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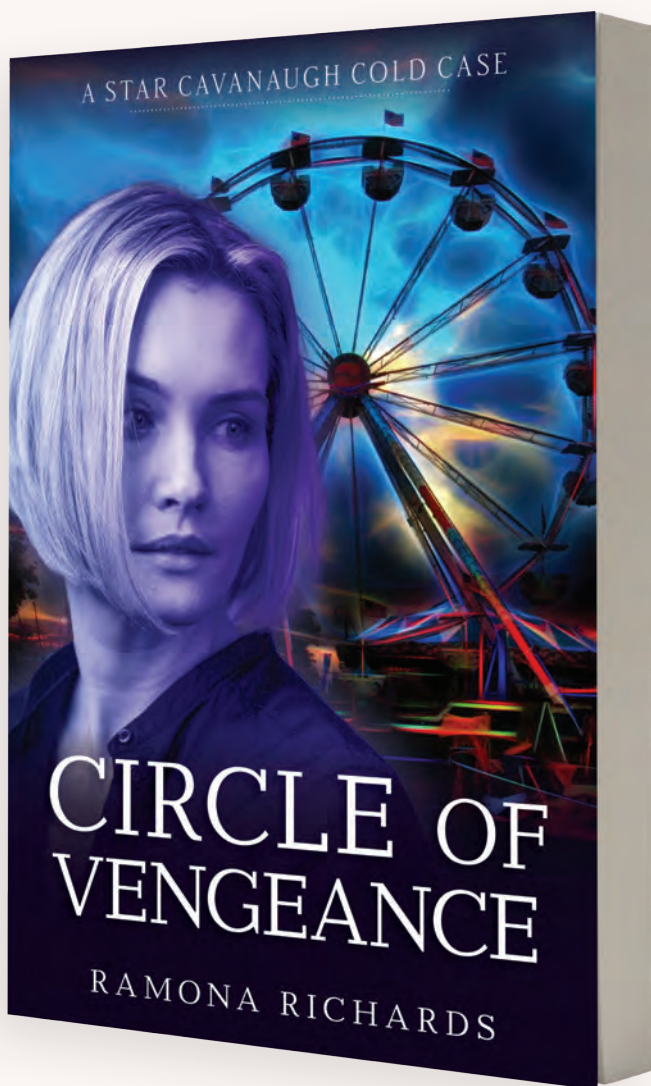


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# Circle of Vengeance

Ramona Richards

A STAR CAVANAUGH COLD CASE #2



*Revenge is best served cold—and this family has been waiting decades to dish it up*

Twenty-five years ago, a body was discovered in the Turney family barn—and the locals are all too ready to believe that killing blood ran through their veins. Every member of the family came under suspicion, their reputations crumbled to pieces, and with no convictions, no one could be cleared.

Daughter Jill, now a Chicago lawyer, is ready for this case to be solved and for her broken family to be repaired at last. Who better to find the answers than cold-case P.I. Star Cavanaugh? But as Star begins to dig into generations-old secrets, the killer resurfaces to make sure none of those skeletons leave the closet—no matter what the cost.

As the danger mounts, Star again joins forces with police chief, Mike Luinetti, and begins to uncover truths that the whole town has kept hidden. But becoming the target of the determined killer isn't the way Star wants to find the answers. It's a race to solve the case before it becomes a matter of *her* life or death.

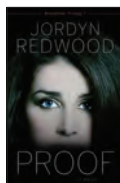
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**Ramona Richards** is the author of or contributor to over twenty books, including *Memory of a Murder*, *Field of Danger*, *The Taking of Carly Bradford*, and *Burying Daisy Doe*, the first in the Star Cavanaugh Cold Case series. She has worked for Iron Stream Media, Abingdon Press, and Thomas Nelson. Ramona makes her home just outside of Birmingham, Alabama. Find her at [ramonarichards.com](http://ramonarichards.com).

