Inspiring Motivational Message

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When Ruth first came to the fields, she started gleaning behind the other ladies. What they had overlooked or been too full to carry became hers. Sure, it may not have been as much as they had, but it was hers. Once again, Ruth proves to us there's blessing in persevering. She refused to let the odds dictate her future. Boaz then ordered not only that she be allowed to glean with the other women but that they leave handfuls of grain for her.

Our God is a God of more than enough. He won't just bless you; He'll blow your mind. Will you let Him?

Boaz directed his servants to give Ruth special treatment. Before he noticed her, she was gleaning whatever was left behind; now she had more than enough. Ruth went from wondering what she and Naomi would eat that day to experiencing abundance.

As God did for Ruth, we can trust that He will see we've been faithful and can be trusted with overflow. When God promotes you, He's going to give you special treatment. Where you once struggled, now you will have abundance.

God is waiting to create an overflow in your areas of lack. Before He can bless you, though, He must know that He can trust you. Be grateful for what you have. Sure, we all have areas in our lives that we wish we could improve, but we can't afford to invest in worry. Make the best out of what you do have; then let God do the rest. FINDING HOPE in the LEGACY OF RUTH

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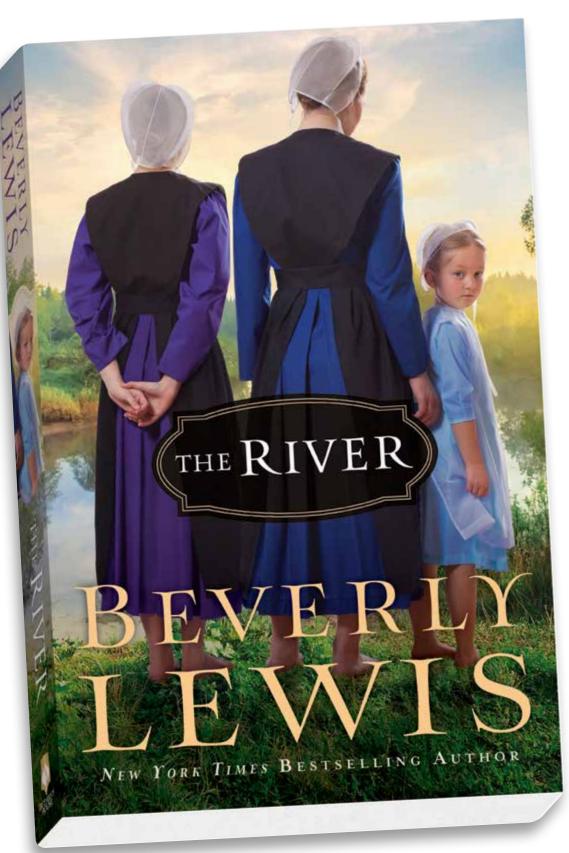
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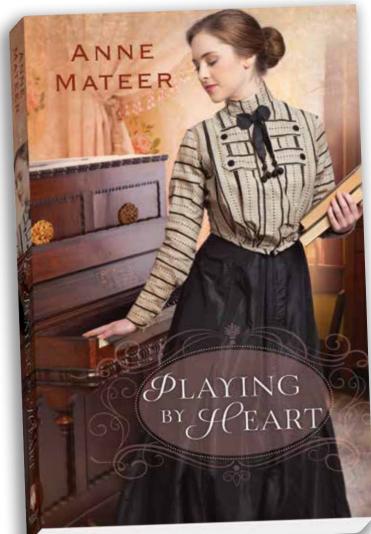
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Lula commits to covering the job for the rest of the school year, determined to do well and prove herself to the town. Reluctantly, she turns to the boys' coach, Chet, to learn the game of basketball. Chet is handsome and single, but Lula has no plans to fall for a local boy. She's returning to college as soon as she gets Jewel back on her feet.

However, the more time she spends in Dunn, the more Lula realizes God is working on her heart—and her future is beginning to look a lot different than she'd expected.

