have written several books, including *Always Enough*, *Expecting Miracles*, and *Learning to Love*.

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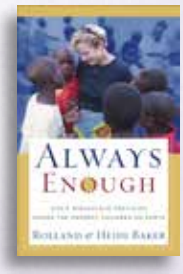
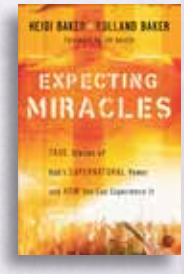
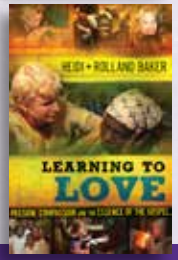
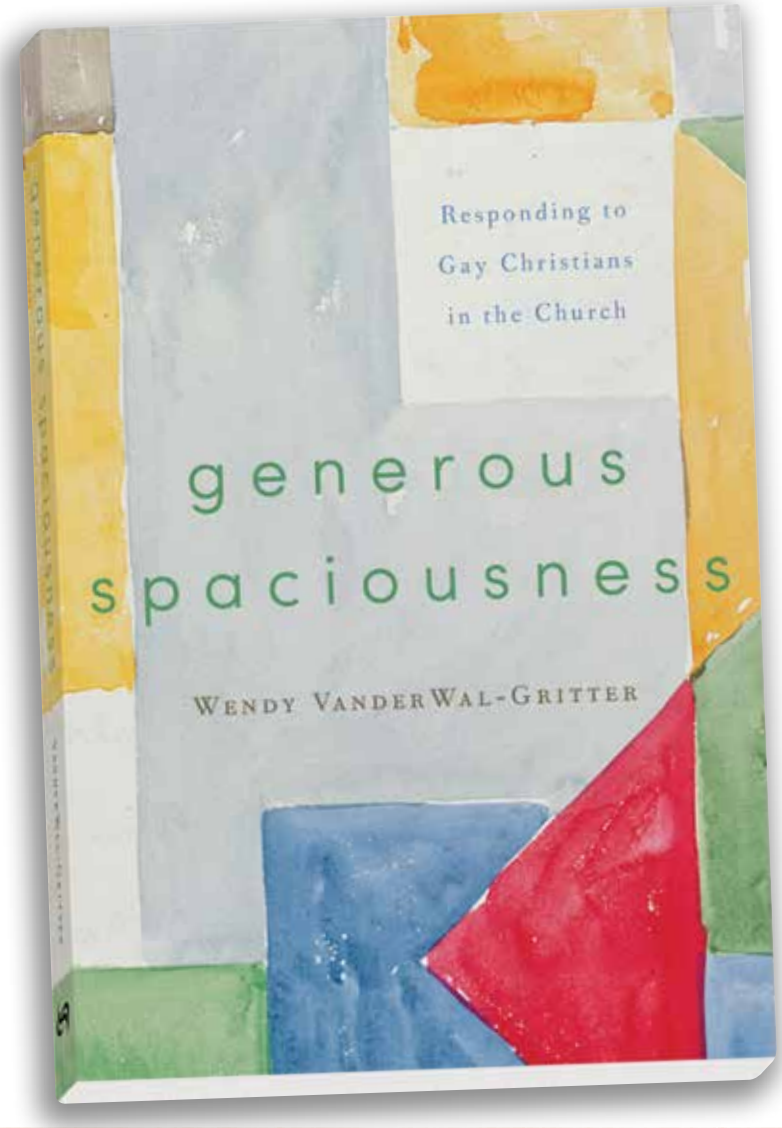






A Gracious Response to Gay Christians in the Church



- Author speaks widely and her ministry has a growing profile
- Topic is of increasing importance in today's church
- Shows that the church can be a place that welcomes a variety of perspectives

Committed Christians may respond differently to gay and lesbian Christians. How can we engage those with whom we might disagree and navigate our journey together in a way that nurtures unity, hospitality, humility, and justice?

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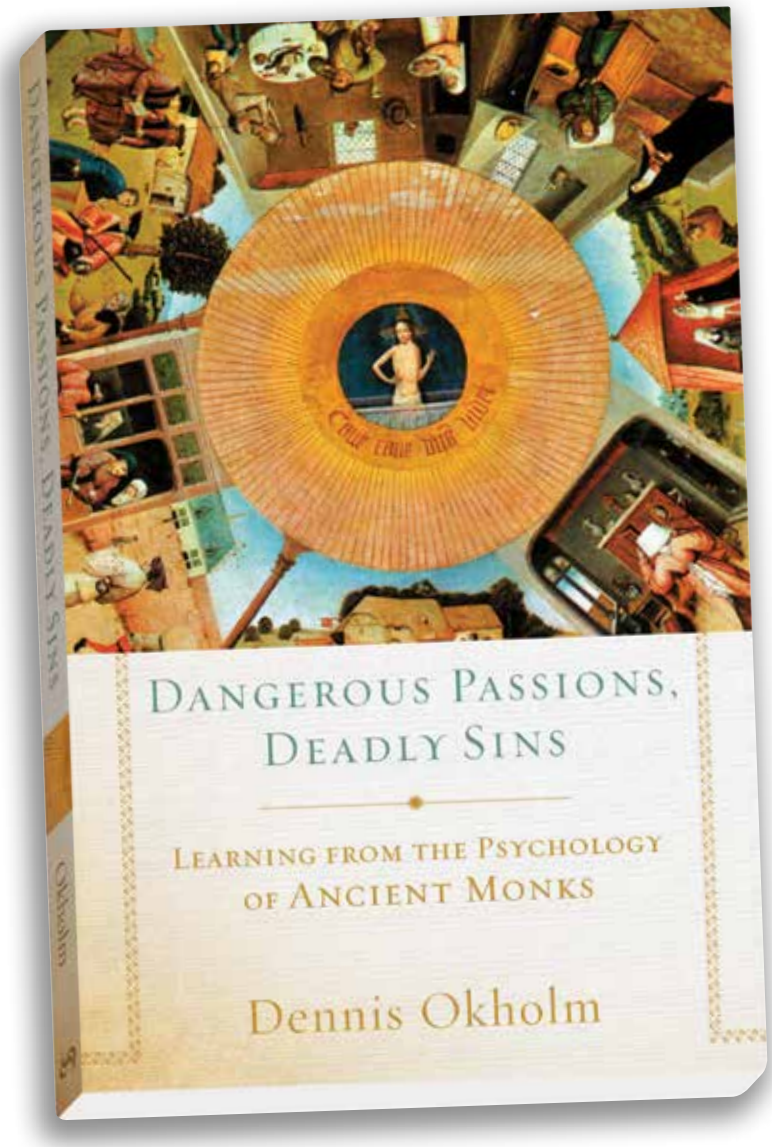
Wendy VanderWal-Gritter (MDiv, Tyndale Seminary) has been executive director of New Direction Ministries of Canada in **Mississauga, Ontario**, for over a decade. She is an internationally recognized contributor to conversations about faith and sexuality and is an active speaker. She is currently completing her doctoral dissertation on the theme of generous spaciousness at Knox College, University of Toronto.

