

EXCERPT

His hold broke and she rolled to her feet. He did the same and moved fast. She caught a blow to the stomach and went back to her knees.

A hard fist landed on her shoulder and she couldn't stop the cry from escaping her lips.

She struggled for breath even as she searched for the front door. He was strong and knew the layout. She was hurting and couldn't see.

Time to run.

She rose to her feet and whirled for the exit as he moved in for another hit. She ducked and spun. His fist whistled past her nose and she knew if he managed to connect with her face, she was down for the count. She tripped and went down, her knee kissing the floor with a hard thud. She cried out and rolled, scrambled up and to the door. Her fingers wrapped around the knob.

"Oh no you don't," he barked. A hand grasped her shoulder and gave a hard jerk. She went down again, this time slamming her elbow against the floor. Pain shot through her arm.

But she recognized the voice. "Ian? Stop!" she gasped. "Stop."

A low growl to her left. Nails clicked on the hardwoods. Jackie froze.

"Off Gus." His hand flexed. Released.

Her stomach hurt, her shoulder, knee and elbow throbbed. She fought to catch her breath.

Her weapon still rested in the holster under her left arm.

"Who are you?" he demanded in a low voice.

"Jackie . . . Sellers." She needed a minute. He had a hard punch. Her stomach cramped and nausea swept through her. She thought she could take care of herself just fine, but he had some wicked good fighting skills.

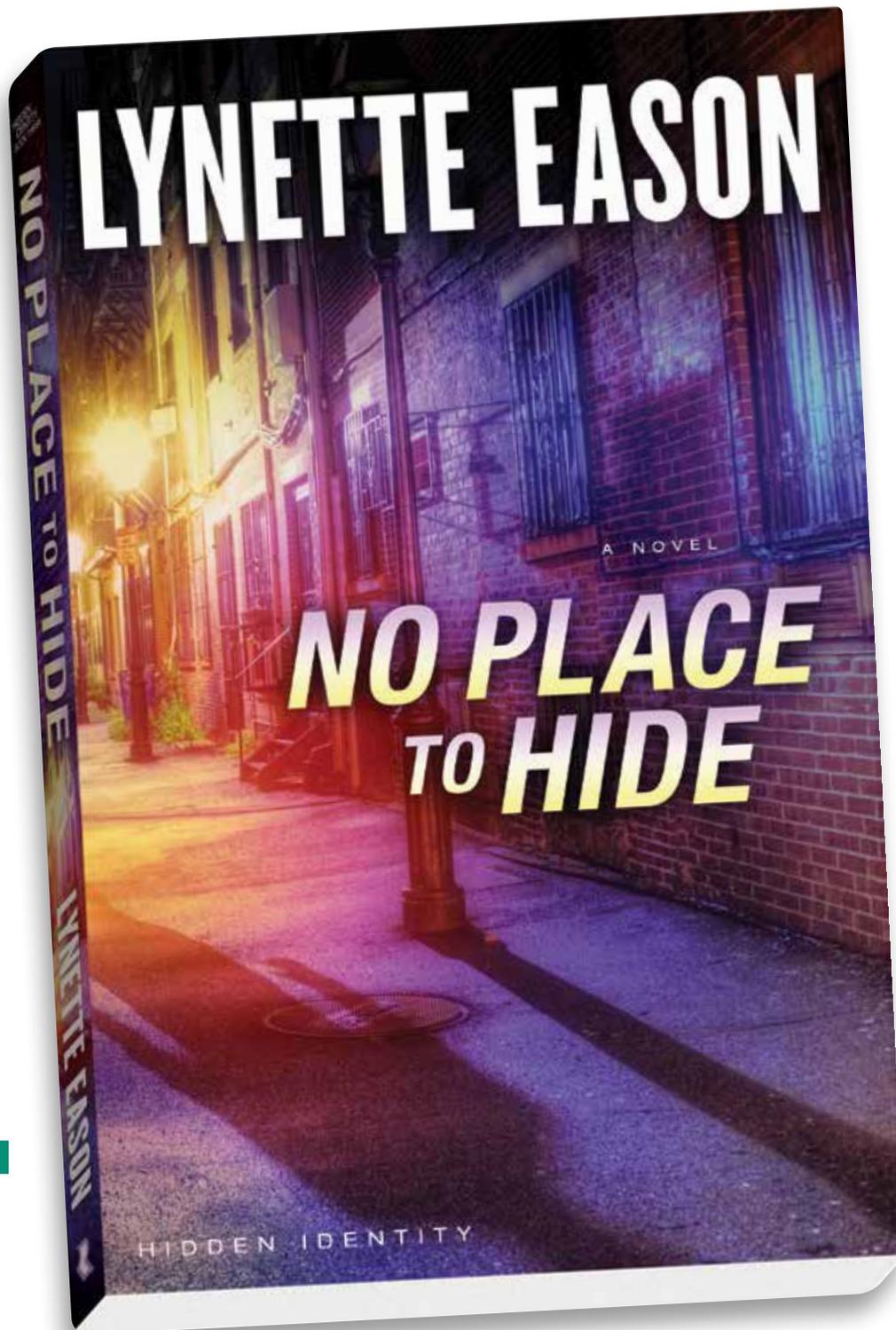
Silence. "Jackie?"