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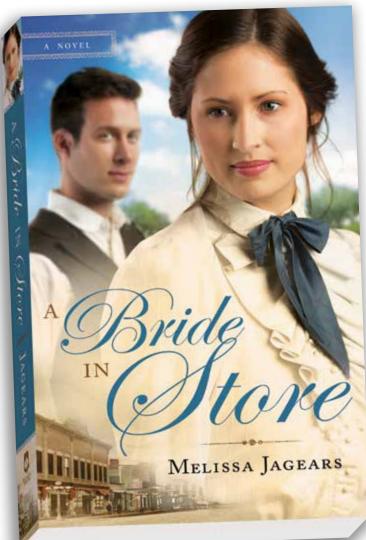
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Hoping a wife would push Axel to become a better business partner, William Stanton had encouraged him to seek a mail-order bride. With Axel gone, Will feels responsible for Eliza, so he finds her a place to stay and lets her help in the store.

Working together isn't what they'd expected, and when Axel is further delayed, neither can ignore the sparks that fly. But Eliza is meant for Axel and is set on a future with the store, while Will is biding time until he can afford medical school.

Their troubles are far from over when Axel returns to town, however, and soon both Will and Eliza must decide what they're willing to sacrifice to chase their dreams—or if God has a new dream in store for them both.

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It was fair to say Kylie Wilde wasn't a woman happy with the life that had been shoved like an anvil onto her shoulders. But whether she was happy or not didn't matter one whit. That flapping board on the roof had to be nailed. Not only was the wind going to rip it all the way off, but it was right over Kylie's bed. She was in for a miserable, soggy night if she didn't act fast.

Gritting her teeth, Kylie tried to think of all the ridiculous manly skills her sisters had taught her. Of course there weren't many. Mostly, Kylie could think of the manly skills they'd *tried* to teach her and how good she'd always been at avoiding the lessons.

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And now she needed to dredge up a few of them or sleep under a deluge.

She needed a ladder. Except the one they'd used to build her house had been borrowed from cranky old Pa. Talk about someone Kylie didn't want to ask for help! Cudgel Wilde would scold and snarl and in the end make Kylie want to jump on her horse and ride off and never come back.

Thunder sounded in the distance. She had to get on with this.

Her gaze slid to the stovepipe.

It came out of the house through the wall, then curved up through the porch roof. Bailey had installed it in that strange way instead of having it go straight up. She'd said something about retaining heat and preventing sparks and keeping rain out of the stove.

Kylie hadn't really been listening.

Now she was glad it was close to the edge of the roof. She could pull herself up using that pipe, but she'd have to crawl the length of the porch roof once she was up there, with nothing much to hang on to.

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ylie Wilde fought in the Civil War dressed as a boy and now she's homesteading as a man. But she makes one lousy man! When land agent Aaron Masterson comes to inspect her claim, he immediately realizes she's a woman. She begs him not to tell, but can he in good conscience defraud the U.S. government, even if she really did serve in the war?

Aaron is interested in the little spitfire from the moment her long hair falls from her cap, but when he tells her of his plan to stake his own claim, farther west and up in the mountains, she draws away. Kylie's focus is to "prove up" her homestead, sell it for a profit, move back east, and live the rest of her life in civilization.

But all Kylie's future plans are put in jeopardy when someone tries to burn her out. Who would attack her way out here? Aaron and Kylie suspect it's the local land baron-but Gage Coulter denies any involvement. He does suggest a way for Kylie to stay safe, though-marry him! More attacks scare Kylie near to death, and she can't face living on her own any longer. Should she tie her fortune to Gage or Aaron? Either choice will put an end to her dreams of a civilized life. And what if marrying doesn't stop the attacks after all?

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As we rounded a curve, I saw a disabled vehicle on the right shoulder about a half mile in front of me. I felt sorry for the driver. Being stranded on this stretch was bad enough, but in this weather? I breathed a quick prayer on her behalf.

However, I didn't feel as sorry for another driver who began cutting across three lanes of traffic to rescue her. Cars in front of me and to my left slammed on their brakes to avoid hitting the Good Samaritan. Car after car screeched to a halt.

I slammed on my brakes and slid to a stop—only inches from the vehicle in front of me.

