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# A Thieving at Carlton House

Erica Vetsch

OF CLOAKS & DAGGERS #1

*Unlikely alliances form when a killer is on the loose ... but who can be trusted?*

The Home Office has asked Sir Bertrand Thorndike to head an investigation into stolen royal jewels. And as with everything concerning the Prince Regent, discretion is paramount.

It's the perfect chance for Bertie to step out of his brother's long shadow. Unfortunately, his superior, the Duke of Haverly, has a plan that makes him balk: in order to sell his cover, Bertie must play the part of a man looking for love, ready to reform his rakish ways. The duke is willing to let Bertie name his own investigative team, but his recommendation that the team include Philippa Cashel has Bertie on his guard. Does the duke—known for his behind-the-scenes machinations—have an ulterior motive?

Philippa escaped her life as one of society's best-known courtesans, devoting herself to helping other women in dire straits. So when Sir Bertrand Thorndike approaches her about joining his team as an agent of the Crown, she is skeptical. Why her? She's focused on getting her school for underprivileged women up and running, not cloak-and-dagger skullduggery.

When one of Philippa's rescued girls is arrested for stealing the royal jewels and another is murdered, Philippa will risk partnering with Bertie to find the loot and stop the killer.

Beloved Regency author Erica Vetsch begins this new series with all the elements that keep her readers coming back. From historical accuracy to rousing mystery to deep character faith journeys, *A Thieving at Carlton House* will please Regency lovers—and anyone else who loves a great story.

**Erica Vetsch** is a *New York Times* best-selling author and ACFW Carol Award winner, and has been a Romantic Times Top Pick for her previous books. She loves Jesus, history, romance, and watching sports. This transplanted Kansan now makes her home in Minnesota. Learn more about Erica at [ericavetsch.com](http://ericavetsch.com).

## Unique Selling Points

- The first in a new series set in Vetsch's popular Haverly universe
- Entertaining combination of slow-burn romance and court intrigue
- Best-selling author in the Regency setting



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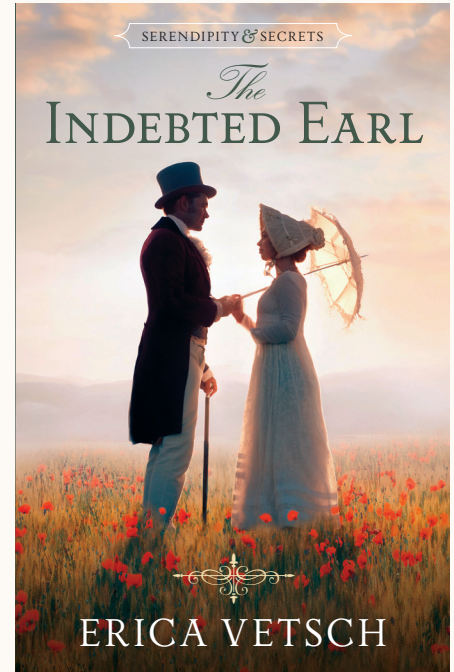
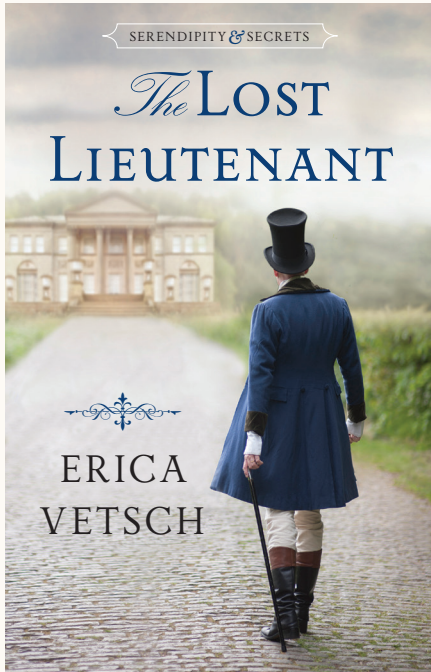
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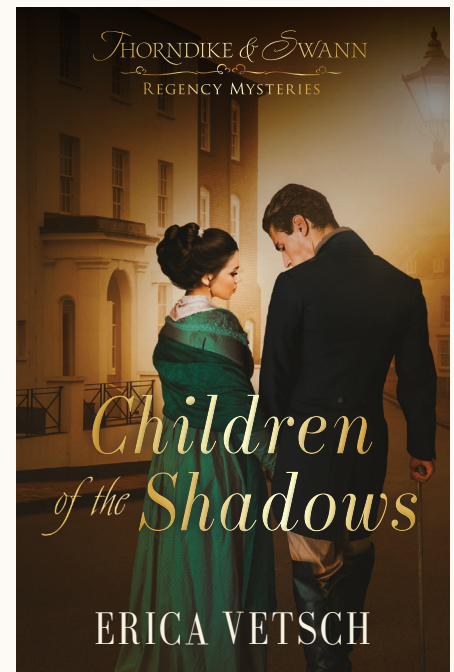
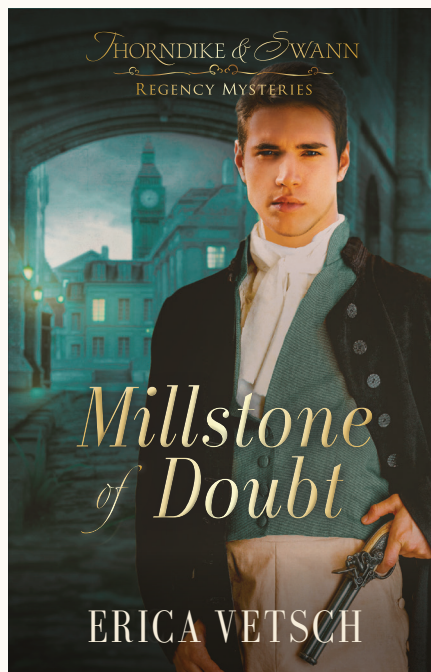
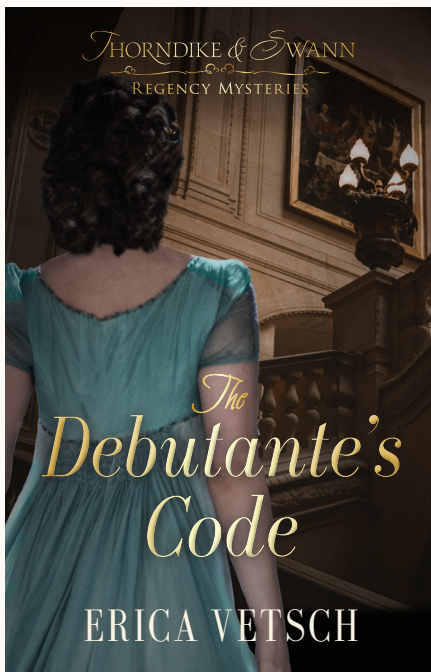