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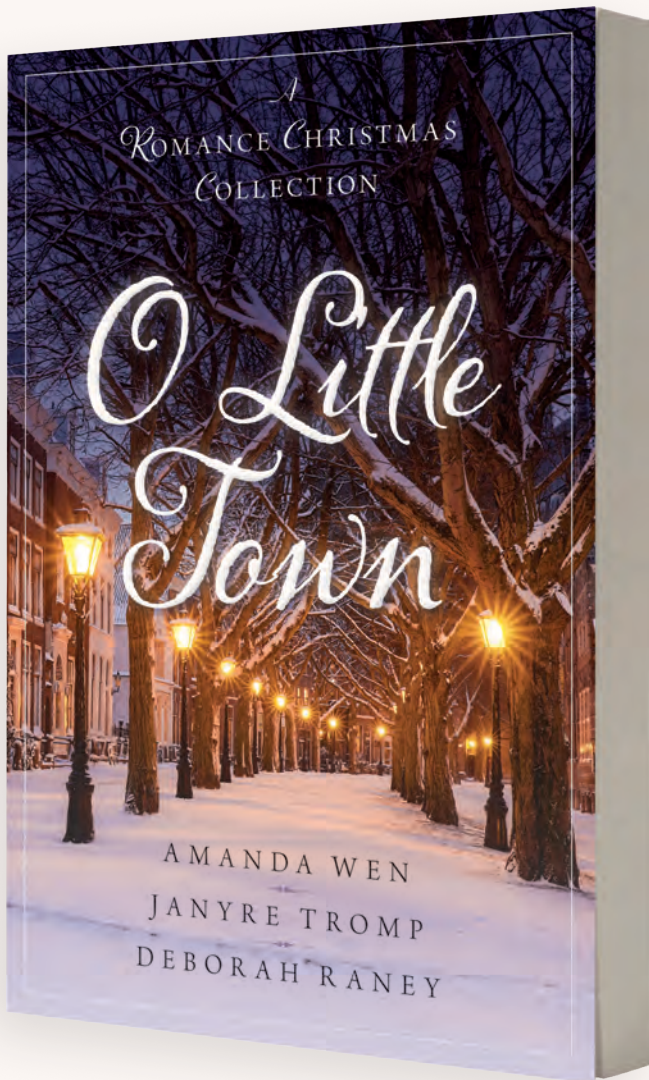
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*Stories of small-town Christmas and the enduring love of God from three critically acclaimed authors*

In this charming collection of novellas, join three generations of Mapleview, Michigan, residents longing for love—and finding it—on the most wonderful night of the year.

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Emma Trowbridge is determined to give her students the Christmas pageant of a lifetime. The last person she wanted to encounter in her classroom is her childhood rival, Frederick Oberstein. He would rather be far away himself. He wants no part of cheer, Christmas or otherwise. Can they learn to see each other in a new light—and embrace a new season of hope and faith together?

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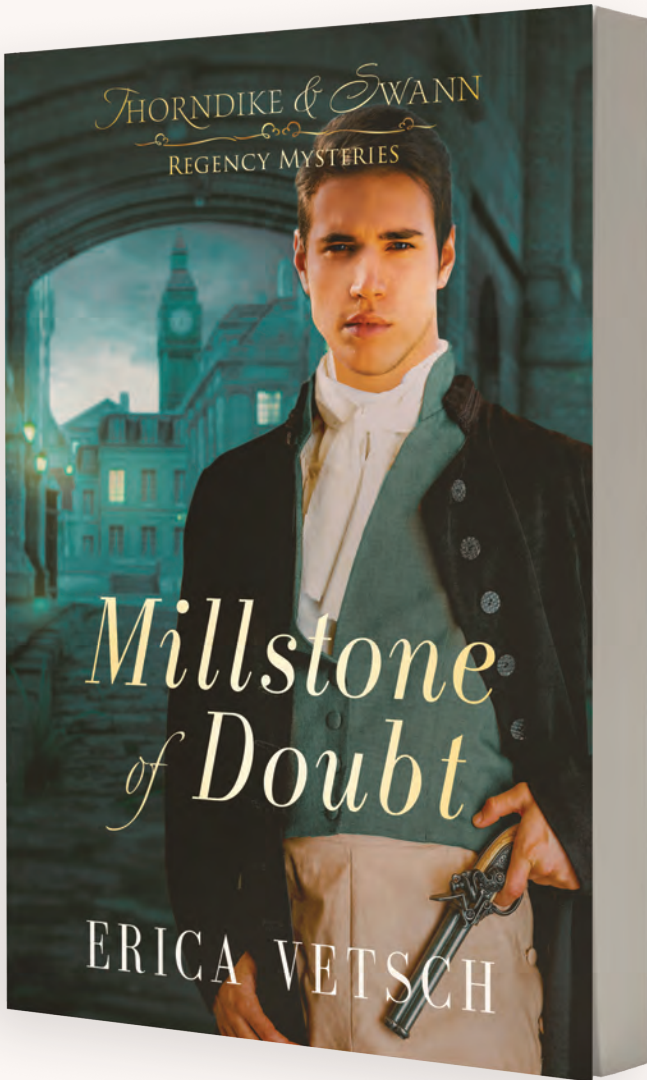
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*Regency London's detective duo is back on a new case—and this one is going to be a killer*

Caught in the explosion of the Hammersmith Mill in London, Bow Street runner Daniel Swann rushes to help any survivors only to find the mill's owner dead of an apparent gunshot.

