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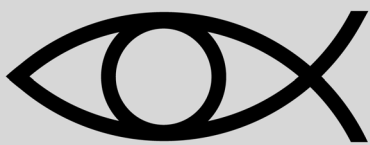
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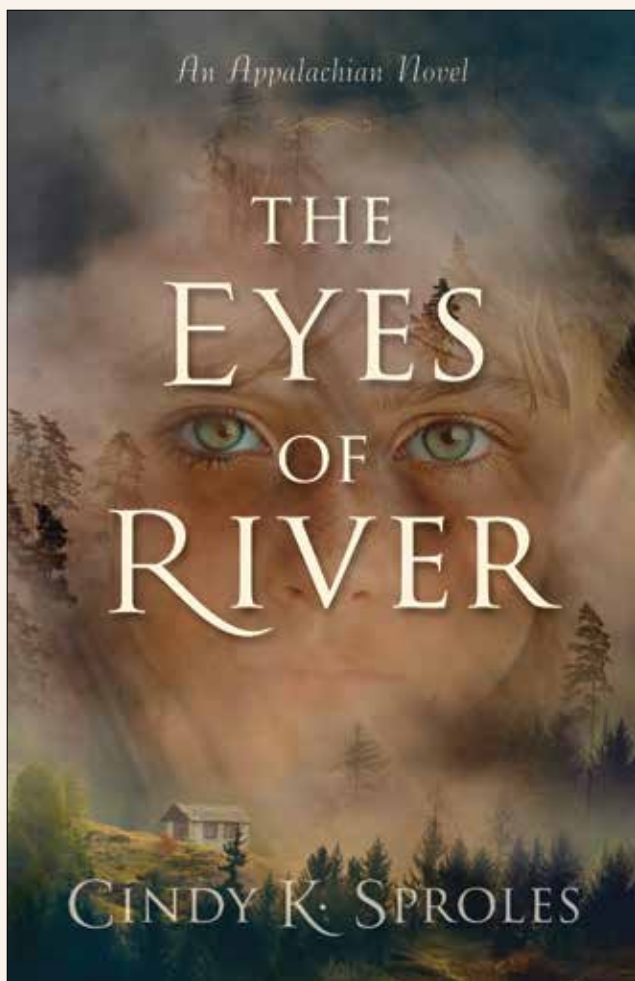


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The Eyes of River

An Appalachian Novel

Cindy K. Sproles

A heart-wrenching Appalachian novel from a best-selling, award-winning author

In the shadowed hollers of the early-twentieth-century Appalachian Mountains, Lizzy Haney is on the run. She's been falsely accused of murder and is desperate to reunite with her brother, River, whose unforgettable green eyes haunt her. The secret in her past is a stinging wound, but it motivates her toward her goal: freedom.

But nine-year-old River, sent through the US Post Office to their late mother's friend in Knoxville, never arrived. Lizzy's dream of finding him and starting a new life away from their alcoholic and abusive father is ripped away.

Her hope rekindles as she happens upon an unexpected friend to help her dodge the law and save the missing youngin'. As she finds herself trusting him, she discovers the accuracy of the old adage her momma repeated: *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Cindy K. Sproles is a speaker and best-selling, award-winning author of several novels, including *Mercy's Rain*, *Liar's Winter*, and *Coal Black Lies*. She is the executive editor for Christian Devotions Ministries and the director of the Asheville Christian Writers Conference. She also mentors and coaches new writers with Write Right Author Mentoring Services. She is an Appalachian-born-and-raised mountain girl who now lives in East Tennessee. Find more at cindysproles.com.