Ancient Wisdom for Human Flourishing



- Author is an evangelical theologian, who has researched and practices Benedictine spirituality
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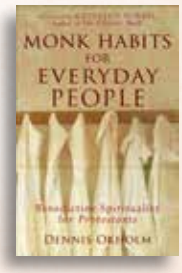

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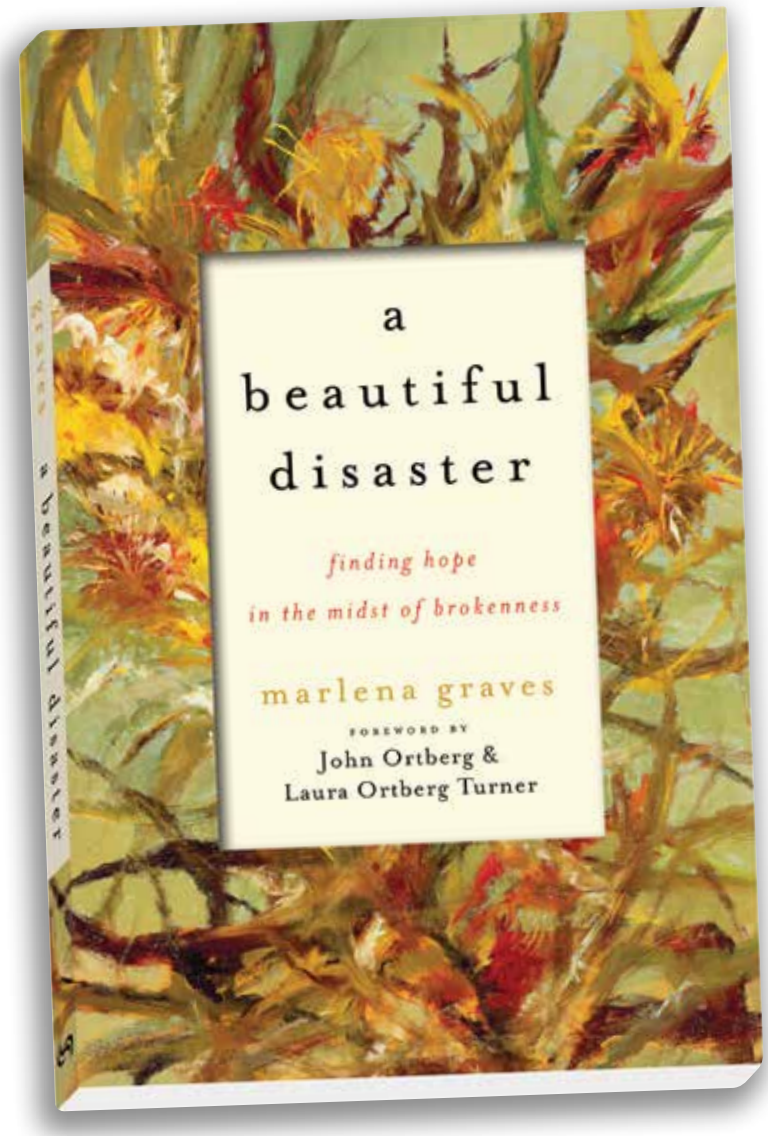

- Author is a gifted writer, active in *Her.meneutics*, *Christianity Today*, and *Relevant*
- Will appeal to readers of Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, Richard Foster, and Kathleen Norris
- Offers contemporary insights on learning from suffering through the motif of desert spirituality

Interweaving biblical insights and personal narratives, this eloquently written book shows how God often uses suffering and desert experiences to form us into Christ's image. Marlena Graves shares her experiences of growing up poor in a house plagued by mental illness as a means to explore the forces God uses to shape us into beautiful people in the midst of brokenness.

This book offers a window into suffering through the motif of desert spirituality, revealing how God can use our painful experiences to show himself faithful. While no one welcomes suffering, God often uses desert experiences—those we initially despise and wouldn't wish on anyone—to transform us into beautiful souls who better resemble Jesus. Graves shows how God can bring life out of circumstances reeking of death and destruction, whether those circumstances are crises or daily doses of quiet desperation.

Readers who have experienced suffering and question God's purpose for it will benefit from this book, as will counselors, pastors, professors, and mentors. Foreword by John Ortberg and Laura Ortberg Turner.

A Beautiful Disaster

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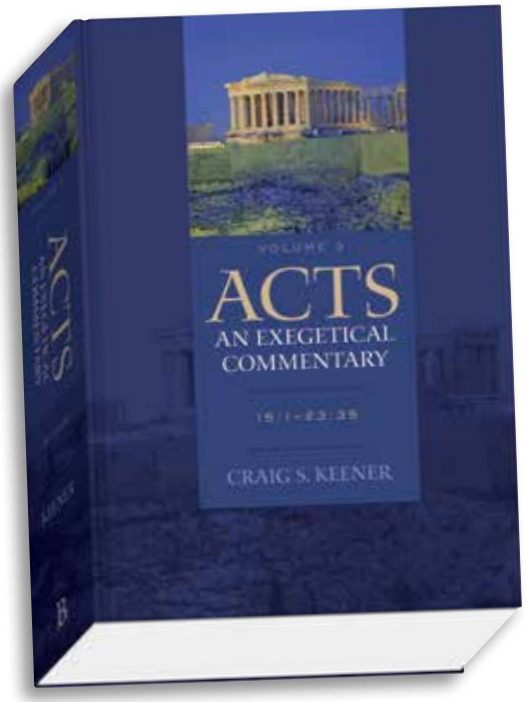

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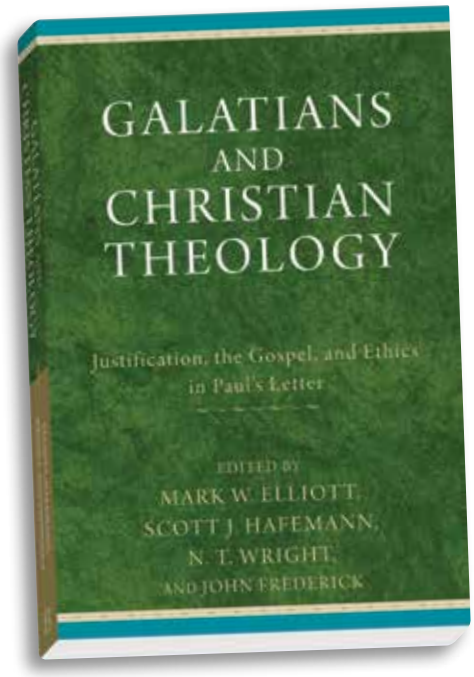