Even though the owner's daughter, Agatha Montgomery, mourns his death, it seems there are more than a few people with motive for murder. But Daniel can't take this investigation slow and steady. Instead, he must dig through all the suspects as quickly as he can, because the clock is ticking until his mysterious patronage—and his job as a runner—comes to an abrupt and painful end. It seems to Daniel that, like his earthly father, his heavenly Father has abandoned him.

Lady Juliette Thorndike is Agatha's bosom friend and has the inside knowledge of the wealthy London ton to be invaluable to Daniel. She should be in a perfect position to help with the case. Still, her instructor in the art of spy craft orders her to stay out of the investigation. But circumstances intervene, dropping her into the middle of the deadly pursuit.

When a dreadful accident ends in another death on the mill floor, Daniel discovers a connection to his murder case—and to his own secret past. Now he and Juliette are in a race to find the killer before his time runs out.

"Erica Vetsch once again weaves a classic tale of how the old affects the new. An artfully told story that will have you wondering at the outcome until the final pages are read."

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**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 Rochester, Minnesota. Learn more about Erica at [www.ericavetsch.com](http://www.ericavetsch.com).

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To say Bones isn't thrilled with his dead-end job at the Venus Motel would be an understatement. But when you're fifteen with no family, expecting any prospects for your future feels pretty pointless. You just have to roll with the whims of the powers that be. Motel owner, Calico Foster, can't keep herself afloat, much less rescue a lost kid. A job is all she can offer.

Why Jimmy La Roux chooses the Venus to land at when he rolls out of the desert and into the parking lot is more than anyone knows. But with a rattle of Harley pipes and a cloud of dissipating dust, he roars in, fresh from blasting through the cosmos, ready to change all of their lives. And he's wielding a magic box that makes anything that goes into it disappear forever . . .

Welcome to the Venus Motel, where a million stars dance above the neon and things are almost never what they seem.

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**Buck Storm** is a singer, songwriter, and novelist in Hayden, Idaho. His books include *The Beautiful Ashes of Gomez Gomez*, *The Sound the Sun Makes*, *Truck Stop Jesus*, and *The Miracle Man*. Find out more about Buck at [buckstorm.com](http://buckstorm.com).

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Karen Barnett



*Uncovering a long-lost family story is the only way to bring her grandmother peace*

Kieran Lucas's grandmother is slipping into dementia, and when her memory is gone, Kieran's last tie to the family she barely knows will be lost forever. Worse, Granny Mac is being tormented by flashbacks of her mother's death and the loss of their home.

In 1931, Rosie McCauley's Smoky Mountains home is threatened by the Tennessee Great Smokies Park Commission as they create a new national park. But Rosie vows the only way they'll get her land is if they haul her out in a pine box. When a compromise offers her and her disabled sister the opportunity to stay for her lifetime, it seems too good to be true.

Ornithologist Benton Fuller arrives to conduct a bird survey for the park and the two form a tenuous bond. But their friendship broadens a rift between her and the other mountain folk who are suspicious of any government connections. Then the discovery of an illegal still in the woods near her cabin leads to a violent clash between sides that could destroy them all.

Eighty-five years later, Kieran heads back to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to find answers to her great-grandmother's mysterious death and bring peace to Granny Mac before it's too late. Park Historian Zach Jensen may be the key to locating both the answers and a precious family heirloom. But just as in the past, Kieran's needs clash with government regulations. Will Zach block her from recovering what she needs and solving this family mystery?

**Karen Barnett** is an author and speaker, and was formerly a park ranger and naturalist with the National Park Service. Her other books include *The Road to Paradise*, *Where the Fire Falls*, and *Out of the Ruins*. She's also a hobby photographer and is heavily involved with both Oregon Christian Writers and West Coast Christian Writers. She and her family live in Albany, Oregon. Visit Karen online at [karenbarnettbooks.com](http://karenbarnettbooks.com).