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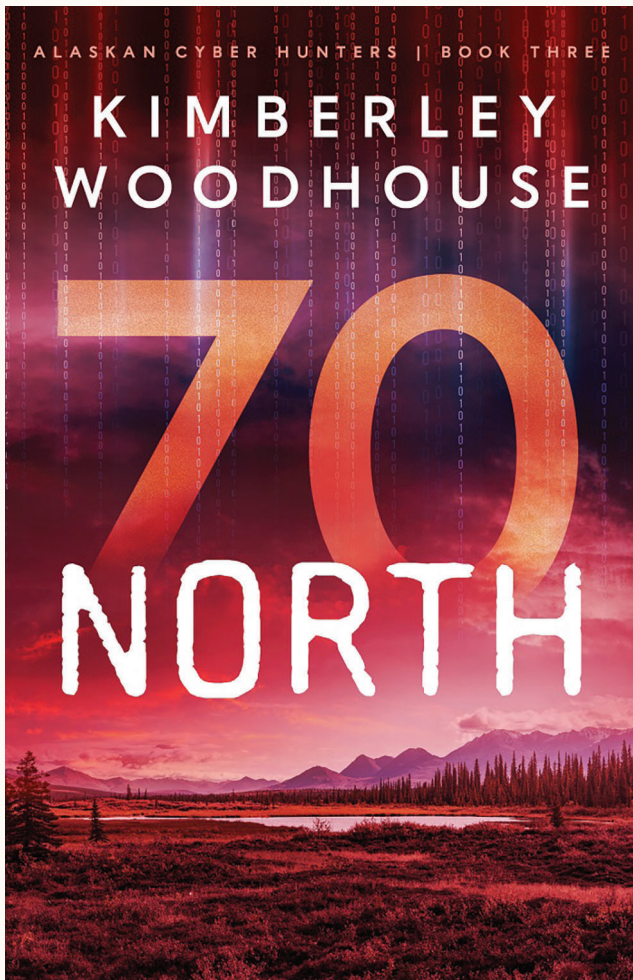
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## 70 North

Kimberley Woodhouse

ALASKAN CYBER HUNTERS #3

*Buckle in for the bone-chilling finale!*

The Cyber Solutions team has managed to stay one step ahead of the madman who has killed so many, stopping him before reaching his ultimate goals. From the original *26 Below* cyberattack in Fairbanks to the *8 DOWN* serial murders in Anchorage and beyond, they matched wits with the killer and won in the end.

But final judgment is coming. And this time, there may be no stopping him.

David “Mac” McPherson has a personal stake in making sure this predator stays down for good. His family died in the Fairbanks attacks. Mac knows that God says “vengeance is mine”—but surely an exception can be made.

