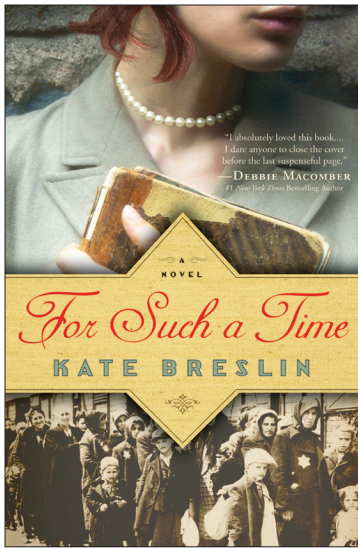




QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH KATE BRESLIN



For Such a Time

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1. What is *For Such a Time* about?

For Such a Time is my first novel. It's a historical romance, a retelling of the biblical Book of Esther in a more modern venue. In fact, the story takes place in Theresienstadt, a transit camp for prisoners bound for Auschwitz during WWII.

2. How were you inspired to write this story?

The idea actually came to me as I was reading Queen Esther's story. I knew the Jewish people had suffered at the hands of one society or another throughout history, and as I observed similarities between the wicked Haman's plot to destroy the Jews and Hitler's Holocaust of WWII, I wondered if I could overlay this biblical work onto that more modern setting.

3. The holocaust is a difficult subject to write about. Tell us how you arrived at a finished story. Was it what you expected it would be?

I had no idea how emotional, or spiritual, writing this novel would be for me. I knew little about WWII when I began researching, and so the stories I read of Nazi brutality versus the courage and faith-keeping of those who faced death moved me as nothing else could. As I wrote, I was also compelled to seek my own answers to the big question of "Why?" I knew I had to write this book by treating the issue of the Holocaust with the solemnity it deserved, while crafting my fictional storyline.

4. What do you hope readers come away with?

I'm so glad you asked! I hope they will gain better insight into the events that took place during this time in WWII history. And that love combined with faith in God is the most powerful force on earth; having both makes anything possible.

5. This is your debut novel. How long have you been writing?

A very long time! I started my writing career composing poems as a child. I made cards, scribbled my prose on stationery, notebook paper, etc., anything I could get my hands on when inspiration struck. And if I misbehaved, I'd apologize by writing a poem to my mom and tucking it beneath her pillow so she'd find it when she awoke in the morning. Believe it or not, that usually worked! I went on after that to write a few short stories and song lyrics before I began tackling novel writing.

6. Give us a snapshot of your writing life.

I have a lovely office upstairs in our home that faces the bay and is accessible by a spiral staircase. Perfect for inspiration! I have tons of books in my library and all things historical on my walls—ancient Scottish weaponry, old maps, even a framed Celtic cross. It's here in my little sanctuary that I surf the internet or read to gather my research, and then write a working synopsis. Once I sit down and begin typing, I usually write several hours a day, six days a week. My cat Coco lends a hand when she thinks I need a break by standing in front of my computer screen until I gradually surface from my fictional fog.

7. What's next?

Ah, yes, I'm very excited about my next novel. It's another inspirational romance, one which takes place in Britain during WWI. The release date is April 2015. Most of my research is finished, and I'm happily typing away!

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