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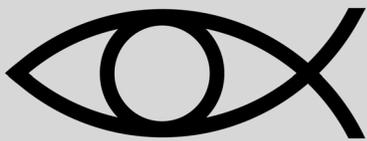
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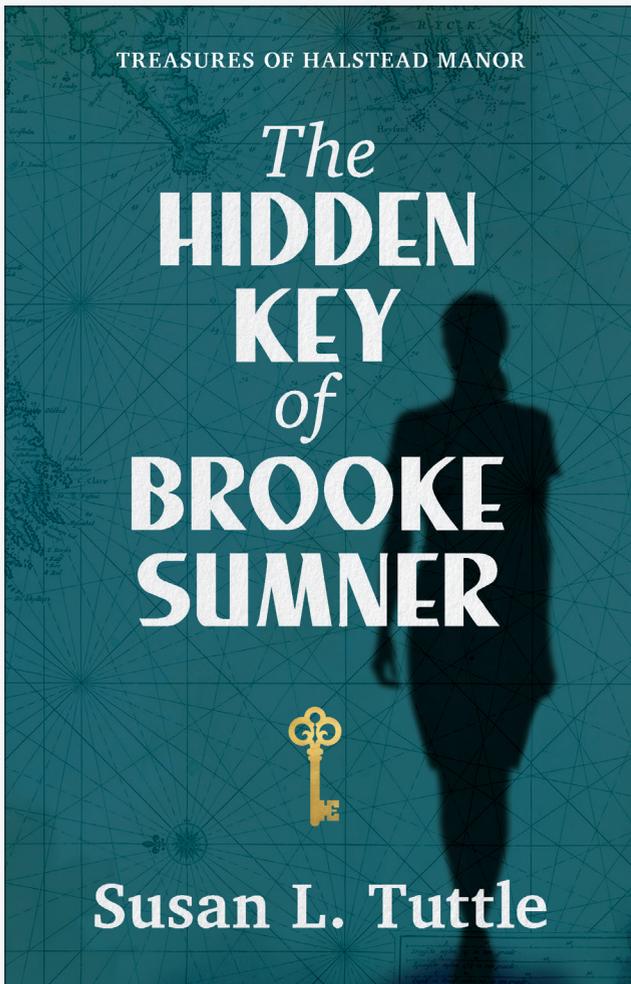


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The Hidden Key of Brooke Sumner

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.

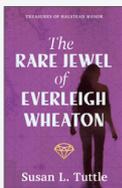
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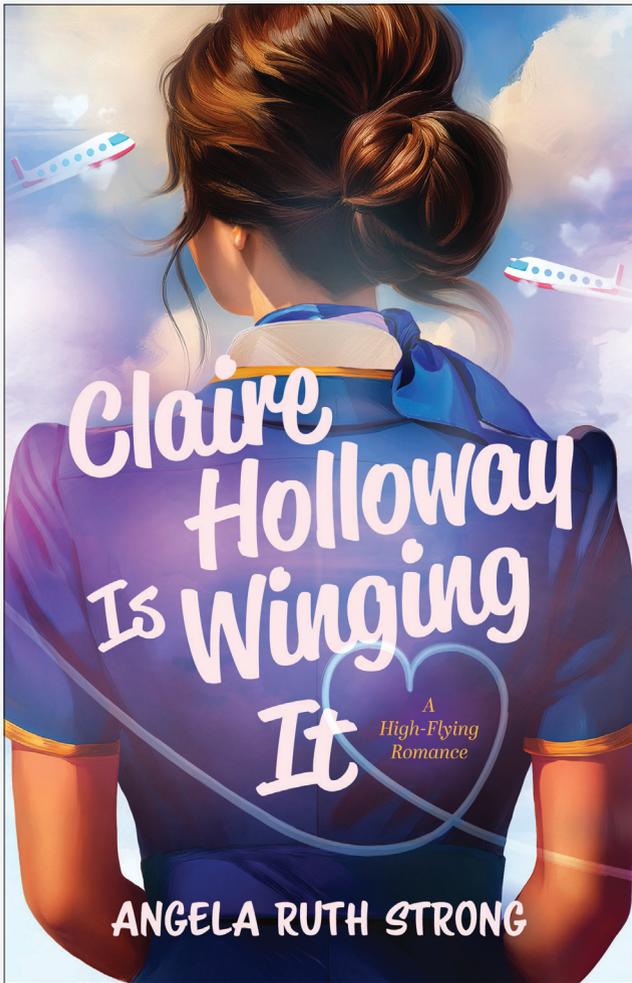