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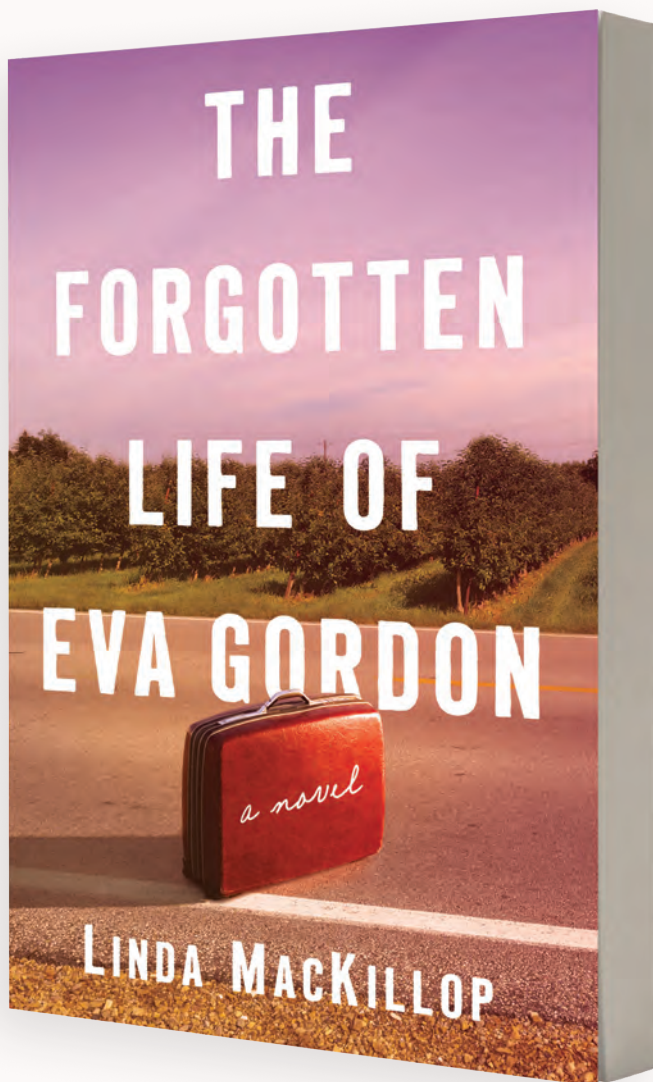
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# The Forgotten Life of Eva Gordon

A Novel

Linda MacKillop



*Eva wants to run away from her life—if only she could remember how*

Failing memory has forced Eva Gordon to move in with her granddaughter, Breezy. But Eva hates the bustle of Boston. All she wants to do is move back to her quiet, cozy Cape Cod home and be left alone.

Then Breezy announces she's getting married, and they'll be moving to her husband's rundown family farm, where he lives with an elderly uncle. They'll be one big family—but only Breezy and Brent think it'll be a happy one.

It's all too much for Eva. Too much change, too much togetherness, too much of an overcrowded life she never wanted. But as her desire for privacy collides with her worsening memory, Eva may find herself in a pickle she can't get out of. Can an unlikely cast of misfit characters step in to woo Eva from her self-imposed isolation?

Fans of *A Man Called Ove* will appreciate Eva's predicament and enjoy the poignant, hilarious, and intergenerational rescue effort to save her from herself.

**Linda MacKillop** holds an MFA in Creative Writing and is a member of the Redbud Writers Guild. Her articles and essays have appeared in magazines and journals such as *The MacGuffin* and *Relief Journal*, and her writing has been nominated for both the Pushcart Prize and Best American Essays. This is her first novel. Linda makes her home in Wheaton, Illinois. Discover more at [lindamackillop.com](http://lindamackillop.com).

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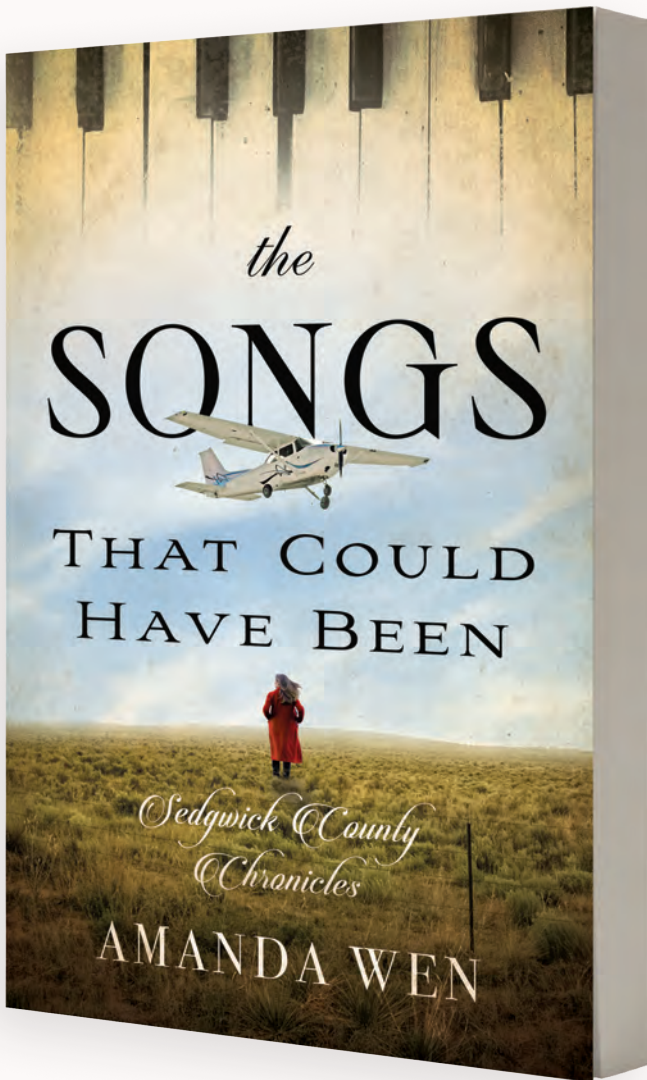
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# The Songs That Could Have Been