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No Place to Hide

Hidden Identity #3
Lynette Eason



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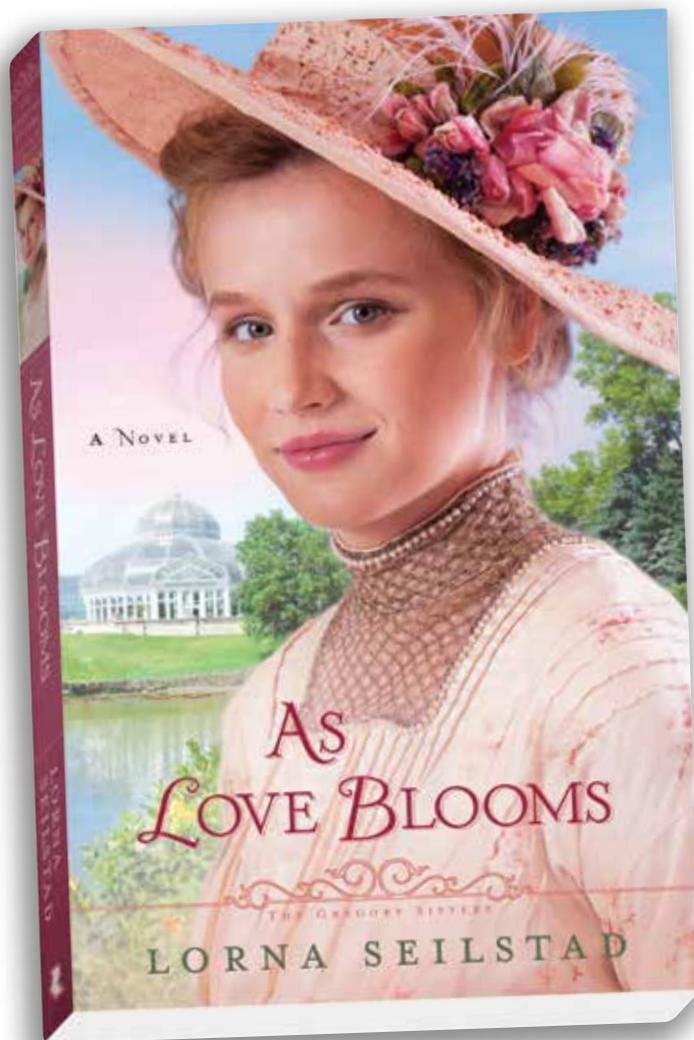
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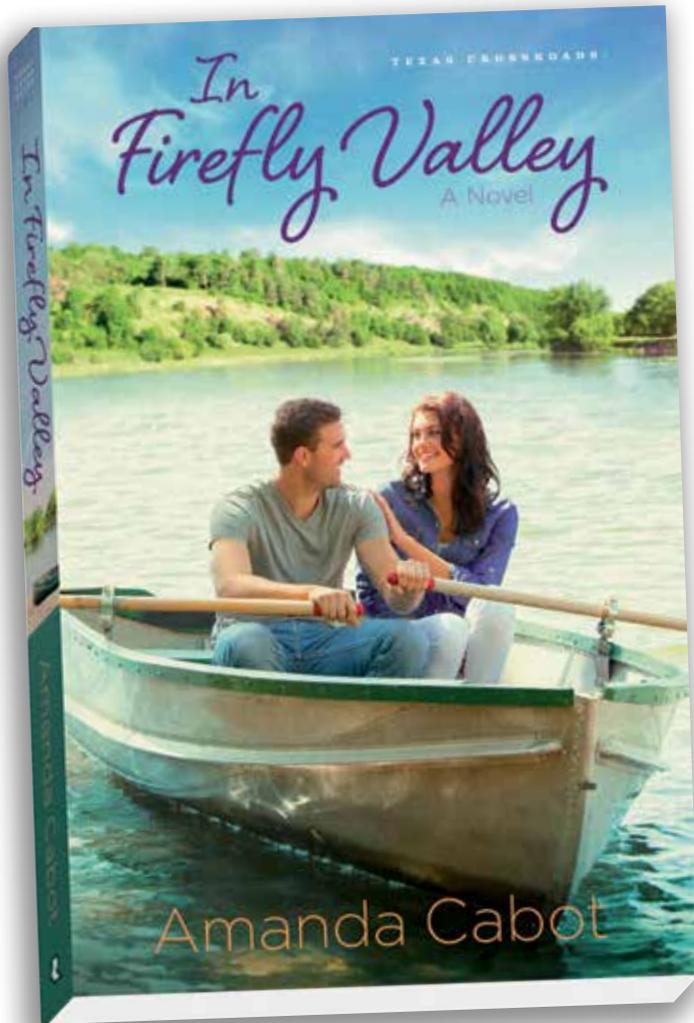
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PRAISE FOR AMANDA CABOT

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"Maybe we shouldn't be here." Charlie's words could barely be heard above the howling wind.

Elizabeth was beginning to think the same, but time had nearly run out. Within days, she must sail for Charleston, where she was expected to secure a prominent match. That meant leaving her beloved Key West and the man who had captured her affections. Today might be her only opportunity to change the course her parents had set out for her.

She and Charlie had nearly reached the harbor, where Rourke O'Malley's wrecking sloop was moored. Just thinking of him bolstered her courage. Though the rain now pelted down, ruining the fine blue muslin gown she'd donned just for him, maybe he'd see her as courageous.

"Can we go home?" Charlie asked.

She yanked her brother toward the wharves. "We need to secure our skiff."