The Novel Adventures of Natalie Daughtry

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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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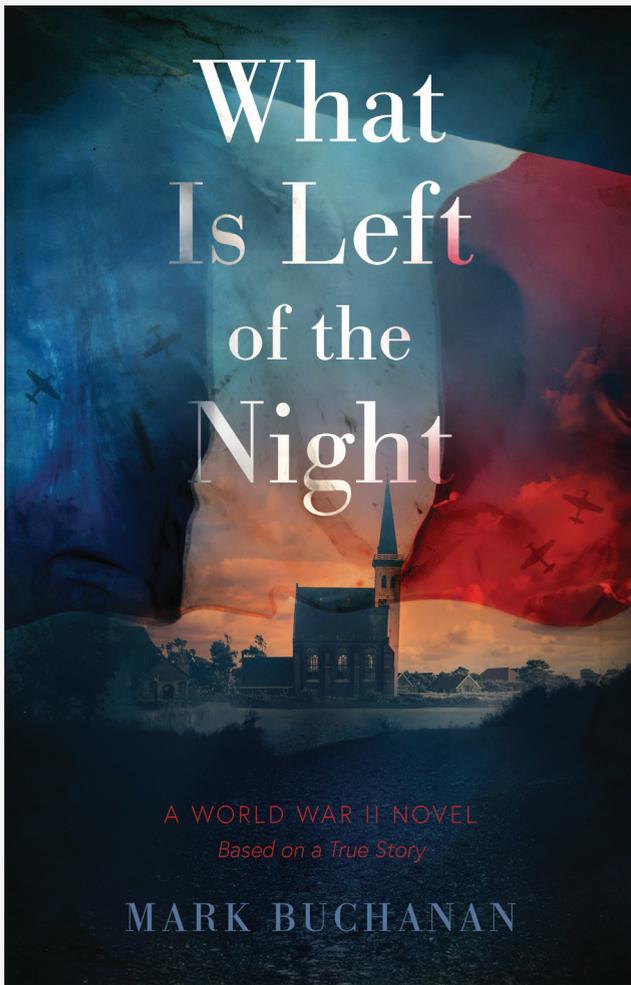
Fiancé Finale

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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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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.