Surgeon Tracie Hunter is determined to stay sober and keep saving lives in Fairbanks, Alaska—even if it means being a little obsessive. After all, that same kind of determination is how she kept Mac alive after the monster attacked him. And she won’t let Mac run himself into the grave looking for payback; he’s come to mean too much to her.

Then someone hacks into the system at Tracie’s previous job as a medical examiner and frames her in a murder cover-up. There’s no one else skilled enough to create a digital trail this incriminating—the killer is back in action, exploiting cybersecurity weaknesses that will destroy lives. Can Mac stay focused and stop the next attack when his own personal vulnerability is exposed? Or will his need to make someone pay for his pain allow the maniac to pull ahead and win at last?

Kimberley Woodhouse takes readers on another intense thrill ride in this epic close to her cybercrime series based on real-world possibilities.

**Kimberley Woodhouse** is the best-selling author of more than thirty books and novellas, including *A Deep Divide*, *Bridge of Gold*, and *The Mayflower Bride*, as well as the co-author of the Heart of Alaska series with Tracie Peterson.

## Unique Selling Points

- Third and final installment of this plot-driven suspense series
- Ideal for fans of Lynette Eason, Irene Hannon, and Tracie Peterson
- Author draws from her experience living in Alaska



## Fiancé Finale

A Novel

Angela Ruth Strong

LOVE OFF SCRIPT #3

*It might be the worst plan in the world—but it's the only one he's got.*

Charlie Newberg is sure about one thing: he knows the woman God wants him to marry. There's a *slight* problem, though—he's already left her once. The day before their wedding. To make a documentary.

But he's got a plan. The marketing firm she works for is the ideal choice to promote his new film. So he conspires with her boss to make sure she runs the campaign. Working together will give him the perfect chance to propose again.

Due to her own plot twist, Nicole Lemaire is forced to promote the very documentaries Charlie left her to film.

Despite Nicole's resistance, the two work well together. But it's going to take more than teamwork to convince the jilted bride to give Charlie a second chance. In fact, it might require falling in love in a way Charlie's never really understood.

Angela Ruth Strong closes out her hilarious, heartfelt series with a couple who will give readers a lot of laughs and the hope that God sees and redeems even the most broken stories.

**Angela Ruth Strong** is the founder of IdaHope Christian Writers. Her books have earned Top Pick, Romantic Times, been a finalist for the Christy, won the Cascade Award, and become Amazon best sellers. Her book *Finding Love in Big Sky, Montana* released as a movie in 2022. Strong lives in Meridian, Idaho, with her husband. Find her at [angelaruthstrong.com](http://angelaruthstrong.com).

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### Unique Selling Points

- Author is a best-selling Christy Award finalist
- Rom-com ideal for fans of Bethany Turner, Melissa Ferguson, and Toni Shiloh
- Revisits beloved characters from earlier books in the series



## The Hunted Heir

### A Romantic Legal Drama

Jayna Breigh

*“An intriguing, action-packed romance that kept me turning the pages until the end.”*

—Tracie Peterson, *USA Today* and ECPA  
best-selling author of over 130 novels

When tragedy struck her life, private investigator Nona Taylor swore off romantic entanglements, distancing herself from the world. Once a year, on New Year’s Eve, she attends church to beg God for forgiveness, haunted by the guilt of driving her twin sister to her death.

Attorney DeMarcus Johnson is determined to climb the corporate ladder to partnership by winning high-stakes cases. He’s everything Nona knows to steer clear of—an overconfident ex-jock willing to do anything for success.

Their worlds collide when Nona’s pastor receives a mysterious letter claiming he’s the sole heir to a substantial estate. Desperate for answers, Nona infiltrates a lavish charity ball, only to be found out by a suspicious stranger who threatens to blow her cover. In a bold move to shield her, DeMarcus swoops in and presents himself as her fiancé.

Now bound by a false engagement, the pair reluctantly join forces to reveal the truth about the inheritance. As they navigate the dangerous legal landscape, Nona and DeMarcus discover that sometimes unexpected alliances can lead to the redemption of shattered hearts.

Author Jayna Breigh’s legal suspense debut will resonate deeply with readers who are drawn to narratives exploring themes of forgiveness, redemption, and the transformative power of faith. *The Hunted Heir* is perfect for fans of Robert Whitlow, Randy Singer, and Terri Blackstock.

**Jayna Breigh** is a retired attorney living in the Southeast United States. She brings to her writing over a decade of experience in trust and estate litigation in Los Angeles. Breigh has enjoyed speaking at Christian women’s conferences, hosting Bible studies, and homeschooling her children. When not writing, she enjoys word puzzles and British period dramas. Connect with her at [jaynabreigh.com](http://jaynabreigh.com).