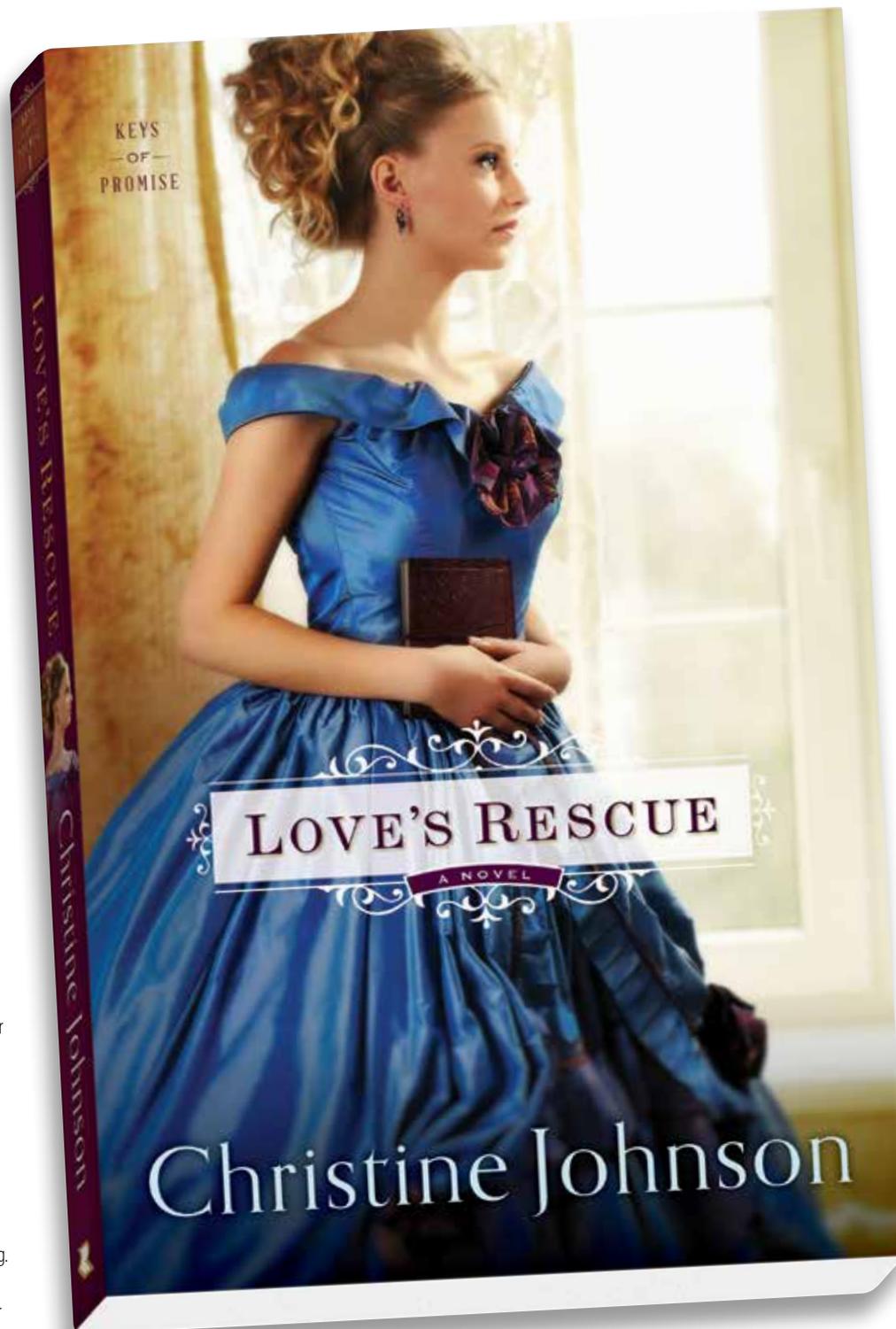
The twelve-foot boat belonged to Charlie, but he went sailing only when she bribed him. She adored the freedom of the turquoise seas and seized every chance to improve her seafaring skills. That secret love cost her many an evening helping Charlie complete his studies.

When she told her maid this morning why they must leave the house in such weather, Anabelle had shaken her head and proclaimed that Mother would tan both their hides when she found out.

"We will be home before Mother returns," Elizabeth had assured her. She could wriggle anything past the girl who giggled with her every night after the lamps were blown out. "She'll never know we were gone."

The striking, caramel-colored maid grinned. "You're a fool for him."

Elizabeth had pretended she didn't know who Anabelle meant, which was silly, considering their every conversation centered on him. Rourke O'Malley wasn't the richest wrecker in Key West, but he was by far the handsomest and most daring. His bronzed skin and eyes the color of the emerald depths made her stomach flutter. His smile left her speechless. For the first time in her life, she'd seen an advantage to being born female.



A Heroine Trying to Make Amends Uncovers Secrets Long Buried

- Can a tomboy become the perfect Southern belle in order to gain her father's approval?
- Compelling writing brings alive beautiful 1850s Key West, Florida
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When her mother dies, Elizabeth Benjamin heads home to Key West, determined to transform herself into the perfect Southern belle her parents always wished her to be. But nothing goes according to plan. Her crippled brother resents her, the servants do not obey her, and Rourke O'Malley, the dashing man she vowed to forget, refuses to relinquish his hold on her heart. Worst of all, it becomes painfully obvious that her father is not the upright man he appears to be.