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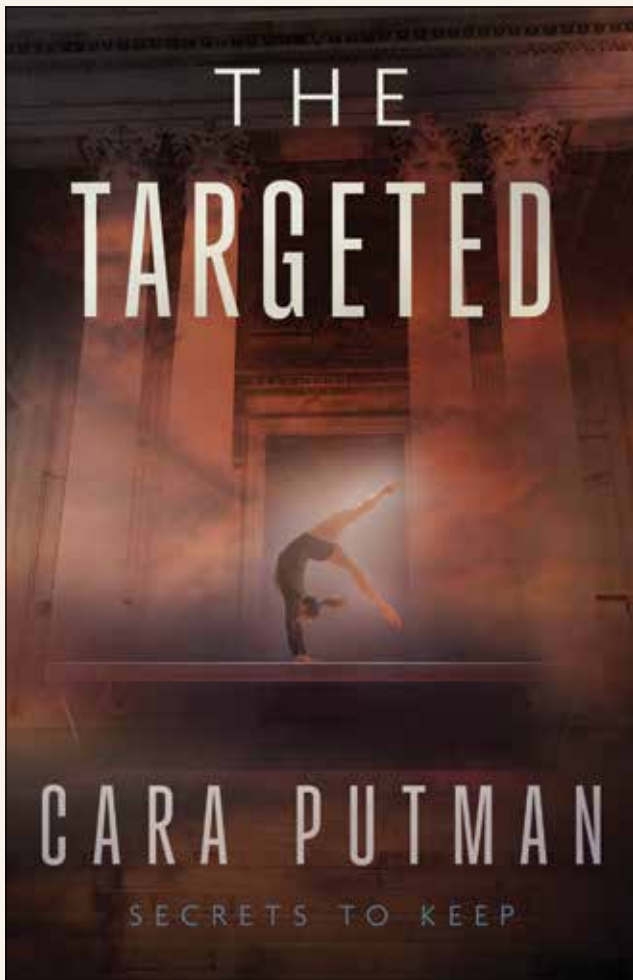


Liar's Winter

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Unique Selling Points

- Author is an IndieFab Book of the Year, Golden Scroll Book of the Year, and Christian Market Novel of the Year winner, as well as a Carol Award finalist
- Author teaches at writers' and women's conferences nationwide
- "Masterfully written, evocative and atmospheric." —Tosca Lee on *Coal Black Lies*



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SECRETS TO KEEP #3

Cara Putman

Cara Putman has sold more than 400,000 books

Chloe Ainsworth watches her friends thrive while she postpones her own future and feels left behind. When her older sister reappears after fourteen years, Chloe knows it means trouble. But is it possible she's found an ally to help her sound the alarm about a gymnastics coach from her childhood?

Dare Shepherd is a law student putting in student employee hours at the legal clinic when Chloe appears for an appointment. Dare believes her case, but he can't get the clinic director on board. As he learns more about her story, he finds himself bound by a deepening personal care for Chloe.

Now a coach at her childhood gym, Chloe is face-to-face with her past and fiercely protective of the young gymnasts. When the stakes skyrocket, it's clear Chloe is onto something. The question is, Who is behind it all?

As the story unwinds, Chloe leans on Dare for support and realizes she doesn't have to do it all alone. Together they leap into a wild search for answers. Can they untangle the mystery before it's too late?

Cara Putman is a professor, an attorney, and a best-selling, award-winning author of over forty books, including the Secrets to Keep, Hidden Justice, and Cornhusker Dreams series. She is a Christy Award and Foreword INDIES Award finalist, a former gymnastics mom, and a current youth sports official. Find her at caraputman.com.