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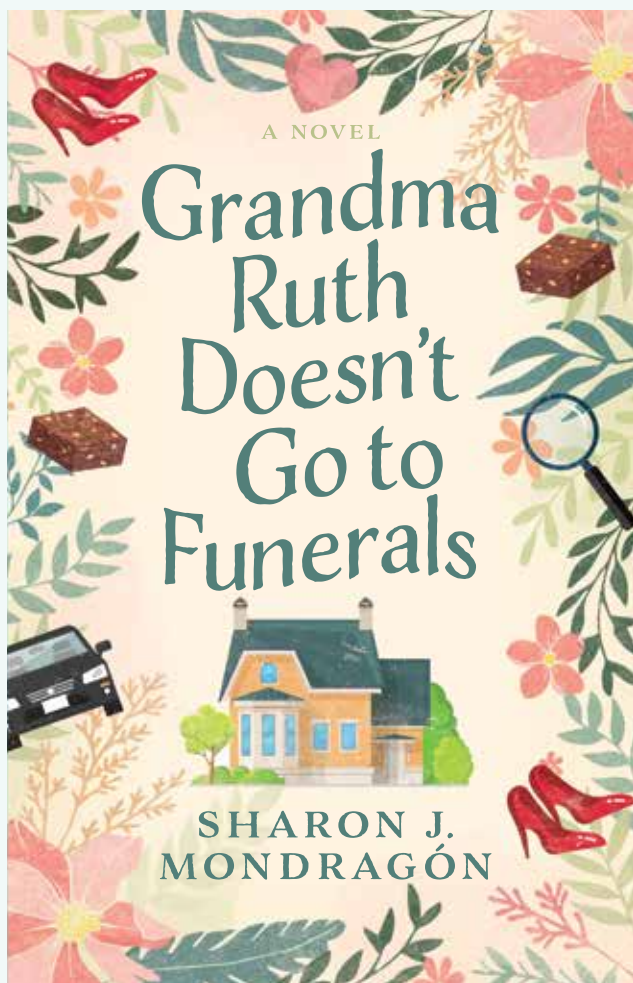
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### Unique Selling Points

- Highlights two unique areas of the law—heir hunting and spite fences—as plot drivers
- Realistically addresses the gifts and challenges of ADHD
- Features a black hero and biracial heroine, elderly representation, and neurodivergent representation





# Grandma Ruth Doesn't Go to Funerals

A Novel

Sharon J. Mondragón

*When it comes to solving a whodunit, Grandma Ruth is anything but idle!*

In a small town where gossip flows like sweet tea, bedridden Mary Ruth McCready reigns supreme, doling out wisdom and meddling in everyone's business with a fervor that would make a matchmaker blush. When her best friend, Charlotte Harrington, has her world rocked by a scandalous revelation from her dying husband, Mary Ruth and her feisty granddaughter Sarah Elizabeth kick into high gear to solve the mystery.

With Charlotte left reeling from her late husband P. B.'s cryptic confession and a suspicious will that turns her life upside down, Grandma Ruth sends Sarah on a wild-goose chase through the town's colorful history. When she finds clues in dusty courthouse records and hears whispered tales at the local diner, they stir up trouble faster than you can say "pecan pie."

Just when they think they've cracked the case, in strides Camilla "Millie" Holtgrew, a blast from P. B.'s past, with a son and a score to settle. With Charlotte's inheritance hanging in the balance, Grandma Ruth must channel her inner Sherlock Holmes to prove that P. B. was true to his vows—even if it means ruffling a few feathers along the way.

**Sharon J. Mondragón** is the facilitator for a prayer shawl ministry and the knitting instructor at Ewe2Yarn near her home in Midlothian, Texas. Mondragón has been a school play therapist, a homeschooling military wife, and a writer whose work has earned recognition with both the *Saturday Evening Post's* Great American Fiction Contest and ACFW. Find her at [sharonjmondragon.com](http://sharonjmondragon.com).

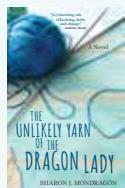
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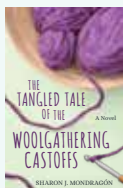
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## Unique Selling Points

- New book from a Foreword INDIES Award-winning author
- Same charm and quirkiness readers loved in the author's previous two books
- Set in the South, with authentic and relatable characters



## The Dreams We Knew

### A Novel of the Roaring Twenties

Rachel Scott McDaniel

*Can two opposites come together to solve the murder of a rising star model?*

In the glitz and glam of New York City's elite circles, Delvina Salvastano Kline walks a delicate line between her privileged upbringing and her murky past. Adopted into wealth and opulence, she contends with the legacy of her birth father, a notorious crime boss involved in a national scandal. But when a promising young fashion model is found dead, the socialite's world is thrust into chaos as she endeavors to find the killer lurking behind the city's shimmering facade.

Delvina finds herself reluctantly compelled to team up with detective Kent Brisbane—a man she once loved who had mysteriously disappeared from her life and knows a secret that could shatter her carefully crafted persona. As they delve deep into the shadows of New York's underbelly, they discover the stakes are higher than they thought.