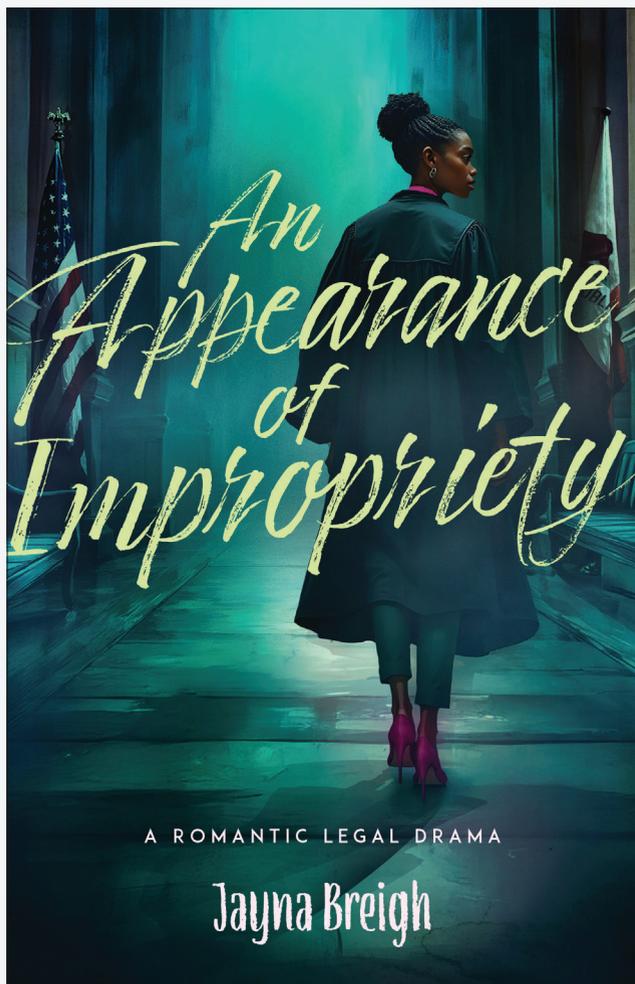
When Nora is forced to make Ezekiel's acquaintance, the singing world becomes a little too close for comfort, but she's drawn to Ezekiel all the same. While Nora and Ezekiel grow closer, Nora begins to fear that she, too, is losing her mind when she suspects she's being watched. Will Ezekiel be able 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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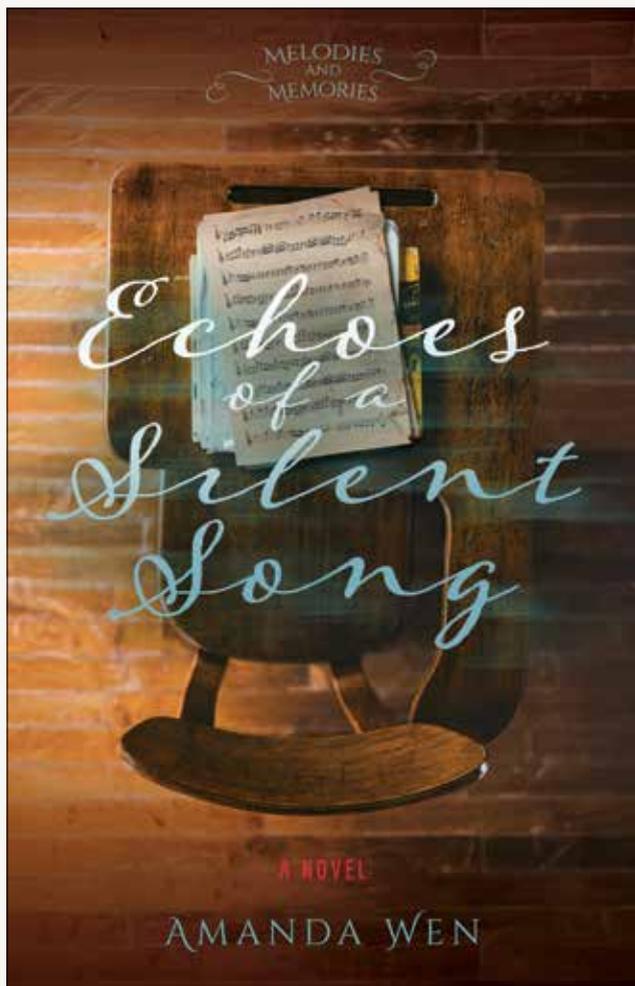
The Accused

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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



Echoes of a Silent Song

MELODIES AND MEMORIES

Amanda Wen

A split-time romance from an award-winning author

When a choral composer and conductor falls victim to creative block, he resorts to his fallback plan of teaching high school choir. Callum Knight's goal at Peterson High is simple: rediscover his muse, extract himself from teaching, and get back to Boston as quickly as possible.

As the long-suffering accompanist at the high school, Peterson-native Blair Emerson has watched the revolving door of choir directors and their negative impact on her choirs over the last few years. She is less than impressed when a disheveled Callum stumbles in on his first day.

But then they discover an unsigned, unfinished, and handwritten choral composition by a clear musical genius. Blair recalls rumors of Iris, a Peterson student from the 1970s who composed music but was found dead during her senior year. Blair and Callum work to determine if the piece is hers, and the truth they uncover shakes both of them to the core.

With rhythm and flair, Amanda Wen takes readers on an unexpected journey into the depths of a small town's history in this riveting first book in the Melodies and Memories duology.

Amanda Wen is a Carol- and Selah Award-winning and Parable best-selling author of inspirational romance and split-time women's fiction, including *Roots of Wood and Stone*, *The Songs That Could Have Been*, and *The Rhythm of Fractured Grace*. She is also a professional musician. She lives in Wichita, Kansas, with her husband and three children. Find out more at amandawen.com.