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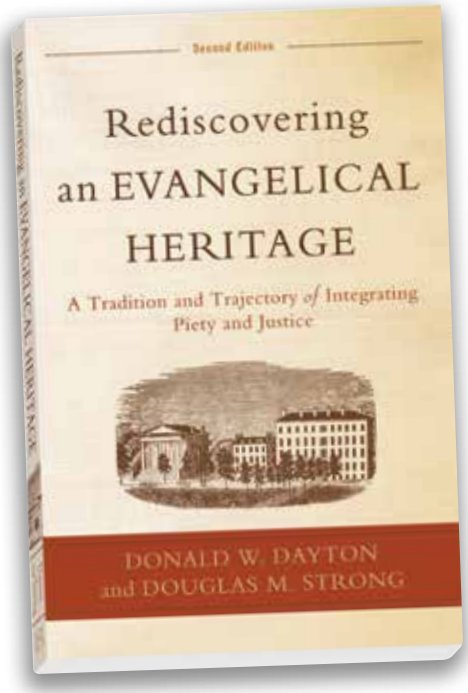
The Radical and Prophetic Roots of American Evangelicalism



This book, widely regarded as groundbreaking since its publication over thirty-five years ago, has challenged countless readers to rethink their evangelical heritage. It argues that nineteenth-century American evangelicals held a more mature vision of the faith, for they engaged demanding justice, peace, and social issues—a vision that was betrayed and distorted by twentieth-century neo-evangelicals. The book helps readers understand that the broader origins of American evangelicalism include the social justice concerns of today's church.

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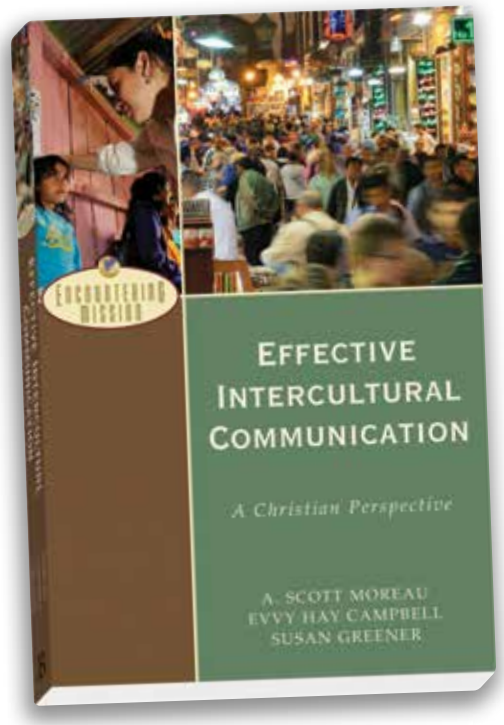
Communicating Effectively across Cultural Boundaries



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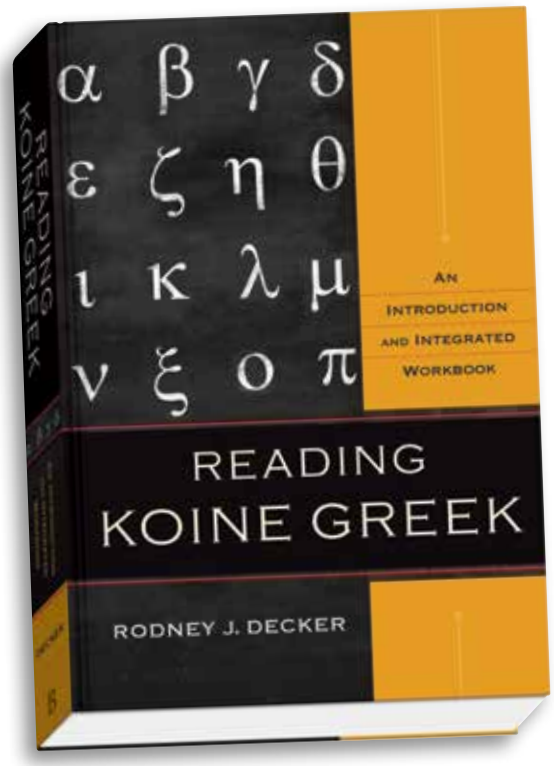
Recognized Expert Provides a Fresh Introduction to Koine Greek



This in-depth yet student-friendly introduction to Koine Greek provides a full grounding in Greek grammar while starting to build skill in the use of exegetical tools. The approach, informed by twenty-five years of classroom teaching, emphasizes reading Greek for comprehension as opposed to merely translating it. The workbook is integrated into the textbook, enabling students to encounter real examples as they learn each new concept. The book covers not only New Testament Greek but also the wider range of Bible-related Greek (LXX and other Koine texts). It introduces students to reference tools for biblical Greek, includes tips on learning, and is supplemented by robust web-based resources through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources, offering course help for professors and study aids for students.

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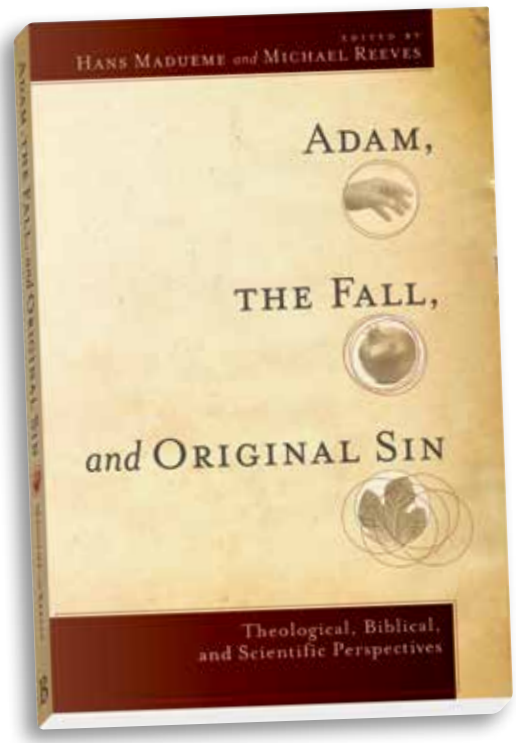
A Contemporary Defense of Original Sin and the Historical Adam



The Christian doctrines of original sin and the historical fall of Adam have been in retreat since the rise of modernity. Here leading scholars present a theological, biblical, and scientific case for the necessity of belief in original sin and the historicity of Adam and Eve in response to contemporary challenges. Representing various Christian traditions, the contributors shed light on recent debates as they present the traditional doctrine of original sin as orthodox, evangelical, and the most theologically mature and cogent synthesis of the biblical witness. This fresh look at a heated topic in evangelical circles will appeal to professors, students, and readers interested in the creation-evolution debate.