Amidst glittering parties and whispered secrets, the duo races against time to uncover the truth and navigate the stark divide between their social classes.

Rachel Scott McDaniel's sequel set in the Roaring Twenties, *The Dreams We Knew* delivers a riveting blend of mystery and second-chance romance. Readers will find themselves on the edge of their seats one moment, then swooning the next!

**Rachel Scott McDaniel** is an award-winning author of historical romance. Winner of the ACFW Genesis and the RWA Touched by Love awards, McDaniel infuses faith and heart into each story. She can be found online at [rachelscottmcdaniel.com](http://rachelscottmcdaniel.com) and on all social media platforms. She enjoys life in Ohio with her husband and two kids.

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*Walking on Hidden Wings*

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*Something Borrowed*

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### Unique Selling Points

- Explores the lesser-known “sleeping sickness” epidemic
- Second in a romantic duology set in the Roaring Twenties
- Follows the story of a secondary character from *Walking on Hidden Wings*, Kent Brisbane



## Written in Secret

Crystal Caudill

### THE ART OF LOVE AND DANGER, BOOK 1

*In the heart of nineteenth-century Cincinnati, where justice is scarce and danger lurks in every shadow, one woman holds the power to rewrite fate.*

Lydia Pelton has a secret. By day, she's a respected author of dime novels, spinning tales of romance and adventure under her own name. By night, she becomes E. A. Dupin, crafting crime and mystery novels that seek to right the wrongs of society. But when her fiction inspires a serial killer to bring her stories to life, Lydia finds herself at the center of one of her own mysteries.

Officer Abraham Hall has sworn to uphold the law and is helplessly drawn to Lydia and her intriguing world. Working together as detective and author, they must try to uncover the sinister plot that reaches far beyond the pages of her books.

The first in Crystal Caudill's Art of Love and Danger series, *Written in Secret* will delight fans of Kate Breslin and Elizabeth Camden!

**Crystal Caudill** is the author of dangerously good historical romance, with her work garnering awards from Romance Writers of America and ACFW. She is a stay-at-home mom and caregiver, and when she isn't writing, Caudill can be found playing board games with her family, drinking hot tea, or reading other great books at her home outside Cincinnati, Ohio. Find out more at [crystalcaudill.com](http://crystalcaudill.com).

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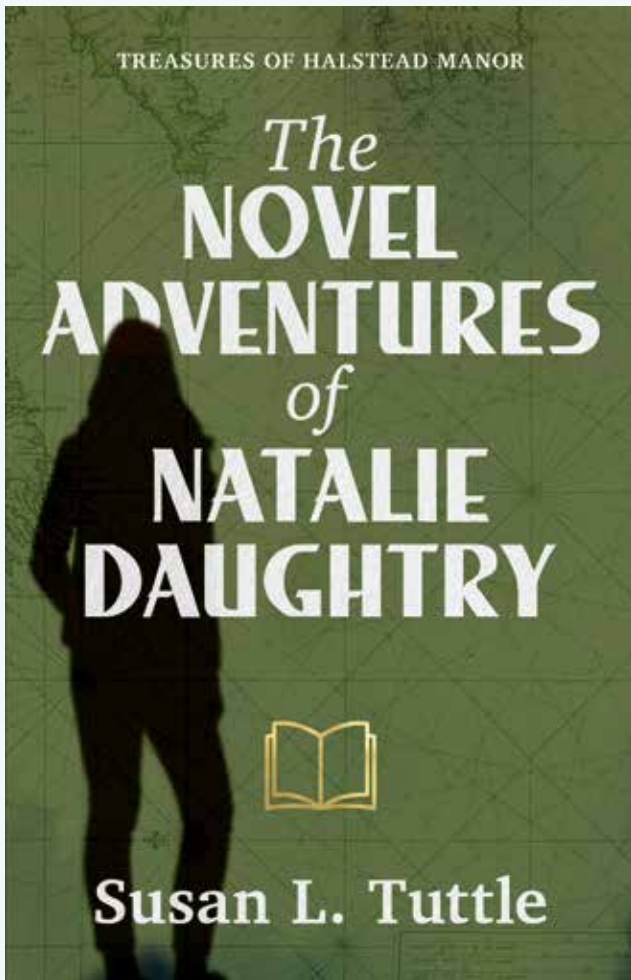
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### Unique Selling Points

- Plays off the traditional dime novel but with fun, new twists
- Includes discussion questions and historical notes at the end
- Spins off *Counterfeit Love*, focusing on the romance of two secondary characters





## The Novel Adventures of Natalie Daughtry

Susan L. Tuttle

### TREASURES OF HALSTEAD MANOR, BOOK 2

*In pursuit of a rare book, will Natalie and Mason find each other again?*

With a now empty nest and her twenty-plus-year marriage on the brink of collapse, Natalie Daughtry is wondering what comes next. When the mysterious Caspar tells her and her friends about their next mission, she's ready for this adventurous distraction. Natalie's expertise in historical literature and identifying forgeries pair well with Everleigh Wheaton's ability to solve puzzles and Brooke Sumner's knowledge of antiques. Their talents will be put to the test with their assignment to track down a rumored handwritten and illustrated copy of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventure's Under Ground*.