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Christine Johnson



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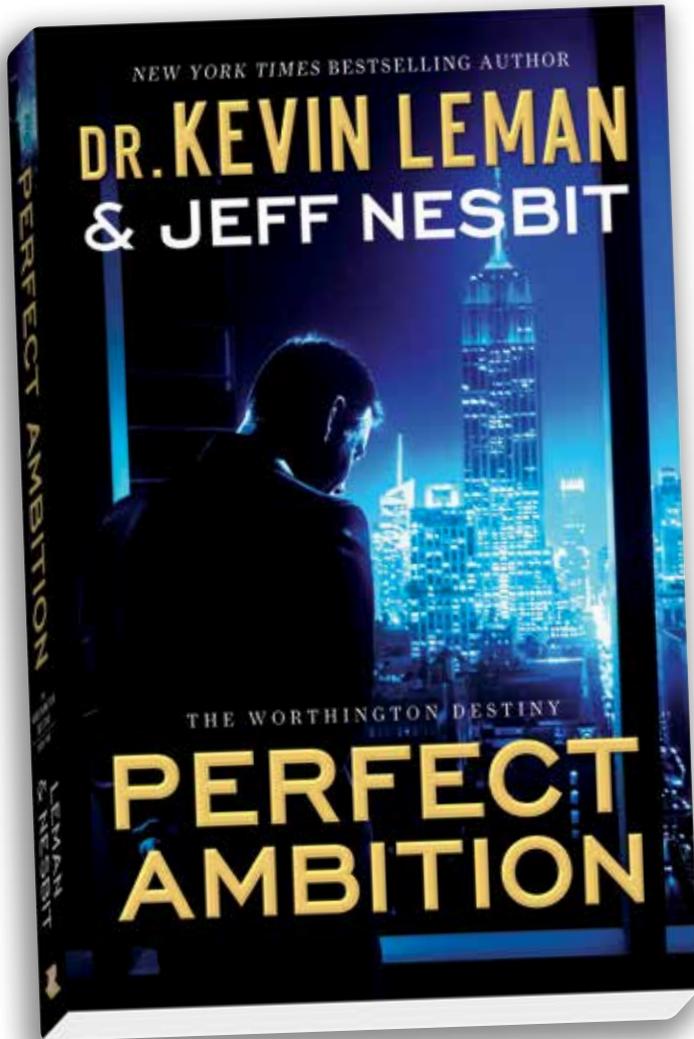
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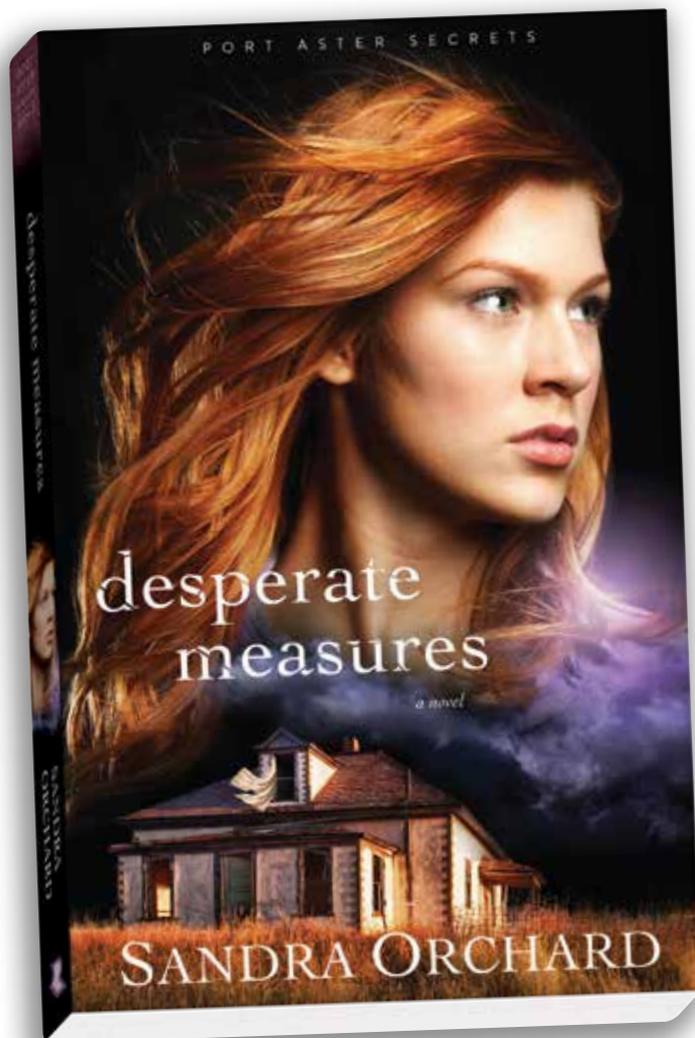
Jeff Nesbit is a former communications director to the vice president at the White House, served as the director of public affairs for two prominent federal science agencies, and has been a national journalist with Knight Ridder Newspapers. He is the author of 20 novels. Cocreator of the Emmy award-winning *Science of the Olympic Winter Games* and the *Science of NFL Football* video series with NBC Sports, Jeff is executive director for Climate Nexus and writes "At the Edge," a weekly science column for *U.S. News & World Report*.