Adam, the Fall, and Original Sin

Hans Madueme and Michael Reeves, editors

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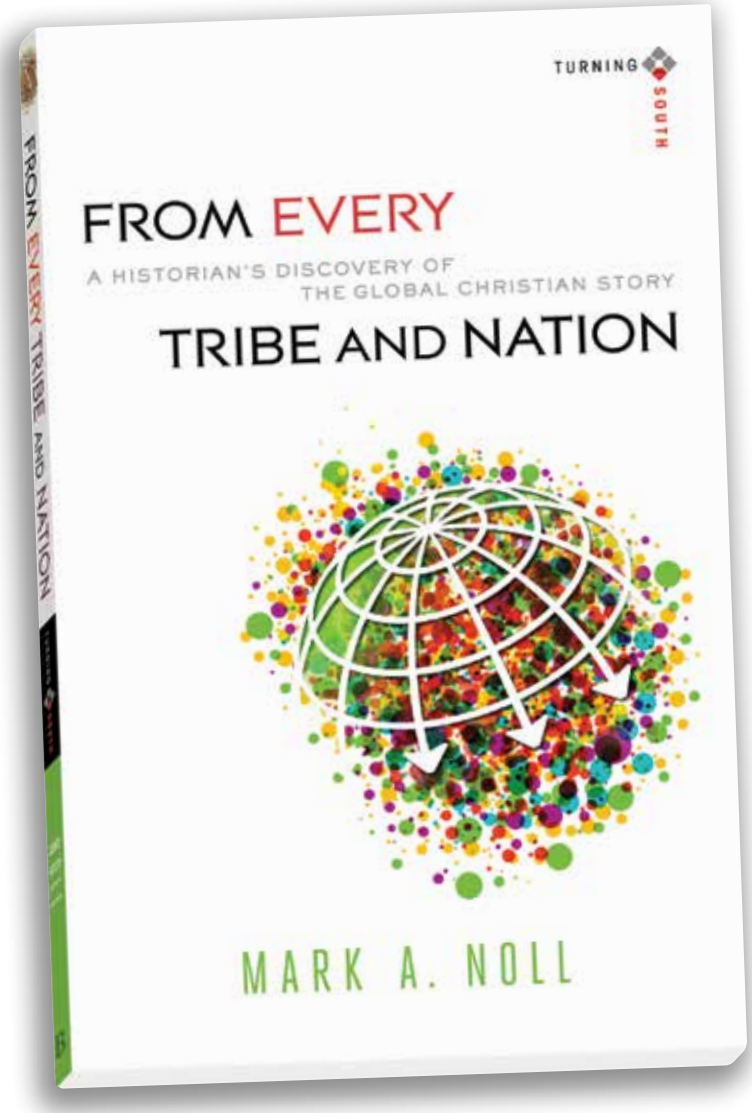
A Historian's Discovery of the Global Christian Story



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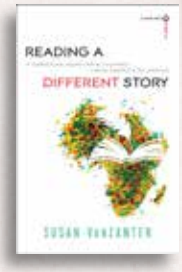

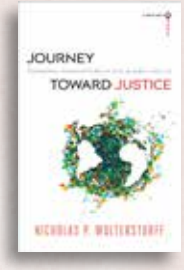

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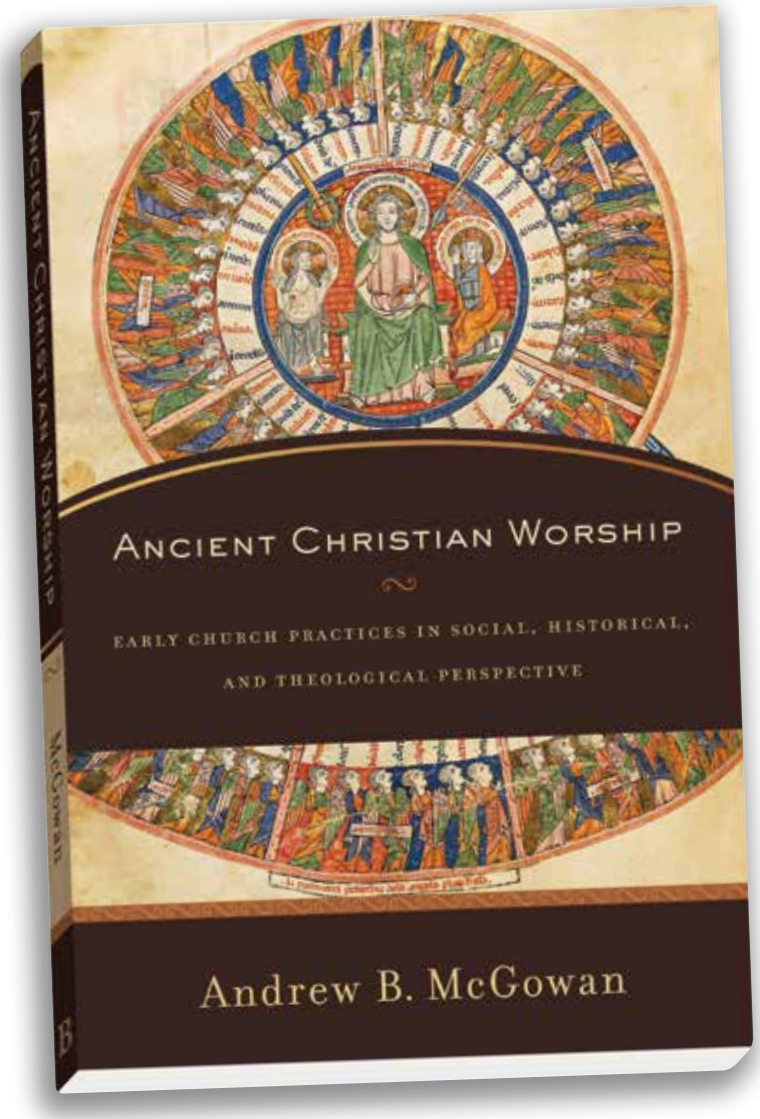

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This introduction to the origins of Christian worship illuminates the importance of ancient Christian worship practices for contemporary Christianity. Andrew McGowan, a leading scholar of early Christian liturgy, takes a fresh approach to understanding how Christians came to worship in the distinctive forms still familiar today. Deftly and expertly processing the bewildering complexity of the ancient sources into lucid, fluent exposition, he sets aside common misperceptions to explore the roots of Christian ritual practices—including the Eucharist, baptism, communal prayer, preaching, Scripture reading, and music—in their earliest recoverable settings. Students of Christian worship and theology as well as pastors and church leaders will value this work.