What she never expected, however, was for her husband to join the search. Working alongside Mason feels a bit like she's tumbled down the rabbit hole herself.

With mounting questions over this mission, the team finds itself on shaky ground. Natalie and Mason soon realize they need far more personal answers—ones that will shape the future of their marriage—as they confront the misunderstandings that drove them apart over the years. This search goes beyond locating a classic fairytale. Will they rediscover the love that once held the pages of their life together?

This second book in Susan L. Tuttle's Treasures of Halstead Manor series will intrigue fans of adventure movies like *National Treasure* and authors like Christina Suzann Nelson and Becky Wade.

**Susan L. Tuttle** is a pastor's wife, mom, and the director of women's ministry at her church near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Tuttle's previous works include the *Along Came Love* series and the Carol Award finalist *Love You, Truly*. Learn more about her at [susanltuttle.com](http://susanltuttle.com).

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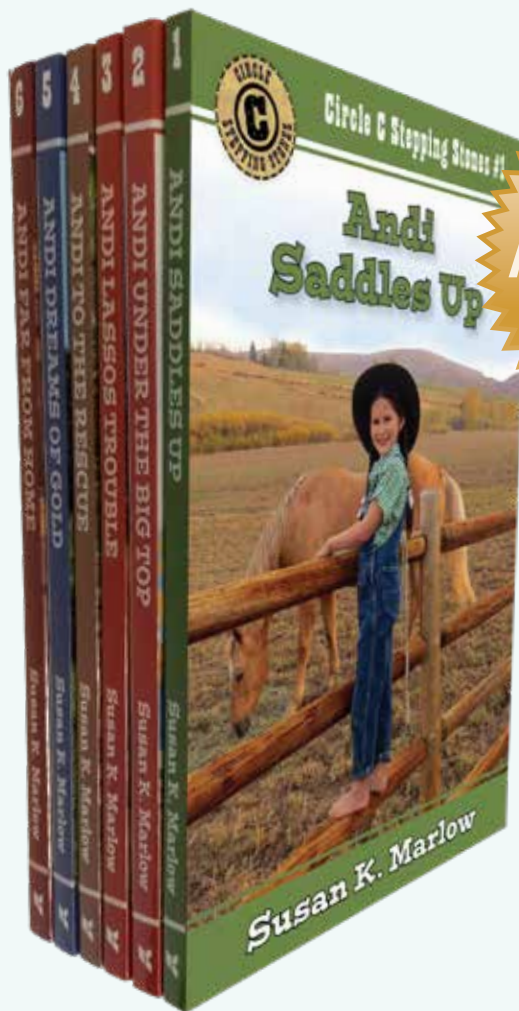


*If We Make It Home*

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### Unique Selling Points

- Second in an exciting sleuth trilogy
- Features a couple whose marriage is tested by the adventure they go on together
- Treasure-hunting plot will attract readers who enjoy adventure novels



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# Andrea Carter and Other Tales from the Circle C Ranch