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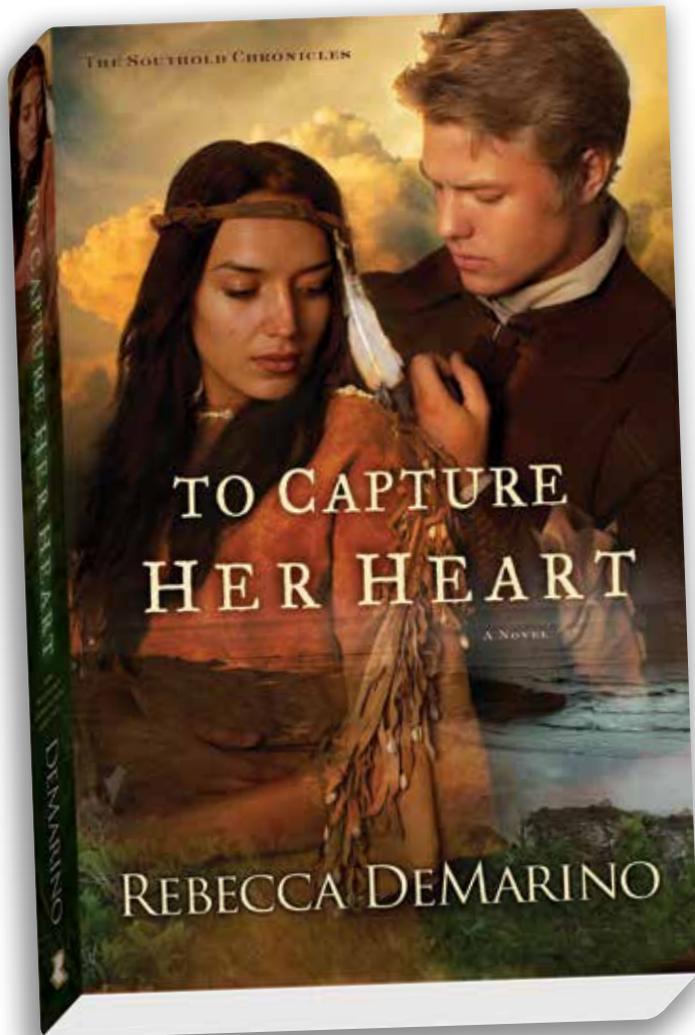
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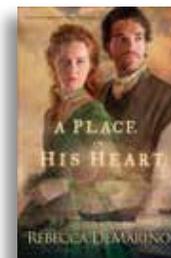
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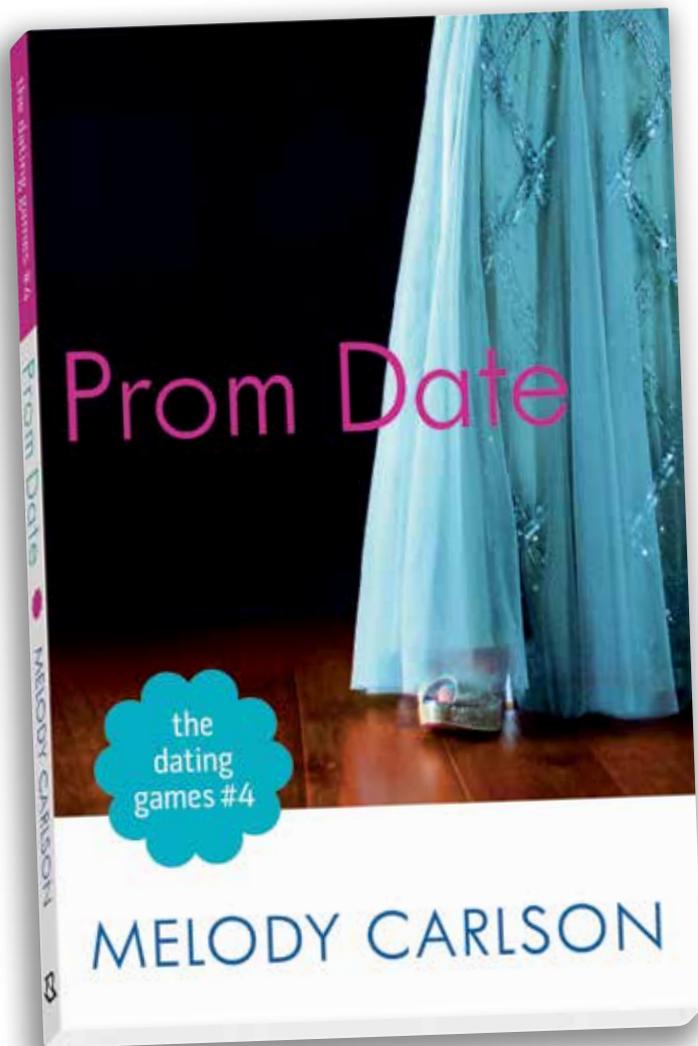
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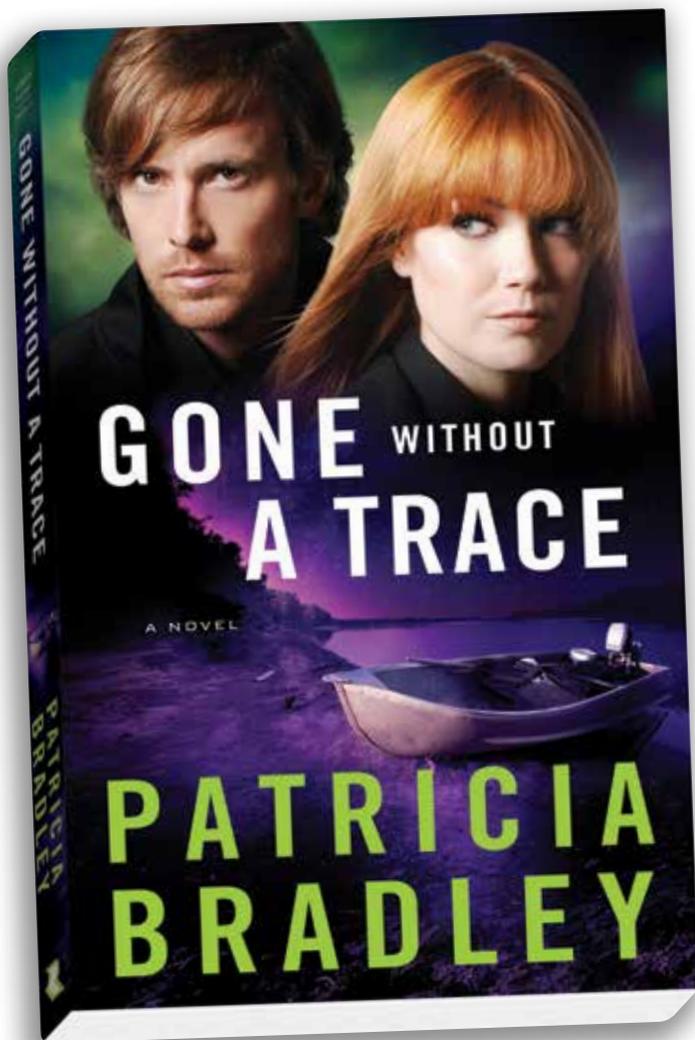
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PRAISE FOR THE SERIES

"Patricia Bradley's writing is tight and believable. *Shadows of the Past* is well written and leaves no unanswered questions." —*New York Journal of Books* on *Shadows of the Past*

EXCERPT

The fist banging against the door made her jump. The dog tensed beside her, but didn't make a sound.