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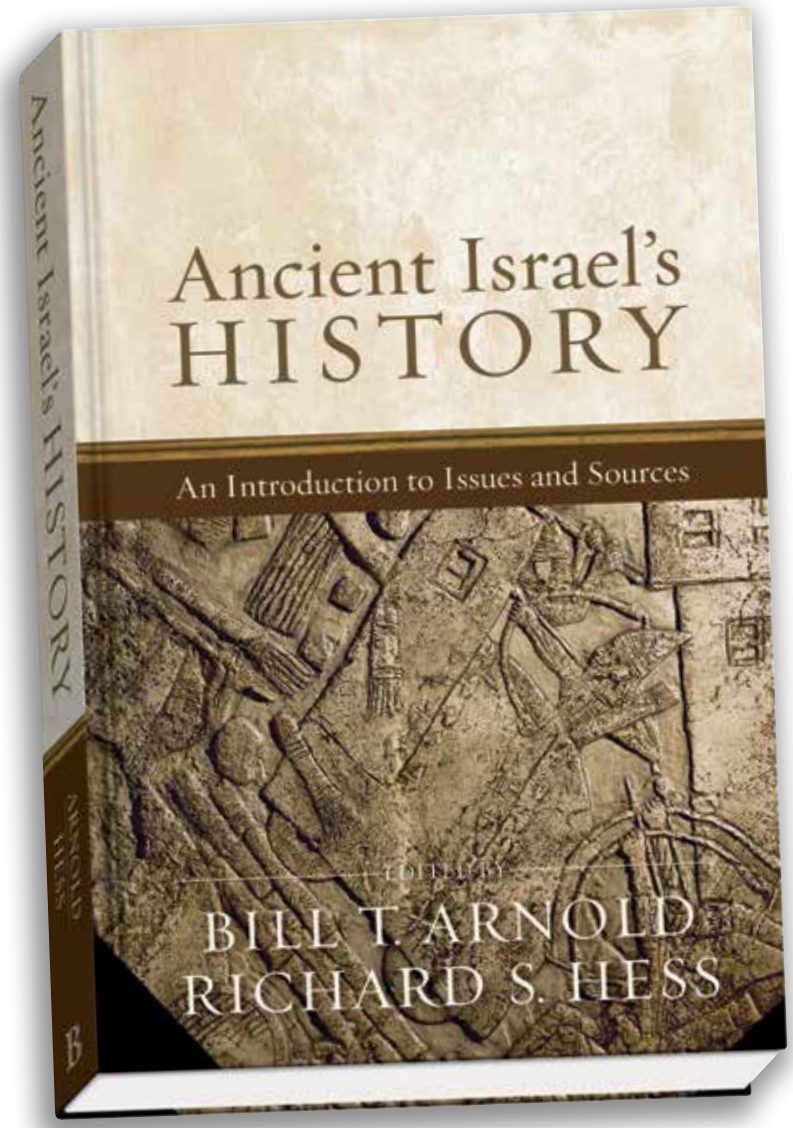
A Reliable, Up-to-Date Textbook on the History of Israel



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The history of Israel is a much-debated topic in Old Testament studies. On one side are minimalists who find little of historical value in the Hebrew Bible. On the other side are those who assume the biblical text is a precise historical record. Many serious students of the Bible find themselves between these two positions and would benefit from a careful exploration of issues in Israelite history.

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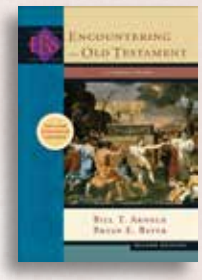

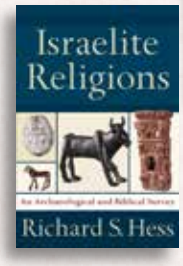

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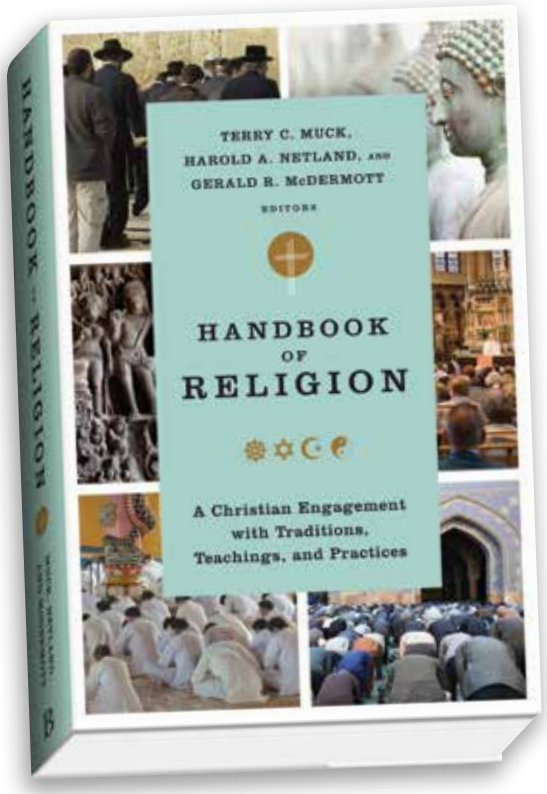

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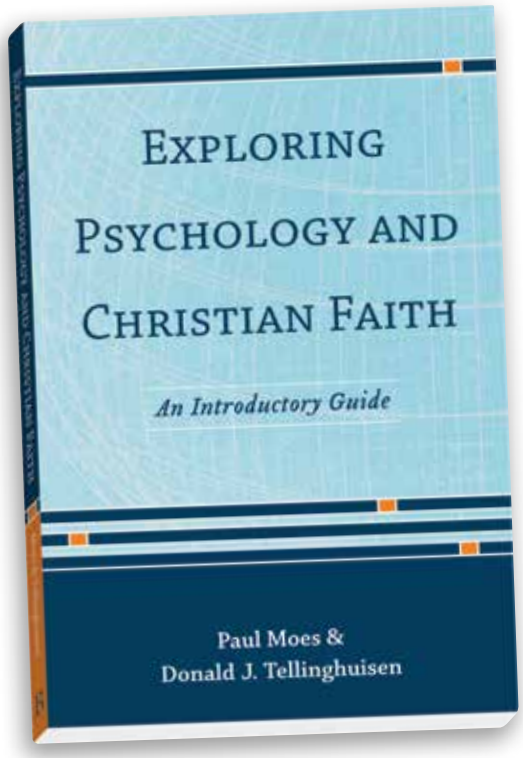
Introducing Psychology from a Christian Perspective