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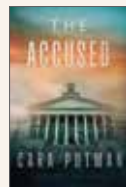
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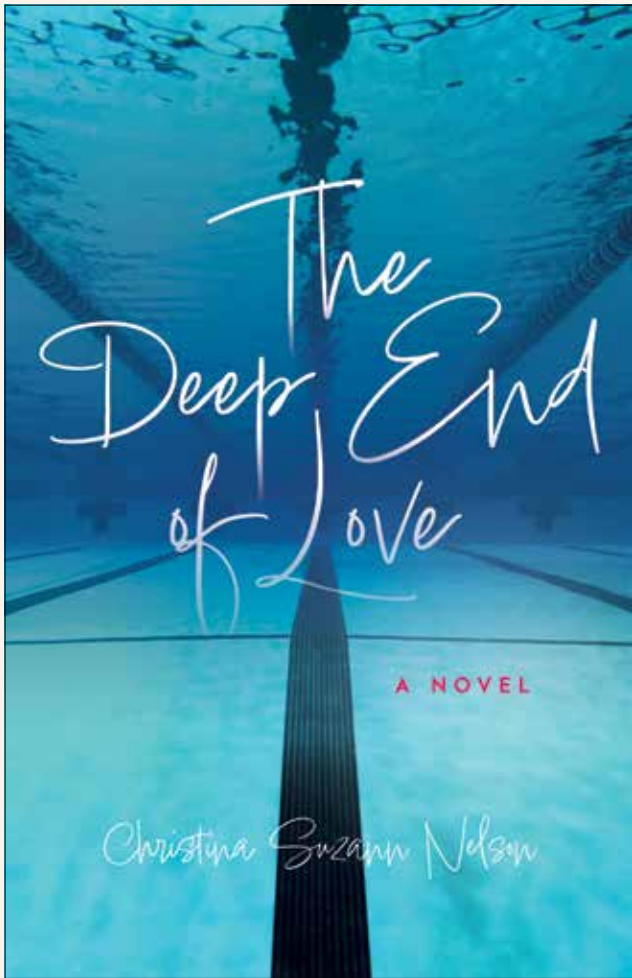
The Accused

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Unique Selling Points

- The gripping conclusion to the Secrets to Keep series
- Addresses true-to-life situations in youth sports involving abuse, but always points back to hope
- Author has real-life experience with gymnastics and the legal world



The Deep End of Love

A Novel

Christina Suzann Nelson

A refreshed and updated novel on the power of motherly love

When Izzy's pregnancy comes to light during her junior year of high school, her future sinks like a stone and leaves waves of uncertainty in its wake. And suddenly three women are pulled into the undertow. A mother desperate to protect her child but battling hurt and fear from her past. A newcomer with empty arms and a deep longing. And a broken heart trying to survive amid grief.

An unborn baby growing closer to his unknown future brings together these four women with four completely different stories. Masterfully told in woven points of view, *The Deep End of Love* explores how one decision exposes shame, fear, and hope—and how grace surfaces in the least expected places.

Christy Award-winning author Christina Suzann Nelson draws readers in through this emotionally engaging and inspirational novel, now revised and updated.

Christina Suzann Nelson is an inspirational speaker and the award-winning author of several novels, including *If We Make It Home*, *More Than We Remember*, *What Happens Next*, and the Christy Award-winning *The Way It Should Be*.