"Carlyn, open the door. I know you're in there." Curt Whitlow banged on the door again.

"Give the woman a chance to come to the door, Whitlow. You're apt to scare her beating on the door that way."

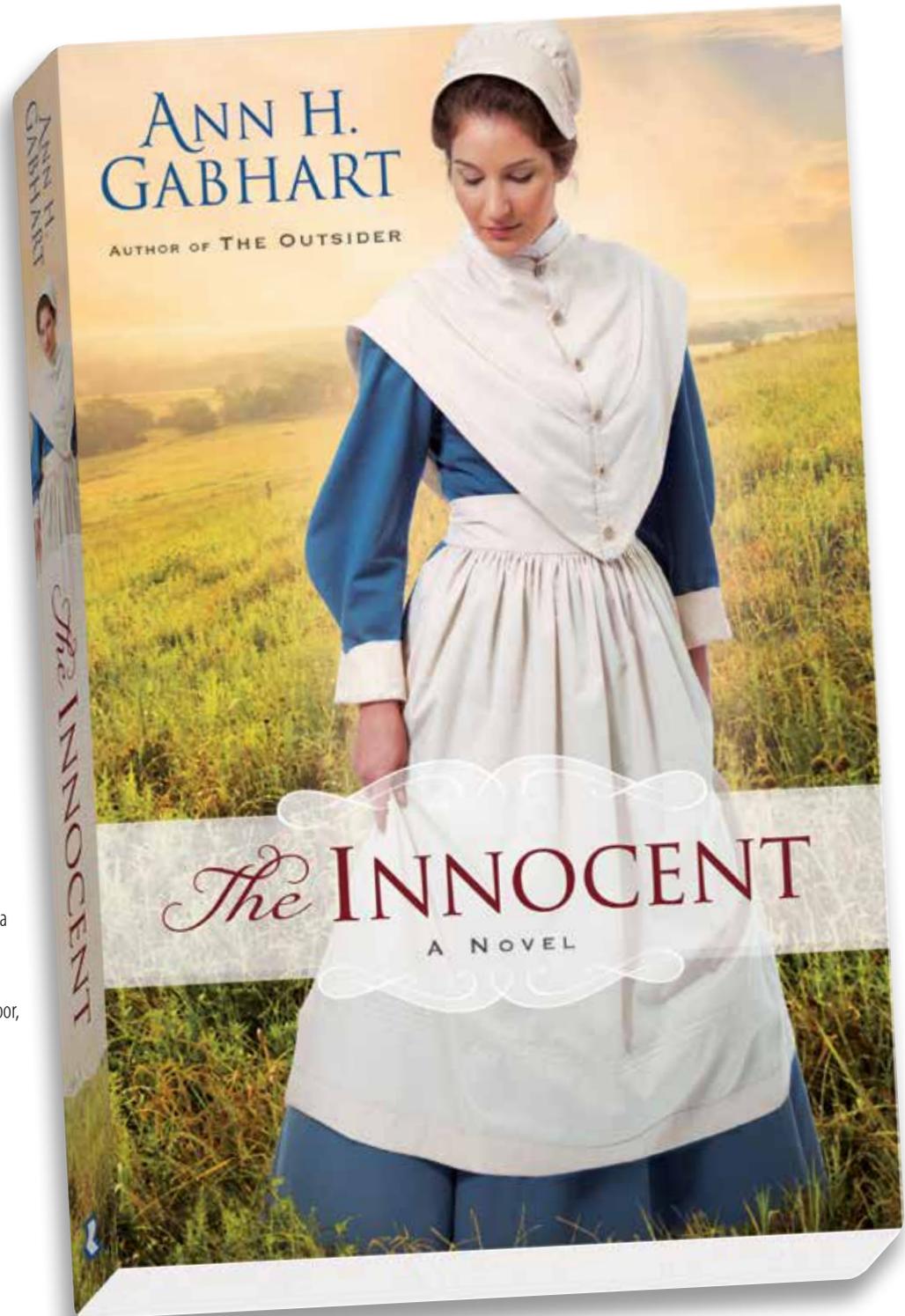
The other man's voice was calm with a sound of authority. Carlyn shut her eyes a moment. It wasn't her house. She hadn't been able to pay Curt Whitlow his due on it. He'd let her ride for almost a year because of Ambrose fighting for the Union, but when Ambrose didn't come home after the war ended, his patience ran out.

Now he was answering the man outside. "The Widow Kearney's not that easy to scare."

That word made her shake inside. Widow. It was harder to believe it wasn't true. She hadn't heard from Ambrose since Vicksburg in June 1863. Over two years ago. But she had no proof he was dead. The Army said missing. Missing wasn't dead. Ambrose might yet find his way home. It was a hope as fragile as the spun gossamer of a spider web. Even so, she'd made Ambrose a promise till death do them part and until she was sure death had parted them, she'd keep that promise.

But whether she was ready to admit being a widow, she was losing her home.

A rap on the door brought her back to the problem at hand. A polite knock. "Open the door, Mrs. Kearney. Please."