Introductory psychology courses can raise significant questions about the nature of being human. This introductory guide, drawn from more than fifty years of classroom experience, provides students with a coherent framework for considering psychology from a Christian perspective. The authors explore biblical themes of human nature in relation to all major areas of psychology, showing how a Christian understanding of humans can inform the study of psychology. Brief, accessible chapters correspond to standard introductory psychology textbooks, making this an excellent supplemental text. End-of-chapter questions are included.

Exploring Psychology and Christian Faith

Paul Moes and Donald J. Tellinghuisen

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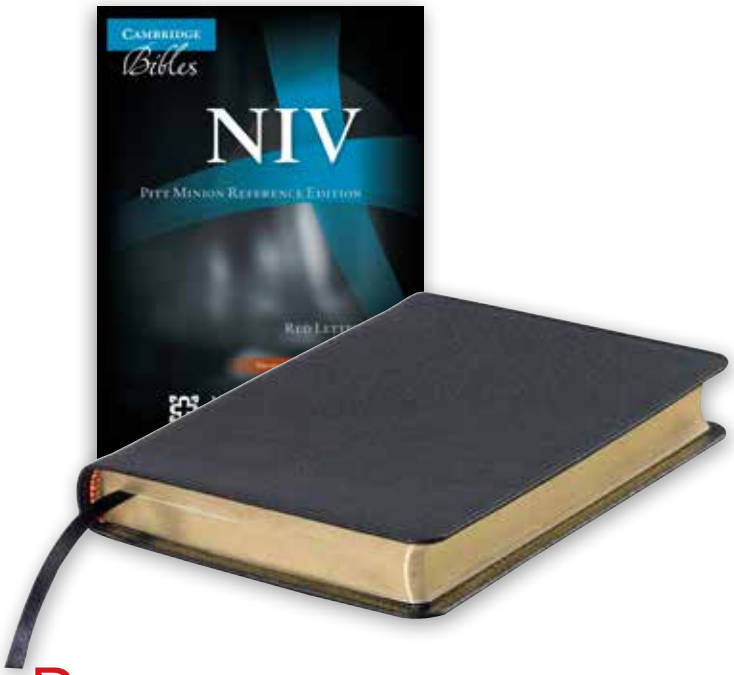

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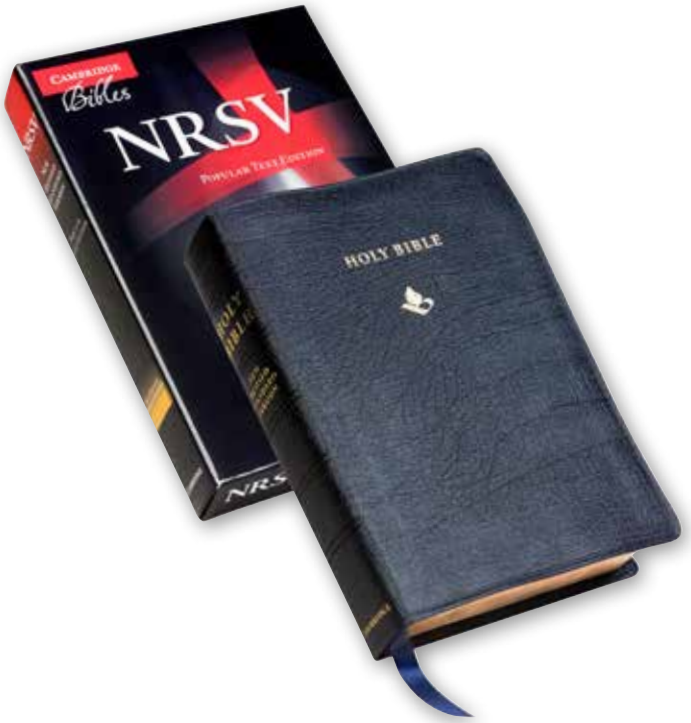

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By the bookstore's twenty-fifth year, Herman Baker's sons Richard and Peter were part of the staff. Richard Baker came on in 1957 after attending Calvin College and graduating from the Publishing Procedures Course sponsored by Radcliffe College. Peter Baker joined the business after attending Calvin College and Davenport Business Institute.

Richard Baker calls Baker Book House "the only job I ever had." He remembers many hours spent at the store as a child and young adult. "My dad would say, 'Put those books in canonical order' or 'Put those books in alphabetical order,'" recalls Rich. "I got really good at that."

The late 1960s onward were years of unprecedented growth for Christian publishing in general and for Baker Book House specifically. The bookstore on Wealthy Street became a gathering place for area pastors, teachers, and laypeople eager to find the newest books or fill holes in their libraries.

Perhaps the biggest move during the 1960s was the construction of a 25,000-square-foot facility in Ada, just east of Grand Rapids, to house the publishing division and warehouse. The building has been expanded three times since then, adding space to the mailing and warehousing departments, as well as publishing division offices.

In the 1970s, the retail aspect of the business was going strong under the leadership of Herman Baker's second son, Peter J. Baker. In 1968, Baker opened a store in Holland, about twenty-five miles

Cambridge Bibles distribution begins: 1990

Baker purchases Revell, Chosen, and Spire: 1992

1985 1990 1995

southwest of Grand Rapids. A third store opened in 1970 in the Benton Harbor area. Then, between September 1972 and April 1976, three stores opened in Breton Village Mall in Grand Rapids. The first, also named Baker Book House, sold religious and secular titles from the major publishers in both realms. Paperbacks on Parade sold only paperbacks, and the third store, Pooh's Corner, specialized in children's books. In late 1978, the company established an outlet store in Grand Village Mall in the Grand Rapids suburb of Grandville.

Richard Baker, Herman's oldest son, became president of Baker Book House upon Herman's retirement in 1987. Despite his retirement at age 76, Herman continued to play a role in the book business as publisher at large. He continued working until his death in February 1991 at age 79.

Richard Baker could see a need in the area of trade publishing. The man who stepped into his father's shoes put his mark on Baker Book House by expanding the company through several key purchases that filled that need, including the purchase of the Fleming H. Revell Company and Chosen Books in 1992.