Grateful that I hadn't plowed into the car, I took a deep breath. Then I looked in my rearview mirror. I wished I hadn't. Coming behind me, at highway speed, was a pickup that hadn't noticed the commotion.

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"Oh dear God!" I cried, as much a prayer as a plea.

Matt turned his head to face my terror. Then we both braced for the crash.

As I watched our doom approach, the impossible happened. A large glowing being, at least 12 to 15 feet tall, appeared between my little car and the truck. Through its ethereal glow I could still see the truck speeding toward my rear bumper. The being, its back toward me, spread out its arms and formed a barrier. I never saw the truck slow, but still it never hit us. The being's presence stopped it.

"An angel," I breathed, amazed.

As soon as I said it, I could no longer see him. But I knew God had sent an angel to protect us. He had protected me!

Fear evaporated, and nothing—not the weather, not my end-of-the-day exhaustion, not the crazy drivers who surrounded me—could keep me from smiling.

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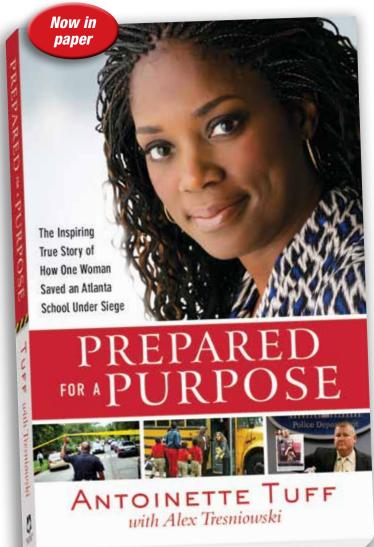
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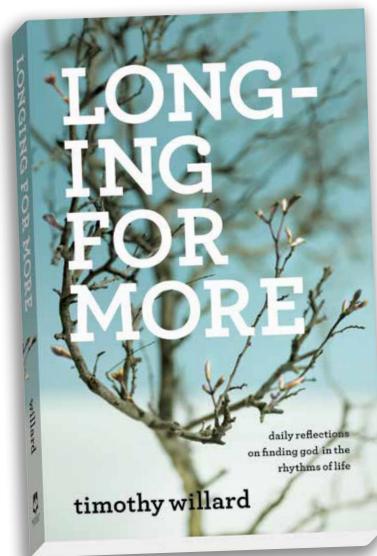


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God Can Use You, Not Just in

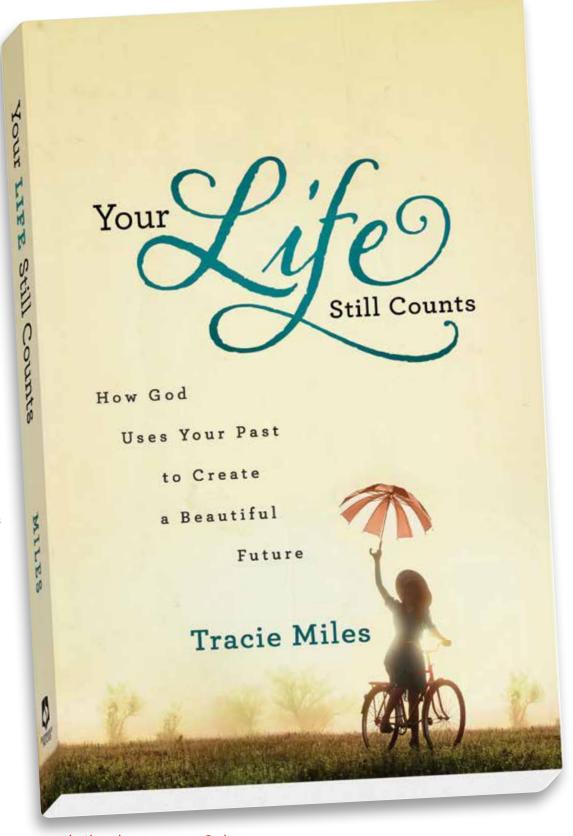
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As God's promise sprouted in my heart, a little flicker of hope began to burn in my soul. It was a flame that had been snuffed out for far too long by the regrets of the past. As this little flame grew, I discovered a purpose that only a sovereign God could have orchestrated. All the years spent feeling unforgivable, unusable, and unloved by God were wiped away upon the realization that God had a plan for my life—not despite my past, but because of it.