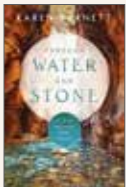
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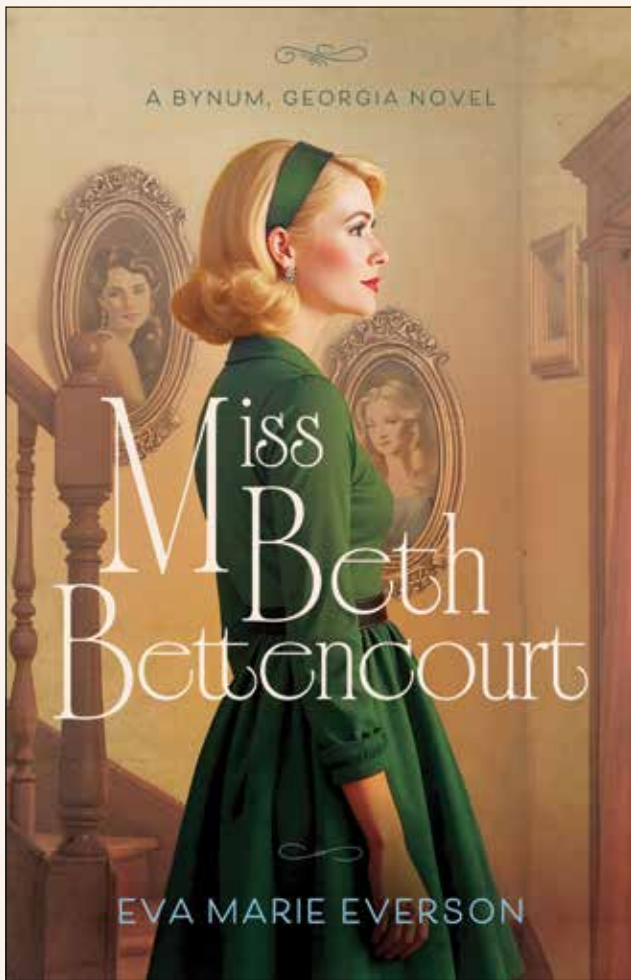
The Rhythm of Secrets

978-0-8254-2674-2

\$16.99

Unique Selling Points

- “A tension-filled tour de force of suspense and human emotions.” —*Library Journal*, starred review
- Alternates between the perspectives of four women
- Addresses difficult topics like teen pregnancy, abortion, and adoption from a realistic, faith-based perspective



Miss Beth Bettencourt

A Bynum, Georgia Novel

Eva Marie Everson

Eva Marie Everson has sold more than 275,000 books

It's 1962, and twenty-seven-year-old Beth Bettencourt's world is turned upside down when she wakes to hear a man snoring in her house.

She's alone; her parents are in Europe mending their hearts after the unexpected death of Beth's twin sister, Elise. Back at home in Bynum, Georgia, Beth tends to her kindergarten and closely guards her own heart. While beautiful and a beloved member of the community, Beth is an unusual specimen for her time as she nears thirty and remains unmarried.

Beth harbors deep-seated unforgiveness against Elise, who excelled over Beth throughout their childhood and then ran off with Beth's beau after being jilted herself. Not only that, but she took their grandmother's ring, which had been promised to Beth.

Now, with Elise dead, her parents gone, the local DA in pursuit of Beth's affections, and her brother-in-law attempting to return the stolen ring, a stranger enters her home and her world. David Patrick Martin seems ready to break down her wall of indifference and find the core of Miss Beth Bettencourt. But can he be trusted with Beth's past, her present, and most importantly, her future?

Eva Marie Everson is a multi-award-winning author and speaker from Sylvania, Georgia. She is CEO of Word Weavers International and the director of Florida Christian Writers Conference. She coaches new authors through her company, Pen in Hand. Eva Marie and her husband make their home in Central Florida. Find her at evamarieeversonauthor.com.