Susan K. Marlow

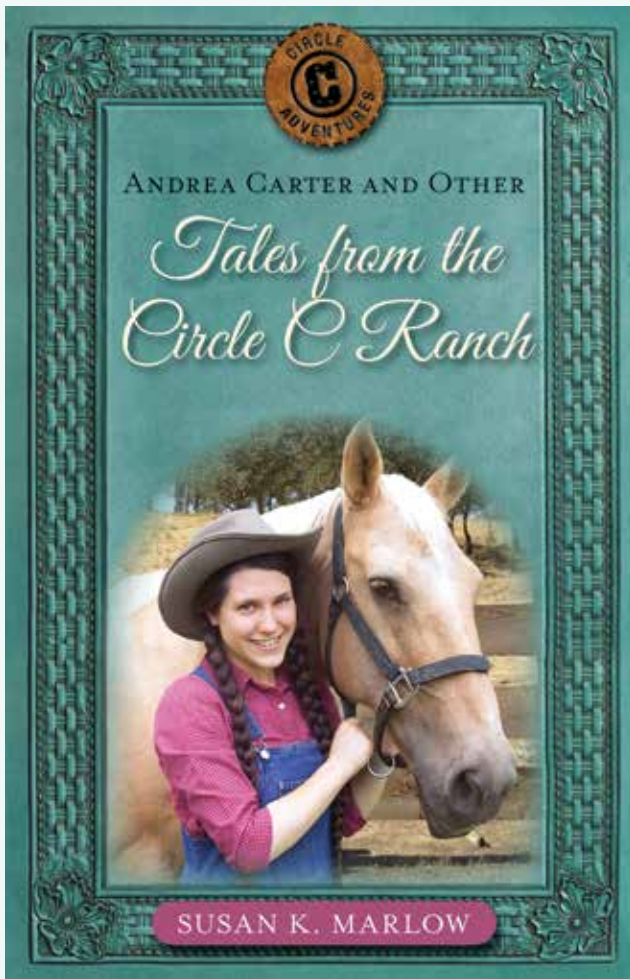
## CIRCLE C ADVENTURES #7

*Join Andrea Carter for more adventures in nineteenth-century California!*

Set in America during the late 1800s, *Andrea Carter and Other Tales from the Circle C Ranch* is a revised and updated edition of stories inspired by fans of the Circle C Adventures series, including new stories! Girls ages 8–12 will love reading about the exciting life of young Andrea Carter growing up on the ranch—helping an orphan calf; breaking in a wild stallion; and going to the fair, parades, horse races, and rodeos.

Wholesome fun, and with clear Christian messages throughout, *Andrea Carter and Other Tales from the Circle C Ranch* is a must-read collection for fans and a fun introduction for those who are new to the Circle C Adventures series.

**Susan K. Marlow** is always on the lookout for a new story, whether she's writing books, teaching writing workshops, or sharing what she's learned as a homeschooling mom. Marlow is the author of the Circle C Adventures series, Circle C Stepping Stones series, and Circle C Beginnings series, plus the Goldtown Adventure series and Goldtown Beginnings series about Jem Coulter. She enjoys relaxing on her fourteen-acre homestead in the great state of Washington. Readers can find supplemental material for the Circle C and Goldtown series at [circlecadventures.com](http://circlecadventures.com).



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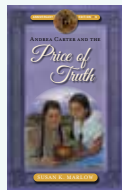
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*Andrea Carter and the Long Ride Home*

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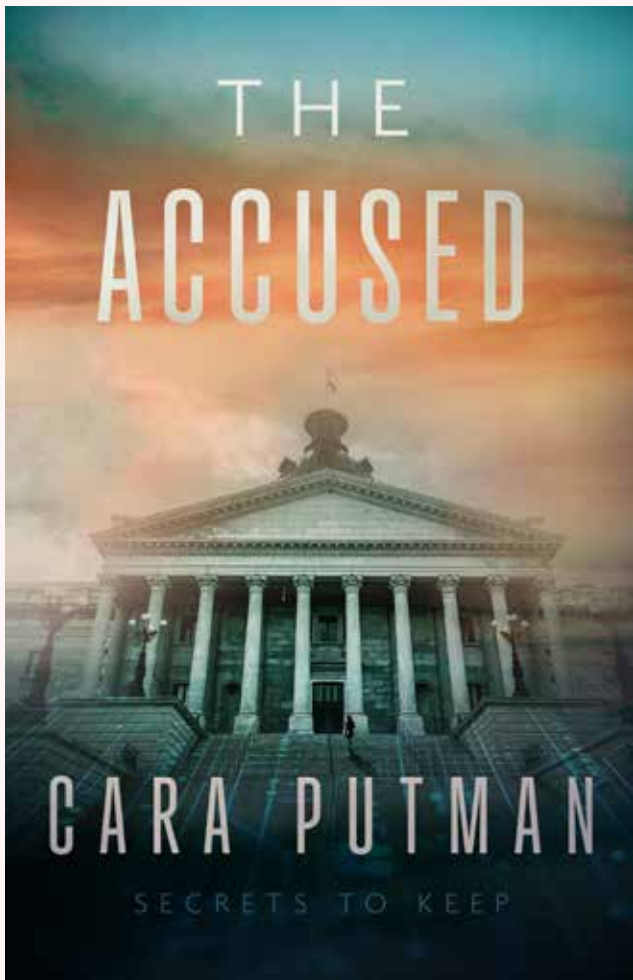
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## Unique Selling Points

- These short stories expand Andrea's and her family's adventures on the Circle C Ranch
- Perfect for homeschoolers searching for fun and clean Christian adventures
- Chapter format allows for fans of the series to enjoy bite-size versions of Andi's adventures





## The Accused

Cara Putman

### SECRETS TO KEEP #2

*A romantic legal suspense from best-selling, award-winning author Cara Putman*

When a popular college student is murdered, her international roommate, Anneliese, becomes a prime suspect. But law professor Margeaux Robbins is convinced the killer can't be the quiet, lonely German in her class.

Chase Crandall is a burned-out defense attorney ready to extricate himself from the grind of criminal law. After the loss of a client to tragedy, he's ready for an in-house corporate position.

When Chase is assigned to Anneliese's case, Margeaux is horrified. She doesn't want him to provide legal counsel, not after what happened to his past client. And not with the evidence implicating Anneliese. The lawyer and professor reluctantly pair up to find the killer and prove Anneliese's innocence. Will they be able to untangle the mystery and navigate their growing interest in one another before Margeaux's student and Chase's client is imprisoned?