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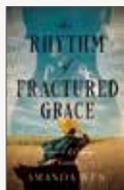
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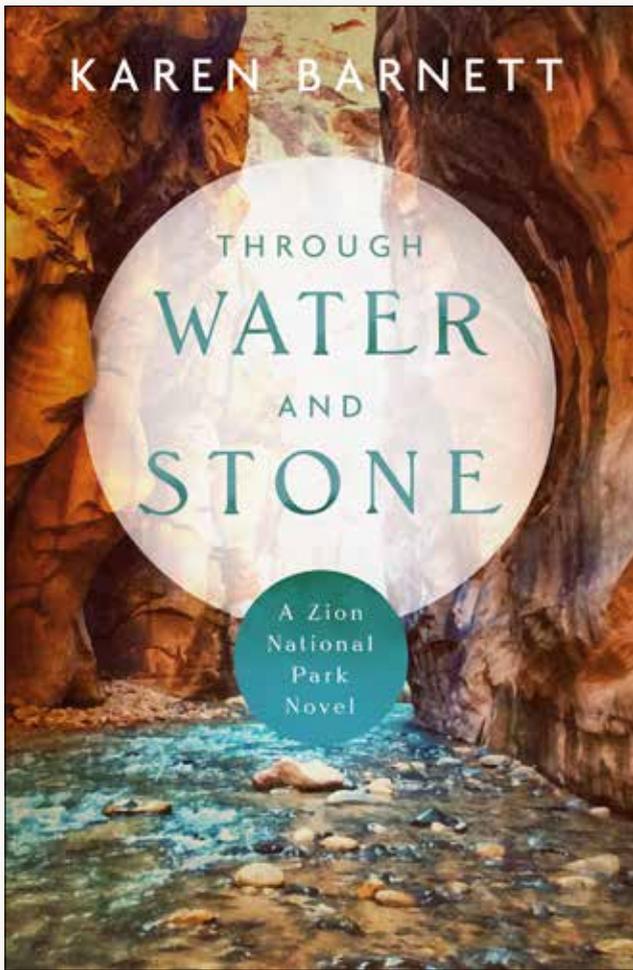


The Songs That Could Have Been

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Unique Selling Points

- Dual timelines in the 1970s and present day
- Author has won both Selah and Carol Awards for outstanding Christian fiction
- “Amanda Wen brings richness into her careful and conscientious storytelling of people who struggle to journey through faith, injustice, and the search for redemption.”—Jaime Jo Wright, Christy Award-winning author on *The Rhythm of Fractured Grace*



Through Water and Stone

A Zion National Park Novel

Karen Barnett

A split-time historical romance novel

In 1948, park ranger Henry Eriksson and his wife, Alma, are two years removed from their infant son's sudden death in a flash flood in Zion National Park, but the weight of the loss lingers. When Henry discovers an abandoned infant in a hatbox on his morning rounds, he's unsure how to react, but Alma is delighted, and she reignites with purpose at what seems to be a miracle from God.

Seventy-five years later, Talia Eriksson disgracefully leaves her job at an athleisure company in Palo Alto, California, and returns to Zion National Park to reconnect with her grandfather and remake her life goals. But when an at-home DNA test exposes family secrets, Talia and law enforcement ranger Blake Mitchell search for answers. As the uncertain future looms, Talia must learn that family is deeper than genetics and that trusting God means being still and clinging to the Rock.

Award-winning author and former park ranger Karen Barnett will delight readers with rich descriptions of the natural world and difficult questions about faith and family in this novel perfect for anyone interested in the national parks.

Karen Barnett is the award-winning author of eight novels, including *When Stone Wings Fly*, *Where Trees Touch the Sky*, and the Vintage National Parks novels. A former national park ranger, she's also a hobby photographer and enjoys teaching writing workshops with both Cascade Christian Writers and West Coast Christian Writers. She and her family live in Albany, Oregon. Visit her online at karenbarnettbooks.com.

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Unique Selling Points

- Popular dual timeline format set in 1948 and present day
- The author is a former national park ranger and state park naturalist
- Includes Scripture references throughout



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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.