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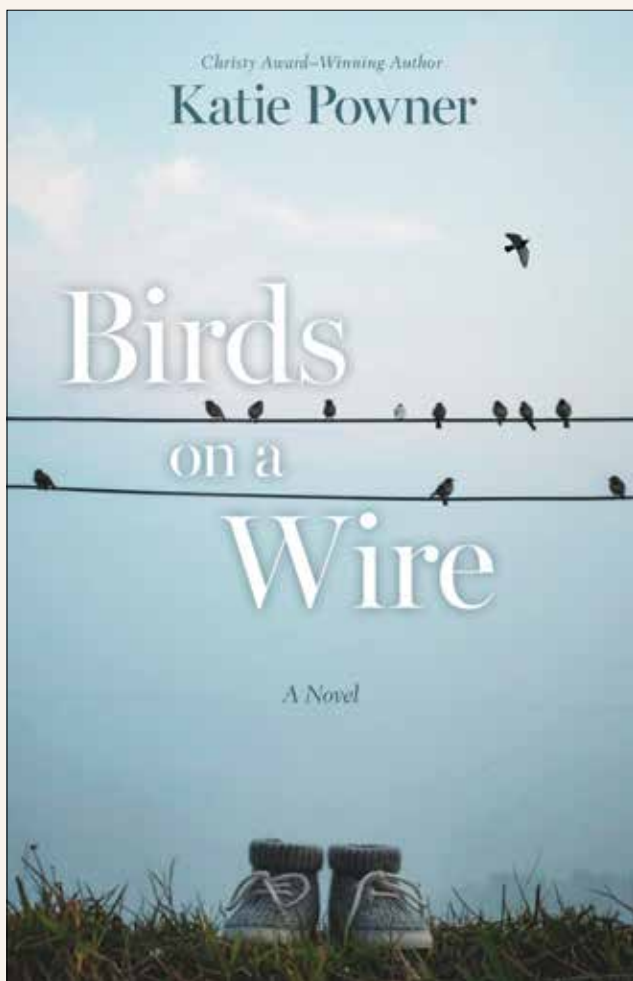
A Simple Kindness in Flatsboro

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Unique Selling Points

- By a Christy Award finalist, ECPA best-selling author, and recipient of the Yvonne Lehman Award and AWSA Lifetime Achievement Award
- Author is the contest director for the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference, which grants the Selah Awards
- A Southern story set in America's Camelot era



Birds on a Wire

A Novel

Katie Powner

A deeply moving contemporary story about family and foster care from a two-time Christy Award-winning author

When her newborn son, Providence, is taken by CPS, eighteen-year-old Bri Marshall is determined to do whatever's necessary to get him back—with or without Providence's father. But hurdles like no job, car, or family support complicate the process. Bri never expected to sink this low. What will it take to hold her baby in her arms again?

Thirty-nine-year-old Laura Gambler, facing the big 4-0, is managing new challenges with her own children when she's asked to take in baby Providence. She could never have imagined the chain of events that agreeing to foster would set in motion—or the carefully buried pain from her past it would drag back to the surface.

Both women wrestle with doubts about the future and their ability to parent Providence, even as their love for him grows stronger every day. As their lives become irrevocably intertwined, the two very different women face the same impossible question: Who is the best mother for Providence?

Katie Powner is a multi-award-winning author of contemporary fiction, including *The Sowing Season*, *A Flicker of Light*, *The Wind Blows in Sleeping Grass*, *Where the Blue Sky Begins*, and *When the Road Comes Around*. She and her husband have adopted internationally and have been fostering children in Montana for almost eight years. She blogs about family, adoption, and fostering at katiepowner.com.

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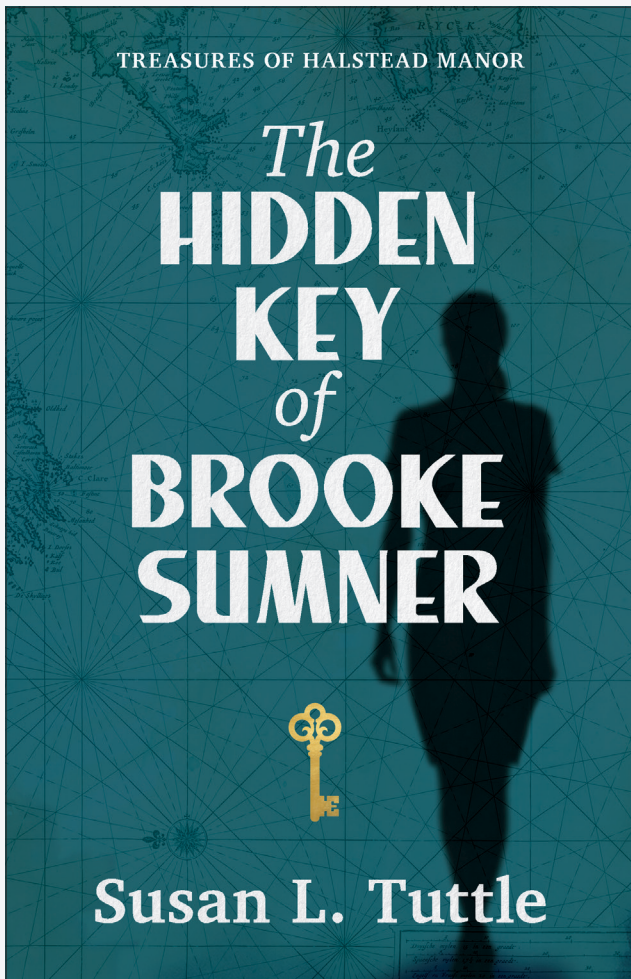
This Ain't No Promised Land