The early 1990s were years of adjustment as the company doubled its business. Rich Baker's purchase of Revell and Chosen set the company on track as a trade publisher, but it was hard to reeducate the public.

"Isn't Baker the company that does classics and reprints?" many asked. "The perception of Baker as a dusty corner of the book business stuck to us for years," relates current president Dwight Baker. "Of course, Baker did remain a publisher of classics. It was good business to continue working in that area as we established ourselves in the new markets of the late 1990s and the new millennium."

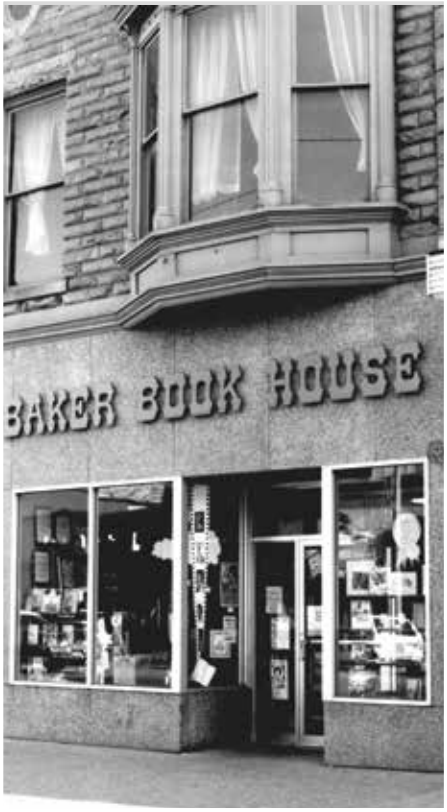
"In fact, we turned the final page on this history only recently," says Dwight. "The last carton of Calvin's *Commentaries* shipped from our warehouse in April 2013. The occasion passed without notice or fanfare, but that shipment marked the end of an era for our publishing program. Today our catalog represents only works that we introduce."

The 1990s were also a time of transition in leadership. Rich Baker, who had led the company since 1987, stepped down in 1997, and his son Dwight stepped in. Dwight, Rich's oldest son, had grown up at the company his grandfather started. Like his father, Dwight started out sweeping floors, washing windows, and packing books into boxes in the mailroom.

After graduating from Grand Rapids Christian High School, Dwight attended Calvin College and majored in art. He joined Baker Book House in 1979, became art director in 1983, and took on the role of executive vice president in 1991.

"My dad retired on the last day of a five-year paydown after the purchase of Revell. He took us through the five years of higher risk, then retired and left me with money to invest. I invested in staff, infrastructure, and authors," said Dwight.

"There is always a market for books from Baker Publishing Group. We can go along as an independent publisher for years. I'm very optimistic for our immediate future with the position we're in and the grace of God."—Rich Baker



» Original Holland Store

Baker launches Brazos Press: 1999

Baker purchases Bethany House Publishers: 2003

Baker purchases *GOD'S WORD* Bibles: 2008

2000 2005 2010

BAKER ENTERS AN UNPREDICTABLE NEW MILLENNIUM

One of the key changes made at Baker in the early 2000s reflected the growth and breadth of Herman Baker's vision and Richard Baker's forward thinking. The publishing divisions began operating under the name Baker Publishing Group in 2004 and expanded once again, this time nearly doubling the line and strengthening exponentially its reach into the fiction market with the purchase of Bethany House Publishers.

Already well known for powerhouse fiction authors like Beverly Lewis, Lynn Austin, and Tracie Peterson, Bethany House also boasted a strong stable of nonfiction authors and was a natural fit for Baker. Offices and staff remain in Bloomington, Minnesota.

In 2008, Baker purchased the publishing rights to *GOD'S WORD* Translation (GW), marking its first venture into Bible publishing.

But all was not smooth sailing. The early 2000s—with Baker's continued growth and deepened commitment to reaching readers with fine books—were the calm before the storm of a huge recession that hit the United States and Michigan in particular. Sales in 2008 and 2009 plummeted as consumers struggled to make ends meet due to job loss and higher costs of living. The book publishing industry was hit especially hard, with Baker Publishing Group no exception.

Many other companies went through staff reductions during this time, a step that Dwight Baker sought to avoid. Instead, the company announced in late 2008 that every employee making more than $12 per hour would receive a 5 percent pay cut. This action, in addition to a hiring freeze and many other spending reductions, enabled the company to get through the recession. Staff members' pay was restored several months later as economic conditions improved.

Editors and office staff also took shifts in the warehouse when the hiring freeze meant warehouse workers were falling behind in processing returns. They donned jeans and t-shirts and got to work opening cartons, putting books back on shelves, and handling damaged books.

AUTHOR QUOTE

"I'm especially grateful for Baker Publishing Group and all they have done to help their authors minister to people all over the world. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, 'Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.' Thank you, Baker Publishing Group, for helping me plant some seeds! One day we shall behold the harvest."

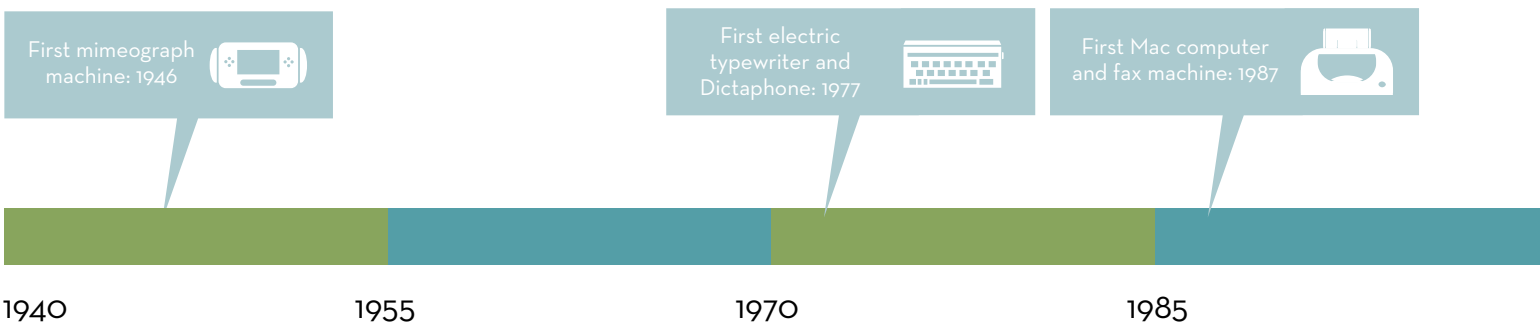
—Warren W. Wiersbe

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY READERS

Baker Publishing Group was on the cutting edge of the ebook revolution in 2008 when *The Pawn* by Steven James and *UnChristian* by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons became the first BPG ebooks. Between 2008 and 2012, almost all backlist titles were converted to ebook format. The current focus is on frontlist title conversion, with all new titles (300–350 titles a year) released in ebook form to accommodate the preferences of twenty-first-century readers.