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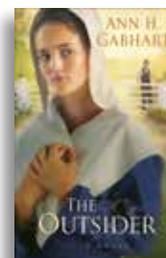


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Tracy Campbell turned into the drive for Harbor Point Cranberries, wincing as she bounced on the narrow bike seat. Who knew there were so many ruts and grooves on her two-mile route from town . . . or that she'd hit every one? And how could she only have noticed them today, after making this trip thousands of times?

Then again, she's never been nursing a black and blue hip or a raw palm—all thanks to an oblivious pedestrian who didn't have enough sense to stay out of traffic.

She huffed out a breath and tried to shift her anatomy into a more comfortable position.

Unfortunately, there wasn't one.

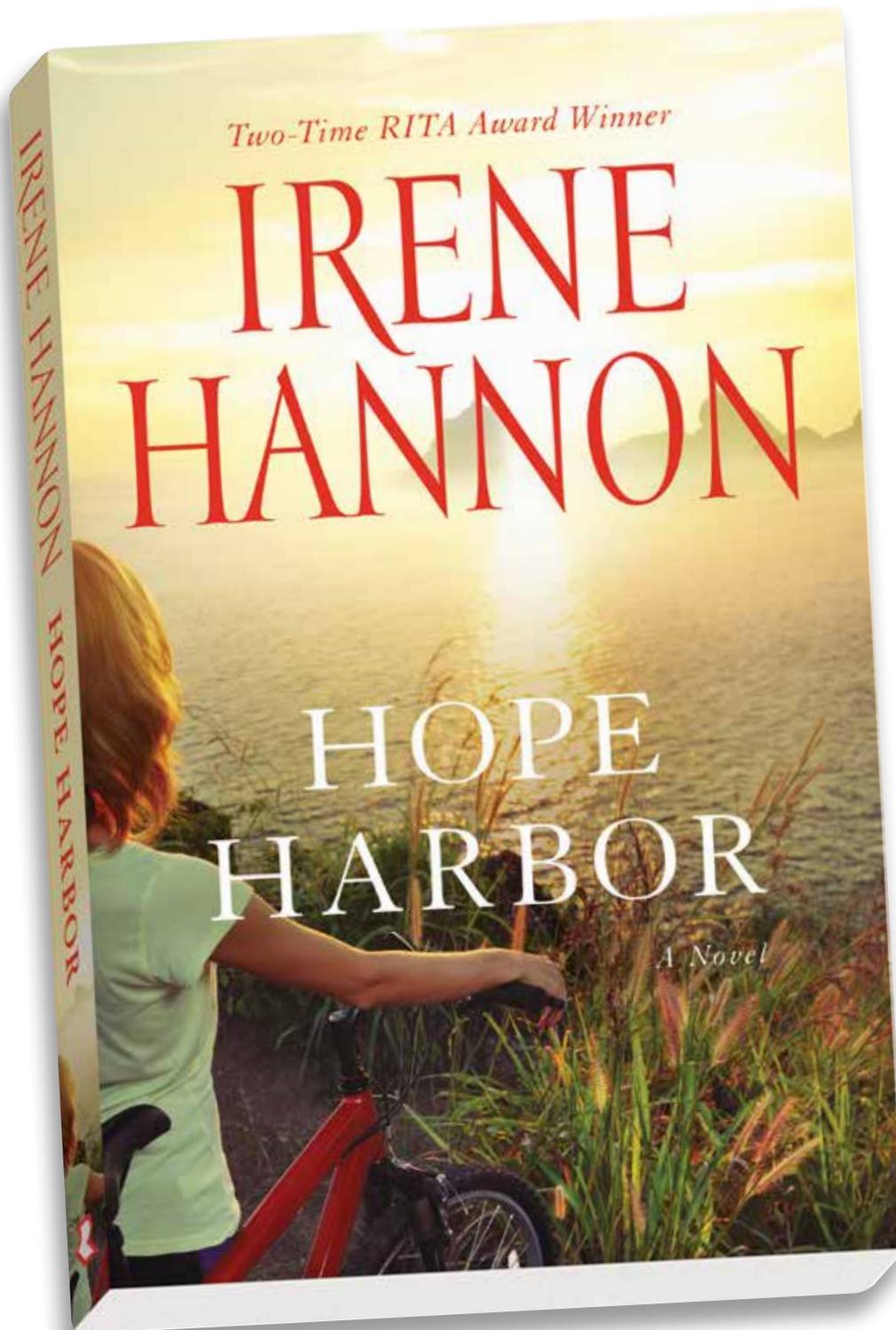
At least she'd almost reached her destination.

Keeping one eye on the bumps in the gravel entry road, she surveyed the dike-enclosed cranberry beds on either side, the plants lush with new growth, their pale pink flowers creating a sea of color. Gorgeous. Her favorite season on the farm. Or it would be until fall, when dark red cranberries bobbed to the surface of the flooded beds, creating a floating scarlet island against the brilliant blue sky.

Truth be told, every season here had a beauty all its own.

For you, anyway.

As the stomach-knotting caveat echoed in her mind, she squeezed the handlebars. This wasn't the time to dwell on the past. Not when she was about to share some news with Uncle Bud that had serious ramifications for their future.