978-0-8254-4851-5

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Unique Selling Points

- Author is a Cascade Award, ACFW First Impressions, and two-time Christy Award winner
- Provides an authentic glimpse into the world of foster care by an author who has been a foster parent for eight years
- Tactfully handles difficult subjects such as foster care, child welfare, abortion, drug use and addiction, poverty, and education



The Hidden Key of Brooke Sumner

TREASURES OF HALSTEAD MANOR #3

Susan L. Tuttle

Romance and mystery readers will fall in love with the treasure hunters of Halstead Manor who find more than they anticipated

In the third installment of the Treasures of Halstead Manor series, Brooke Sumner carefully avoids and ignores Storm Whitlock—her replacement in Caspar’s mysterious treasure-hunting group—and instead focuses on her antique shop.

Caspar’s next assignment entails finding the second half of the key lodged in the spine of their most recent discovery, and Brooke reluctantly rejoins the group to keep Storm in check. But as they delve into their next adventure, she realizes that Storm might not be who she thought. While the mysterious key unlocks a vault of secrets, Brooke discovers that treasure hunting together has unlocked her heart toward Storm and the rest of the group. With priceless artifacts at their fingertips, the team discovers that the treasure of family is worth so much more.

The Hidden Key of Brooke Sumner combines mystery, friendship, and romance, sending the reader on an action-packed adventure around the globe in pursuit of a treasure that could fall into the wrong hands. Susan L. Tuttle spins a story with relatable characters and an engaging mystery that will keep readers turning pages late into the night.

Susan L. Tuttle is a pastor’s wife, mom, and the director of women’s ministry at her church near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her previous work includes *The Rare Jewel of Everleigh Wheaton*, *The Novel Adventures of Natalie Daughtry*, the *Along Came Love* series, and the Carol Award–finalist *Love You, Truly*. Learn more at susanltuttle.com.

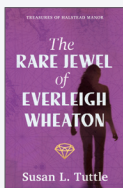
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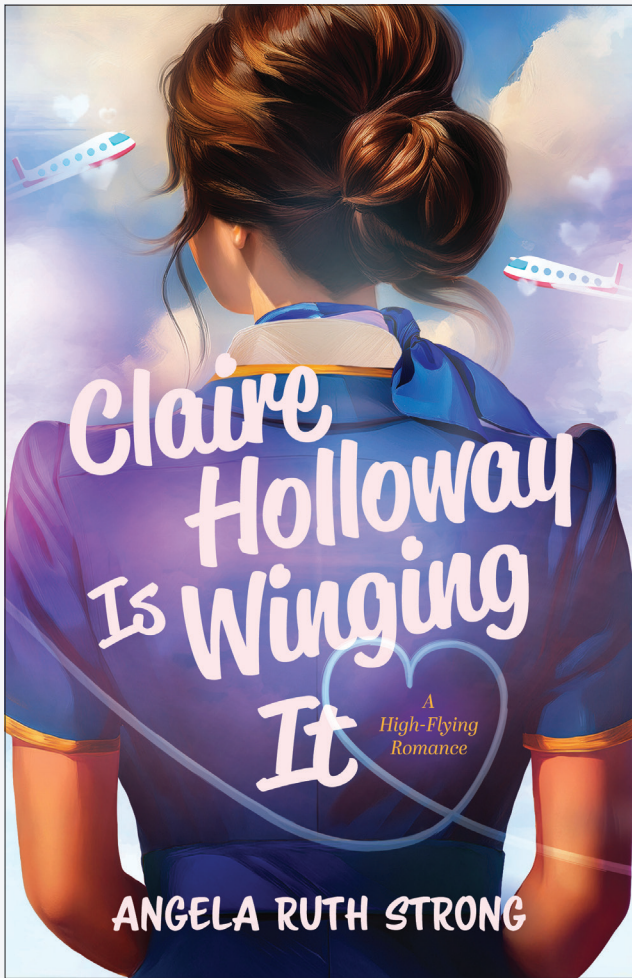