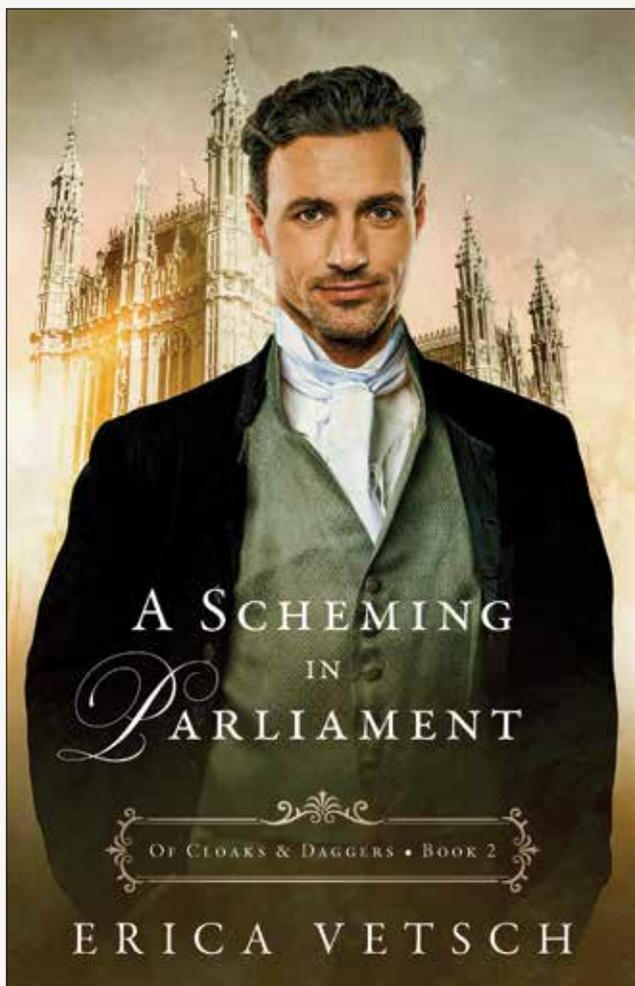
When one of Philippa's rescued girls is arrested for stealing the royal jewels and another is murdered, Philippa will risk partnering with Bertie to find the loot and stop the killer.

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.

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



A Scheming in Parliament

OF CLOAKS & DAGGERS #2

Erica Vetsch

A Regency romance mystery from a best-selling, award-winning author

Sir Bertrand Thorndike is on a dangerous mission in the murky world of politics. There's evil masquerading in the halls of Parliament, and Bertie is tasked with investigating from the inside. With his new position as a member of the House of Commons, he has access to the power brokers of English government, where he encounters a foeman worthy of Bertie's steel.

Miss Philippa Cashel is dedicated to rescuing women from the streets of London and equipping them with skills to earn their living in honorable ways. But then her dear friend's past catches up with her, and Philippa must wrestle with the question, Is it ever right to do the wrong thing? When Philippa's and Bertie's missions collide, they join forces to rescue captives and repel the corruption threatening to topple England's government.

Best-selling Regency author Erica Vetsch takes readers back into the Haverly universe in book two of the *Of Cloaks & Daggers* series with historical accuracy, rousing mystery, and compelling faith journeys.

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. Find out more at ericavetsch.com.