"Sales and profits from digital books have helped us continue publishing with minimal interruption to the company," said Dave Lewis, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing. "Fiction was the category that exploded for ebook sales first and is the reason we have kept pace with the overall industry in ebook sales."

Lewis credits Nathan Henrion and others in the sales department who were quick to understand the power of promoting certain ebooks at low prices to find new readers.



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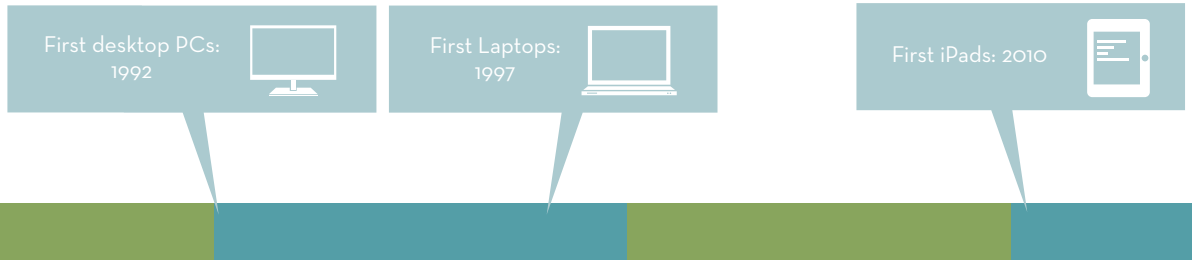
MOVING CONFIDENTLY INTO THE FUTURE

The future is bright for Baker Publishing Group. Baker Book House, the retail arm of the company, recently underwent a million-dollar renovation to expand and update the store. Current bestsellers, backlist titles, and a deep academic section draw casual readers and scholarly experts. Customers come from around the world to shop the store's ninety thousand used books and bargain area; prominent authors—from Ted Dekker to Liz Curtis Higgs to Charles Stanley—are eager to do events at the store; and the community has found a meeting place with private meeting rooms, wifi, a café, event space, and comfortable seating.

» 1989 Design Team: *Dwight B, Lisa H, and Dan M*

» Dwight Baker at the company Christmas party, *2011*

"When we review the past few decades, it becomes clear that we have made our greatest progress during those periods when our confidence and comfort levels were comparatively low. We do our best when we are in over our heads, and we eventually forget about how panicked we felt at the time. That's one of the amazing aspects of book publishing. Yes, it is conservative by nature and rich with tradition, but every morning on the job I still feel like a freshman. There is still so much to learn about serving the church through publishing, and that is the enduring joy of it."—Dwight Baker



Baker Publishing Group, now in its third generation of Baker family leadership, is preparing for the future. In September 2012, Dwight Baker created a governing board made up of Dwight and Dan Baker and six non-family members. These thoughtful men and women are tasked with guiding the organization into the fourth generation and beyond. And while Dwight Baker leads Baker Book House Company, the company is owned jointly by four Baker family members who are all voting shareholders.

Baker Publishing Group looks to the future even as it celebrates the past seventy-five years. The company's goal remains the same, reflecting the words of Herman Baker: "We love to sell a good book. There is no better business to be in."

» Our New Bookstore Building, *2012*

BESTSELLING AUTHORS

Over 25 million

Janette Oke

Over 15 million

Beverly Lewis

Over 5 million

Charles Allen
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Lois Leppard
Catherine Marshall
Don Piper
Helen Steiner Rice
Corrie ten Boom
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Over 3 million

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Over 2 million

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Over 1 million

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Over 5 million

90 Minutes in Heaven, Don Piper
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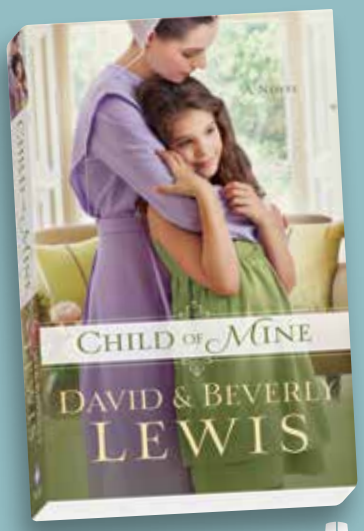

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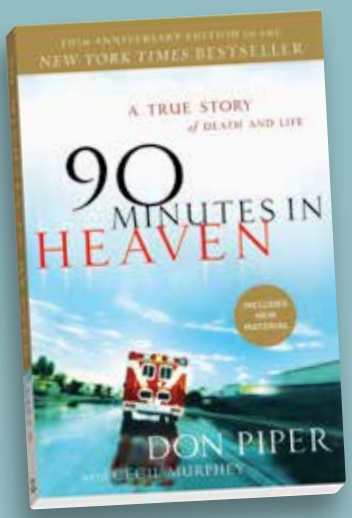

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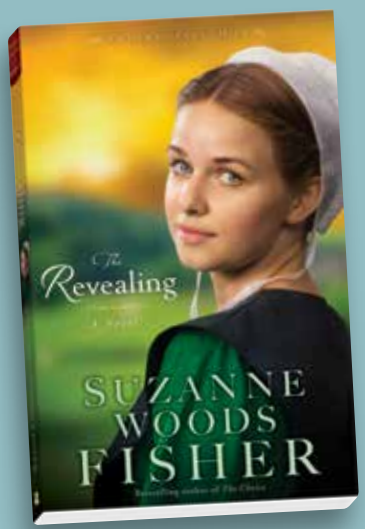

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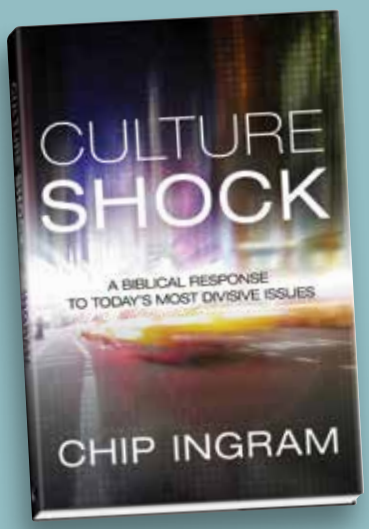

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