The Novel Adventures of Natalie Daughtry

978-0-8254-4860-7
\$16.99

Unique Selling Points

- Includes a relatable, multiaged cast and real art history
- For lovers of travel, treasure hunting, and adventure
- Ideal for readers of Becky Wade and Gabrielle Meyer



Claire Holloway Is Winging It

A High-Flying Romance

Angela Ruth Strong

A romance in the skies from an award-winning author and flight attendant

After Claire Holloway's dream of becoming a ballerina plummets, she's left with her boyfriend as her only support . . . until she decides to become a flight attendant for the free travel. Based out of state, she moves into a crash pad with a gaggle of other flight attendants, and her fear of losing Wyatt seems to become a reality.

First Officer Nathan Stuart—a bit cynical since he and his fiancée broke up—meets a somewhat frazzled Claire on her very first day in the Seattle airport. When they end up on the same crew, he takes her under his wing, and they quickly bond.

When Claire's once-supportive boyfriend's attitude sours into resentment, she's left wondering whether her newfound joy is the right way to go. Pulled between two men and her new career, Claire must learn to listen for God's direction the same way her flight crew follows air traffic control.

In this hilarious rom-com, readers will lift off into the turbulent skies of romantic adventures as Claire navigates God's plan for her life.

Angela Ruth Strong is the founder of IdaHope Christian Writers. She is a Christy Award finalist, and her books have become Amazon best sellers, earning her TOP PICK in *Romantic Times* and the Cascade Award. Her book *Finding Love in Big Sky, Montana* released as a movie in 2022. Angela lives in Meridian, Idaho, with her husband. Find her at angelaruthstrong.com.

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Unique Selling Points

- Author is a flight attendant
- Ideal for readers of Bethany Turner, Toni Shiloh, and Melissa Ferguson
- Author is a best-selling Christy Award finalist and *Foreword INDIES* Award winner



What Is Left of the Night

A World War II Novel

Based on a True Story

Mark Buchanan

Riveting stories brought to life in a novel brimming with factual accuracy, beautiful prose, and historical characters

The Nazi regime's bloody wake in Europe persists as they brutally send "undesirables" to their deaths in concentration camps. As a young Jew, Hannah leaves behind her mother and sister as she flees certain death, arriving in Le Chambon in search of refuge.

Driven by their deeply rooted faith in God, Protestant pastor André Trocmé and his formidable wife, Magda, have turned the unassuming community in the foothills of the French Alps into a quiet resistance—a haven where they shelter escapees from Hitler's ever-tightening fist. It's here that an author pens his Nobel Prize-winning novel and finds answers to his questions about God; and just outside the village borders, a one-legged female American spy sets up an operation to organize the French Resistance.

But a sadistic crew is on the rise. Under the supervision of the Butcher of Lyon, Gestapo officer Herr Lauer pursues the Jewish girl. Hannah was in his sights, but when she evaded him, his explosive rage and thirst for revenge set him on a spiraling mission to track her down—leading him straight to Le Chambon.