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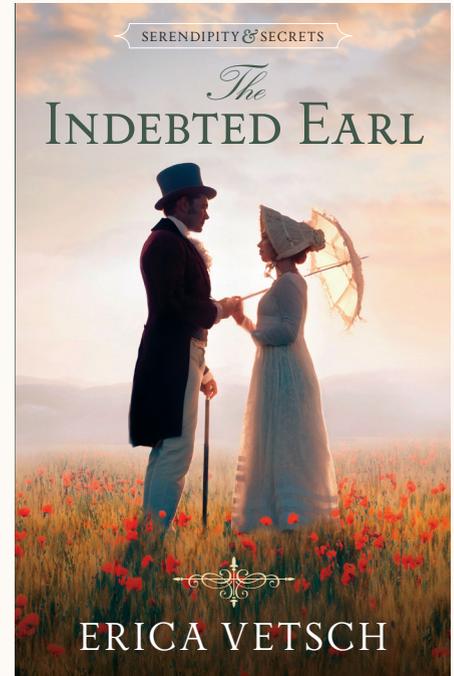
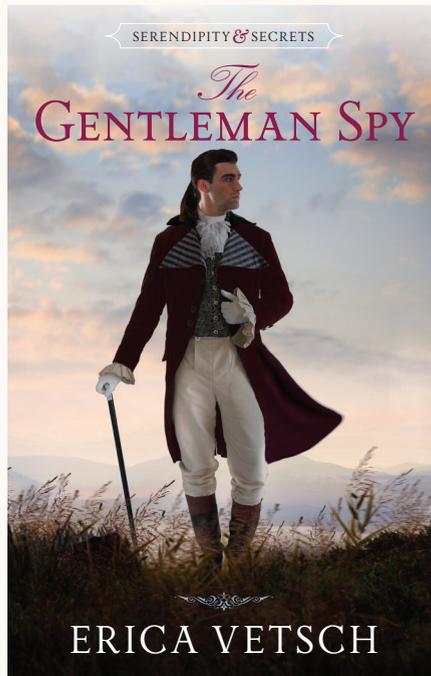
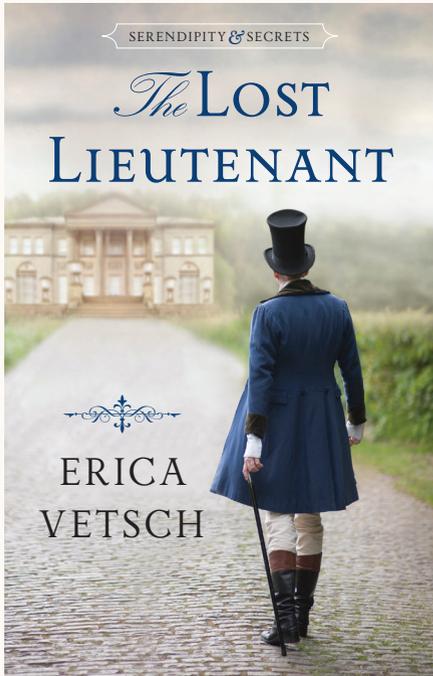
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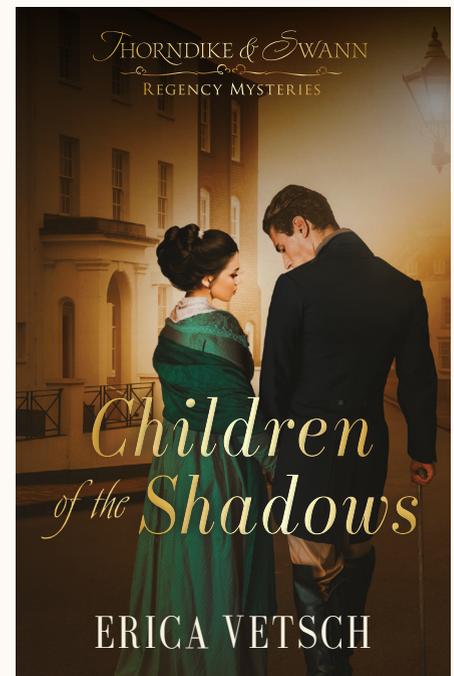
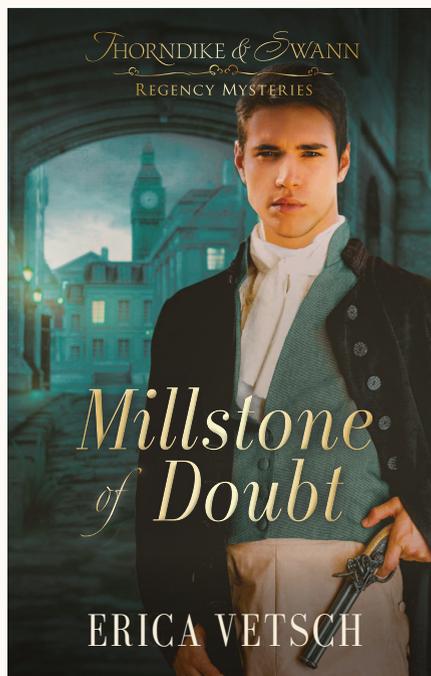
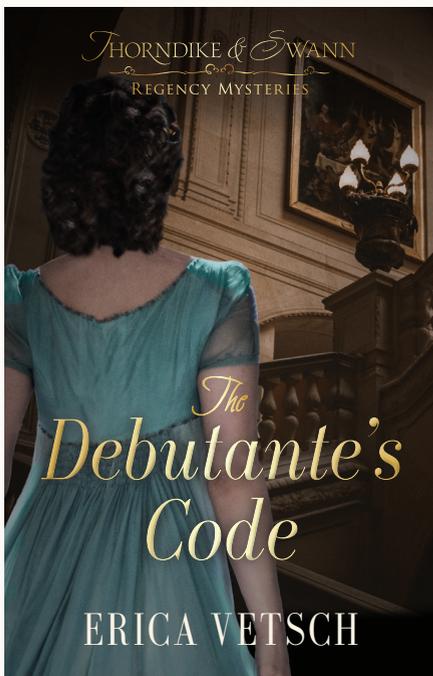
- “Vetsch expertly ratchets up the suspense and provides plenty of fodder for future entries. Readers will be on the edge of their seats from first page to last.” —*Publishers Weekly* on *A Thieving in Carlton House*
- Historically accurate Regency with a mystery twist
- Contains crossover characters as well as political and moral dilemmas