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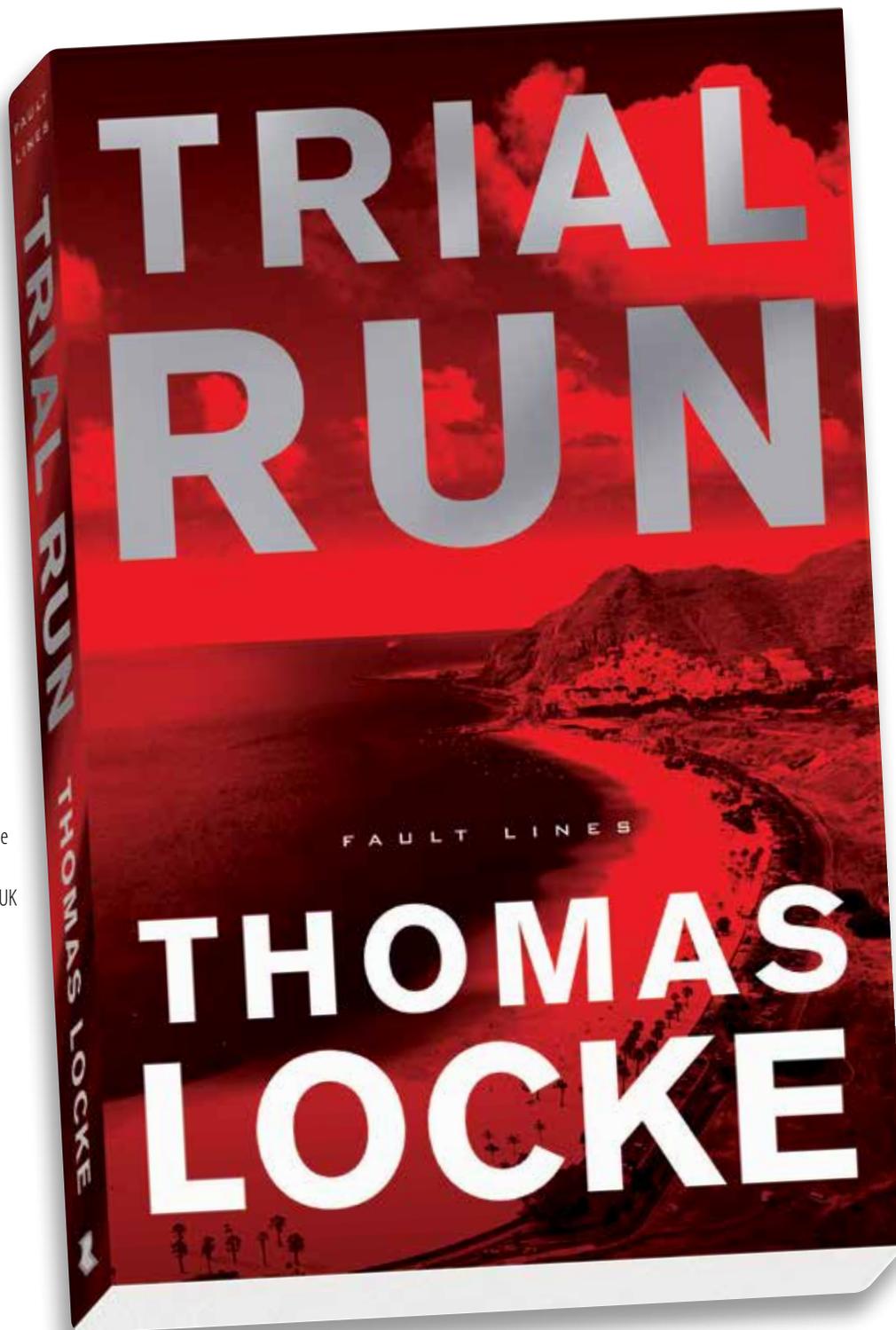
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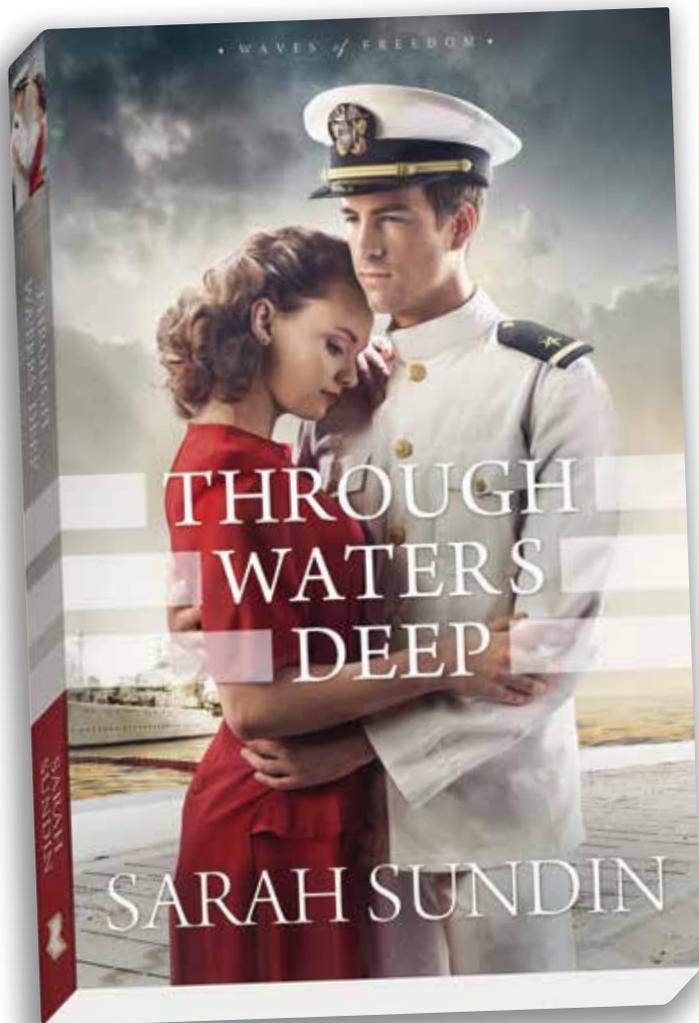
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