Amanda Wen

SEDGWICK COUNTY CHRONICLES #2



*Two couples in love. Two sets of impossible circumstances. One powerful God of grace.*

After a tailspin in her late teens, Lauren Anderson's life is finally back on track. Her battle with bulimia is under control, her career is taking off, and she's surrounded by a loving family. Then a chance meeting with Carter Douglas, her first love and the man who broke her heart, leads to old feelings returning with new strength. And suddenly her well-balanced world is thrown off-kilter.

Now a TV meteorologist, Carter is determined to make amends with Lauren. After all, she still owns his heart. But the reasons they broke up aren't lost—and those old demons are forcing him toward the same decision he faced in the past. He isn't sure he's courageous enough to make a different choice this time around.

When Lauren's elderly grandmother, Rosie, begins having nightmares about a man named Ephraim—a name her family has never heard before—a fascinating and forbidden past love comes to light. As Lauren and Carter work to uncover the untold stories of Rosie's past in 1950s Wichita, they embark on a journey of forgiveness and second chances that will change their lives—and Rosie's—forever. Along the way they'll learn that God wastes nothing, his timing is perfect, and nothing is beyond his grace and redemption.

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**Amanda Wen** is an award-winning writer of inspirational romance and split-time women's fiction, including *Roots of Wood and Stone*, the critically acclaimed first book in the Sedgwick County Chronicles. Wen currently lives in Wichita, Kansas, with her husband and three children. To find her blog and short stories, visit [www.amandawen.com](http://www.amandawen.com).

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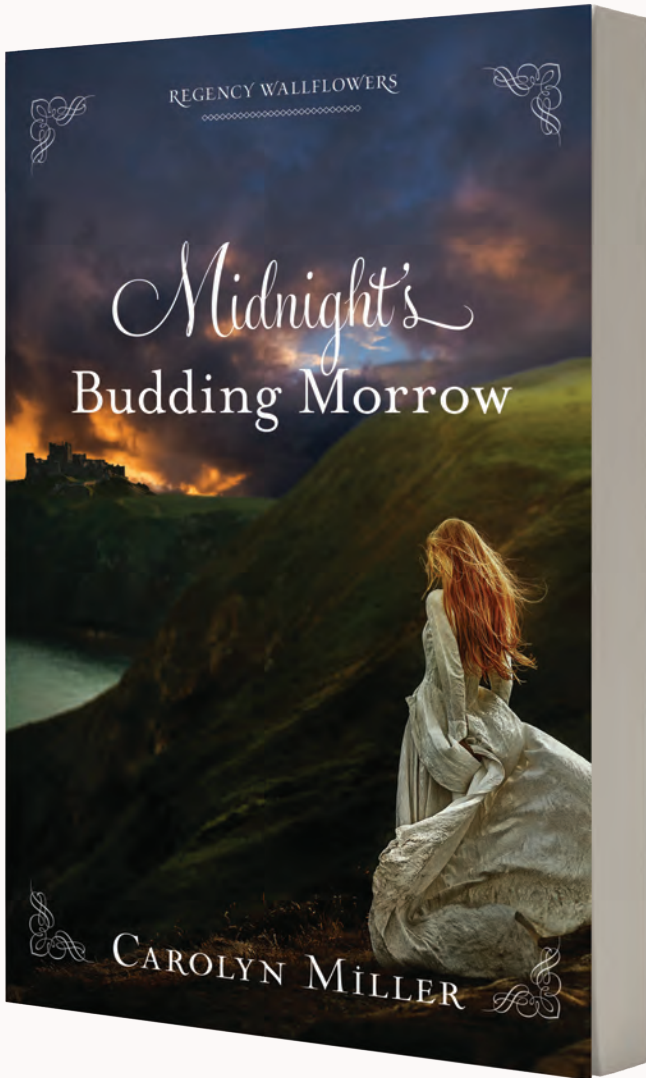
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Carolyn Miller

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*Can real love grow between a wallflower and an unrepentant rogue?*

Sarah Drayton is eager to spend time with her best friend at her scrumbling Northumberland castle estate. Matrimony is the last thing on her mind and the last thing she expects to be faced with on a holiday. Yet she finds herself being inveigled into a marriage of convenience with her friend's rakish brother.