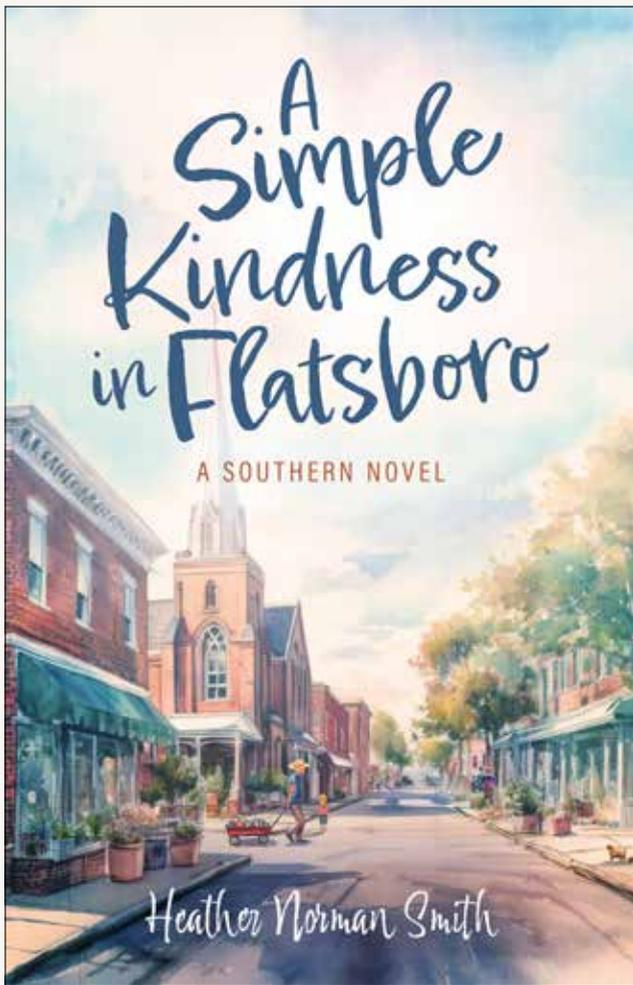
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A Simple Kindness in Flatsboro

A Southern Novel

Heather Norman Smith

A small-town Southern novel about the power of kindness from an award-winning author

Andy Clark has always been different. But it isn't just the tumorous mass covering half his face that sets him apart—it's the quiet kindness instilled in him by his mother. Gloria Clark was determined not to let her son's difference define him. As an anonymous do-gooder in Flatsboro, North Carolina, Andy lives out what his mama taught him, even though she's no longer there.

Della Rose Miller, a well-known former beauty queen, escapes the crumbling marriage to her arrogant and pretentious high school sweetheart and moves back to her hometown. Della Rose and her daughter find themselves in a little Flatsboro apartment, in the same complex as Della Rose's childhood classmate whose heart she broke in third grade.

As Della Rose navigates the end of her marriage and Andy continues his secret philanthropy, they navigate grief and trusting God in the endings . . . and the beginnings. This heartwarming story will remind readers of the power of kindness.

Heather Norman Smith is the award-winning author of *Songs for a Sunday*. She lives in Lewisville, North Carolina. Find out more at heathernormansmith.com.

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- Similar to the best-selling children's book *Wonder* but with an adult main character
- Alternating male and female points-of-view but no romance
- Cozy, small-town feel with an emphasis on philanthropy

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