**Cara Putman** is the award-winning, best-selling author of more than forty novels, including the Cornhusker Dreams series and the Hidden Justice series. Find more information at [caraputman.com.w](http://caraputman.com.w)

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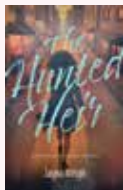
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### Unique Selling Points

- For readers of Robert Whitlow and John Grisham
- Author is a professor and attorney
- Author has 10,000 combined social media followers



## To Kiss a Knight

Grace Hitchcock

### BEST LAID PLANS #2

*Desperation leads to questionable choices in this humorous Regency romance*

Vivienne Poppy's plans are working out quite well—she's run away from her family and the prospect of a horrid marriage of convenience, and plans to spend her time writing under a pseudonym, Lady Larkby. That is, until she discovers Larkby is a real name.

Yeoman of the Guard, Sir Sebastian Larkby is stunned to discover a Lady Larkby that he does not remember marrying. Suddenly Vivienne is left with a choice: renounce her pen name, expose her true identity, and break Sebastian's dying grandmother's heart—or continue with a fake title and pretend marriage to preserve the ancient woman's will to live.

This witty novel from award-winning author Grace Hitchcock is filled with scandal, mishap, and just the right amount of romance.

**Grace Hitchcock** is the award-winning author of multiple historical novels and novellas. She holds a master's in creative writing and a bachelor of arts in English with a minor in history. She lives on the Northshore of New Orleans with her husband, Dakota, sons, and daughter. Connect with her online at [gracehitchcock.com](http://gracehitchcock.com).

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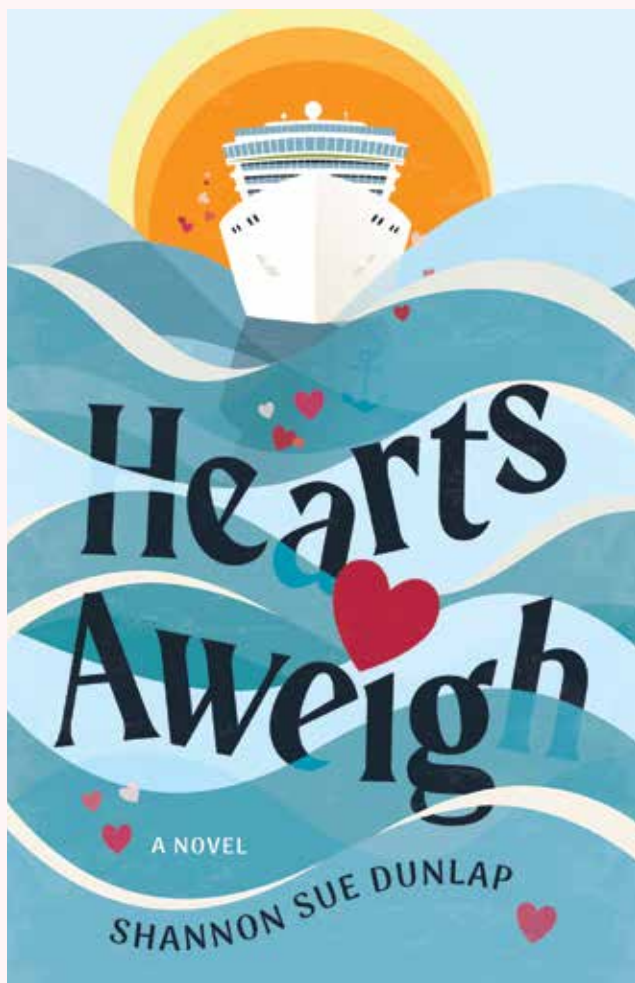
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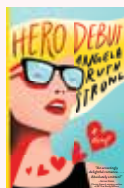
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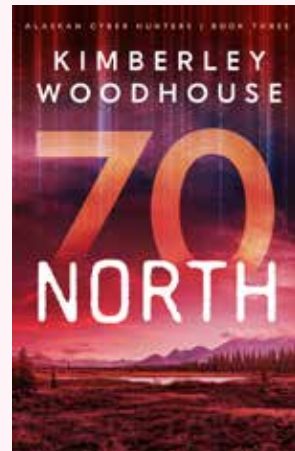
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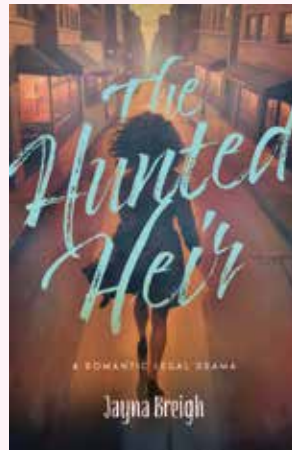
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