When James Langley returns to his family's estate, he can't be bothered to pay attention to his responsibilities as the heir. War is raging and he wants only distraction, not serious tethers. But his roguish ways have backed him into a corner, and he has little choice but to obey his father's stunning decree: marry before returning to war, or else. Suddenly he finds himself wedded to a clever and capable woman he does not love.

Sarah craves love and a place to belong, neither of which James offered before returning to the battlefield. Now everyone around her thinks she married above her station, and they have no intention of rewarding her for such impertinence. It isn't until her husband returns from war seemingly changed that she begins to hope they may find real happiness. But can she trust that this rake has truly reformed?

When tragedy strikes, this pair must learn to trust God and his plans. Will they be destroyed . . . or will they discover that even in the darkest depths of night, the morning still holds hope?

**Carolyn Miller** lives in New South Wales, Australia, with her husband and four children. A longtime lover of Regency romance and award-winning author, she is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers and Australasian Christian Writers. Her best-selling work includes *The Elusive Miss Ellison*, *Dusk's Darkest Shores*, and several other Regency romances in multiple series. Learn more at [carolynmillerauthor.com](http://carolynmillerauthor.com).

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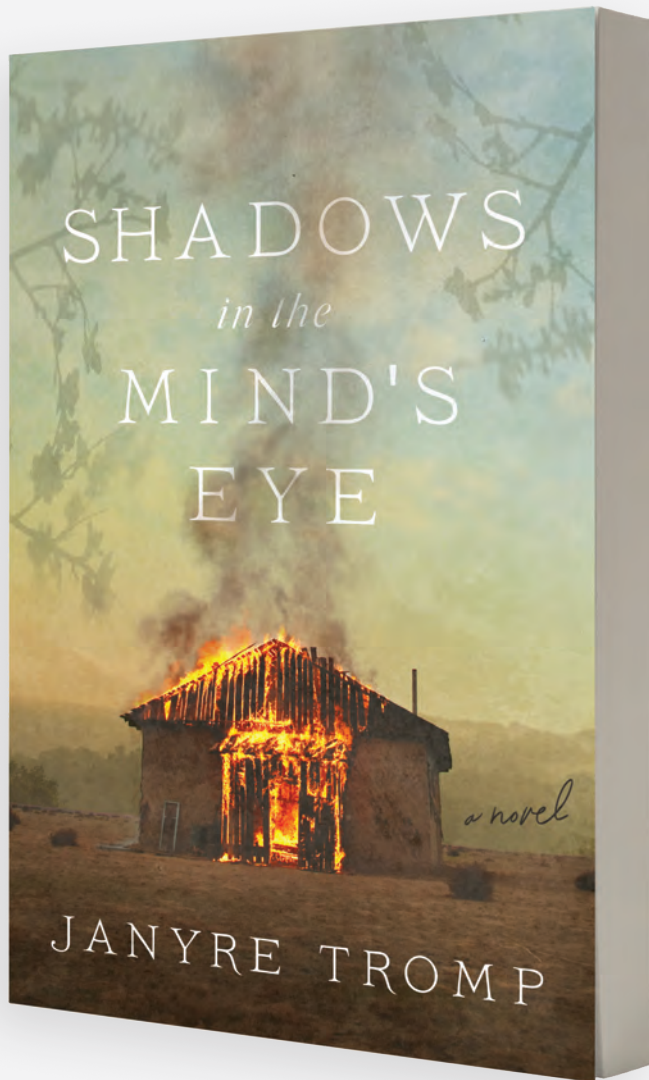
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# Shadows in the Mind's Eye

A Novel

Janyre Tromp



*Is there danger in the mountains—or is his battle-scarred mind the only thing to fear?*

Charlotte Anne Mattas longs to turn back the clock. Before her husband, Sam, went to serve his country in the war, he was the man everyone could rely on—responsible, intelligent, and loving. But the person who's come back to their family farm is very different from the protector Annie remembers. Sam's experience in the Pacific theater has left him broken in ways no one can understand—but that everyone is learning to fear.

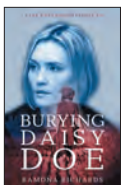
Tongues start wagging after Sam nearly kills his own brother. Now when he claims to have seen men on the mountain when no one else has seen them, Annie isn't the only one questioning his sanity and her safety. If there were criminals haunting the hills, there should be evidence beyond his claims. Is he really seeing what he says, or is his war-tortured mind conjuring ghosts?