With lyrical prose and historical accuracy, Mark Buchanan weaves together a thrilling narrative from the real-life stories of a pastor, refugee, spy, and author, tangled together in a plot against the Reich.

Mark Buchanan is the author of twelve books, including *God Walk*, *The Rest of God*, and the David Trilogy. He is an associate professor of pastoral theology at Ambrose University and served as a pastor for over twenty years. He and his wife live in Canada. Find out more at markbuchanan.net.

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Within These Walls of Sorrow

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The White Rose Resists

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Unique Selling Points

- Based on the true story of the village and people of Le Chambon
- Includes real sermons from Pastor Trocmé
- Author invested seven years of research and spent time in Le Chambon



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Sung in the Shadows

THE ART OF LOVE AND DANGER #2

Crystal Caudill

A historical romance with a focus on supporting those with mental illness

No one can know Nora Davis's true identity as the daughter of the famed opera singer Constanza Brisbane. After Nora escaped a kidnapping as a child, the Brisbanes slipped into the shadows and changed their identities to avoid the still-prowling captors. But after Constanza's paranoia caught up to her, she landed in Longview Asylum. It's here that Nora engages in secret singing lessons with her mother and avoids Ezekiel Beaumont.

Employed by Pike's Opera House, Ezekiel visits his suicidal ma in the asylum every week. As Nora's and Ezekiel's weekly visits align, he begins to wonder whether Nora's ma is really the famed Constanza Brisbane who went missing mid-performance. And he's determined to find out.

When Nora is forced to make Ezekiel's acquaintance, the singing world becomes a little too close for comfort, but she's drawn to Ezekiel all the same. While Nora and Ezekiel grow closer, Nora begins to fear that she, too, is losing her mind when she suspects she's being watched. Will Ezekiel be able to protect his mother from suspected danger, along with the woman he's falling for?

With an intricately designed plot, Crystal Caudill lures readers into Nora's dangerous secret identity and chance for love in the world of music.

Crystal Caudill is the Christy Award-winning author of "dangerously good romance," including the Hidden Hearts of the Gilded Age series. She is a stay-at-home mom and caregiver, and when she isn't writing, Crystal 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.

Unique Selling Points

- Set in nineteenth-century Cincinnati
- Unique focus on family members of those with mental illnesses
- Includes the heroine from *Written in Secret*



An Appearance of Impropriety

A Romantic Legal Drama

Jayna Breigh

Romance readers will swoon when a judge and attorney fall for each other and risk their reputations

As the youngest female judge in LA, Mahalia Jackson has her career goals carefully aligned. But when her mentor tells her she needs to break her shell of professionalism and show a little heart by volunteering for the Junior Jurors program, her plans begin to falter.

Attorney JD Cash heads up the Junior Jurors program, a project born out of his own troubled past. He leverages his position as an attorney to fulfill God's calling on his life, supporting the orphans and widows of society who have lost beloved husbands and fathers to TransNation's eighteen-wheeled time bombs roaming America's freeways.

Mahalia's rule—never date a lawyer—is a straitjacket that tightens when she presides over the case where JD serves as a young widow's attorney. But when an earthquake leaves JD and Mahalia in a vulnerable position, her resolve begins to waver, and she finds herself opening up to the empathetic lawyer. But online, anonymous colleagues and adversaries attempt to destroy Mahalia's reputation and career.

A romance threaded with legal intrigue, *An Appearance of Impropriety* will show readers that real love is worth the risk.

Jayna Breigh is a retired attorney living in the southeastern United States and the author of *The Hunted Heir*. She brings to her writing over a decade of experience in trust and estate litigation in Los Angeles. Find out more at jaynabreigh.com.

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Unique Selling Points

- Author is a retired attorney with over a decade of experience
- Ideal for readers of Cara Putman and Kimberley Woodhouse
- Shows the balance of career goals and romantic relationships

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