Annie desperately wants to believe her husband. But between his irrational choices and his nightmares leaking into the daytime, she's terrified he's going mad. Can she trust God to heal Sam's mental wounds—or will sticking by him mean keeping her marriage at the cost of her own life?

Novelist Janyre Tromp delivers a deliciously eerie, Hitchcockian story filled with love and suspense. Readers of psychological thrillers and historical fiction by Jaime Jo Wright and Sarah Sundin will add Tromp to their favorite-authors list.

**Janyre Tromp** is a developmental book editor who has worked in the publishing industry for more than twenty years, spending time in both marketing and editorial. When she isn't writing, she's a Bible study leader, writers conference speaker, ACFW member, wife, and mom of two kids and their menagerie of slightly eccentric pets. Visit her at [janyretromp.com](http://janyretromp.com).

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*Can this undercover agent save the woman he loves—or is her heart as counterfeit as the money he's been sent to track down?*

After all that Grandfather has sacrificed to raise her, Theresa APlane owes it to him to save the family name—and that means clearing their debt with creditors before she marries Edward Greystone. But when one of the creditors' threats leads her to stumble across a midnight meeting, she discovers that the money he owes isn't all Grandfather was hiding. And the secrets he kept have now trapped Theresa in a life-threatening fight for her home—and the truth.

After months of undercover work, Secret Service operative Broderick Cosgrove is finally about to uncover the identity of the leader of a notorious counterfeiting ring. That moment of triumph turns to horror, however, when he finds undeniable proof that his former fiancée is connected. Can he really believe the woman he loved is a willing participant? Protecting Theresa and proving her innocence may destroy his career—but that's better than failing her twice in one lifetime.

They must form a partnership, tentative though it is. But there's no question they're both still keeping secrets—and that lack of trust, along with the dangerous criminals out for their blood, threatens their hearts, their faith, and their very survival.

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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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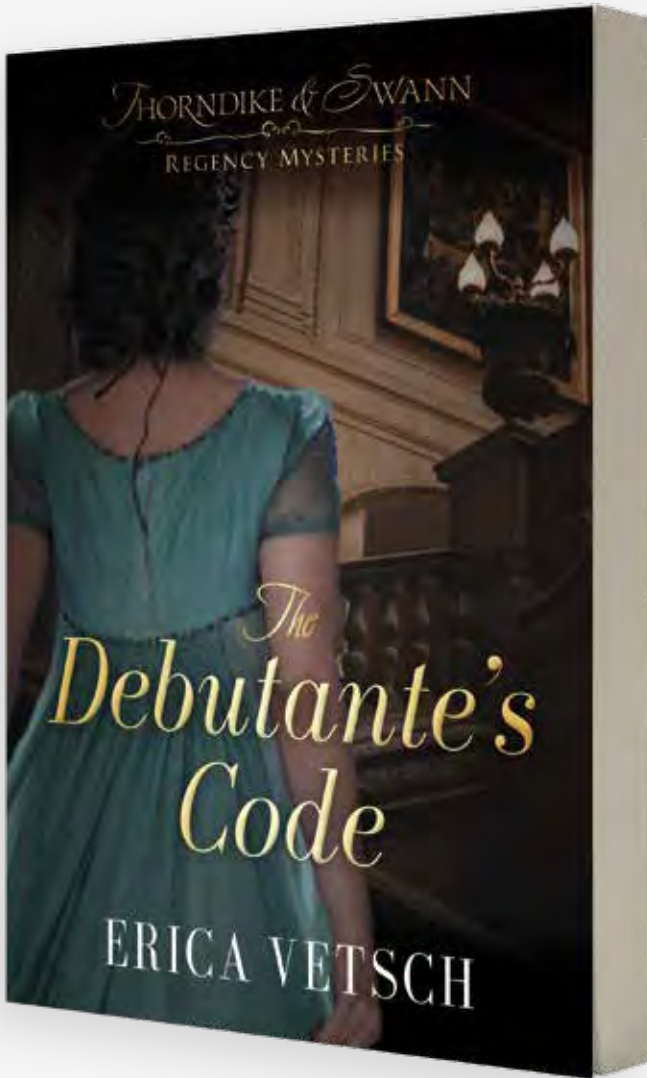
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*Jane Austen meets Sherlock Holmes in this new Regency mystery series*

Newly returned from finishing school, Lady Elin Thorndike is ready to debut in London society. Due to her years away, she hasn't spent much time with her parents, and sees them only as the flighty, dilettante couple the other nobles love. But when they're lost at sea, she discovers she never really knew them at all. They've been living double lives—and they're only the latest in a long history of espionage that is the family's legacy.

Now Lady Elin is determined to continue their work. Mentored by her uncle, she plunges into the dangerous world of spies. From the glittering ballrooms of London to the fox hunts, regattas, and soirees of country high society, she must chase down hidden clues, solve the mysterious code her parents left behind, and stay out of danger. All the while, she has to keep her endeavors a secret from her best friend and her suitors—not to mention the nosy, irritatingly handsome Bow Street runner, who suspects her of a daring theft.

Can Lady Elin outwit her enemies and complete her parents' last mission?

Best-selling author Erica Vetsch is back with a rollicking, exciting new series destined to be a hit with Regency readers who enjoy a touch of mystery in their love stories. Fans of Julie Klassen, Sarah Ladd, and Anne Perry will love the wit, action, and romance.

**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 Rochester, Minnesota. Learn more about Erica at [ericavetsch.com](http://ericavetsch.com).

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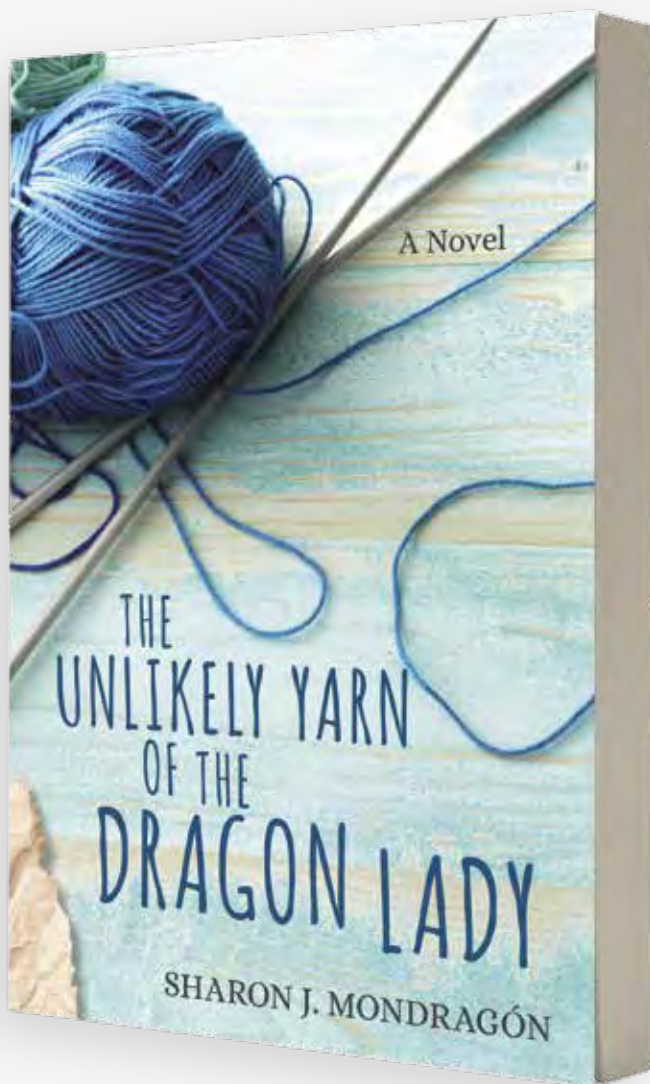
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A Novel

Sharon J. Mondragón



*A knitting group's change of scenery changes lives in unexpected ways*

Margaret, Rose, Jane, and Fran had a good thing going: meet every week in the quiet of their peaceful chapel and knit prayer shawls. No muss, just ministry. That is, until their pastor boots them out of the church in his last-ditch effort to revive the dwindling congregation.

Uptight Margaret isn't having it. Knitting prayer shawls where people can watch is the most ridiculous idea she's ever heard of, and she's heard plenty. Prayer belongs in the church, not out among the heathen masses. How are they supposed to knit holiness into these shawls if they're constantly distracted by the public? But with no choice, the others embrace the challenge. They pack their knitting bags and drag Margaret—grumbling the whole way—to the mall with them. She can't wait to prove them all wrong when it fails miserably, and show the pastor that she always knows best.

Without the familiar mold the group has been stuck in, their own losses, pain, and struggles rise to the surface. And the people and situations they encounter every time they try to sit quietly and knit are taking them a lot further out of their comfort zone than they ever imagined. Can they find the courage to tackle the increasing number of knotty issues they learn about in the community—or will the tangle be too much to unravel?

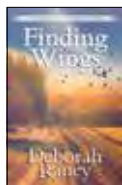
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