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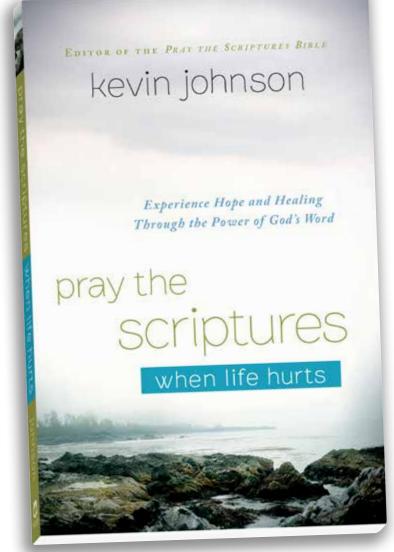


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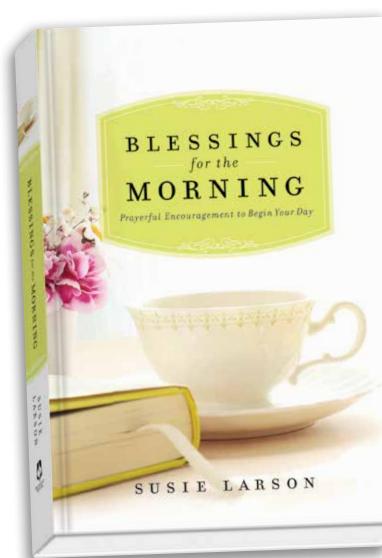
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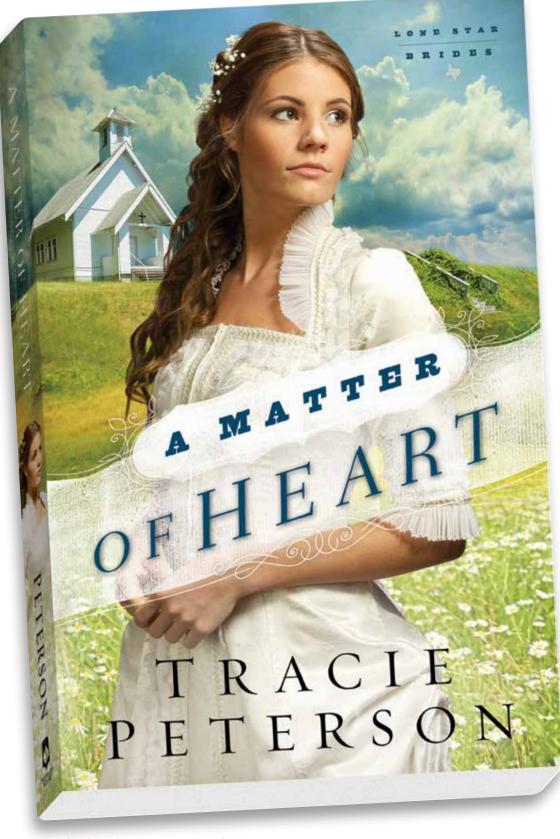
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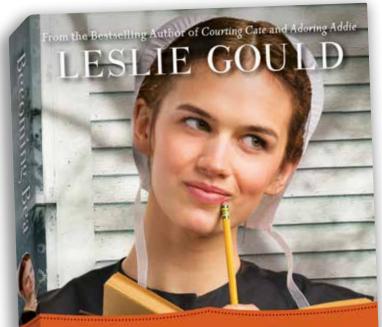


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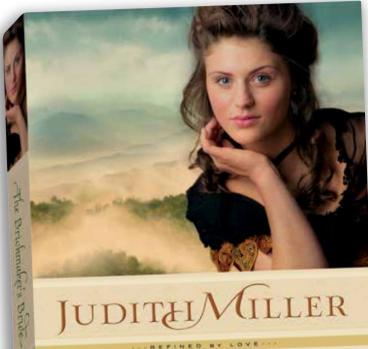




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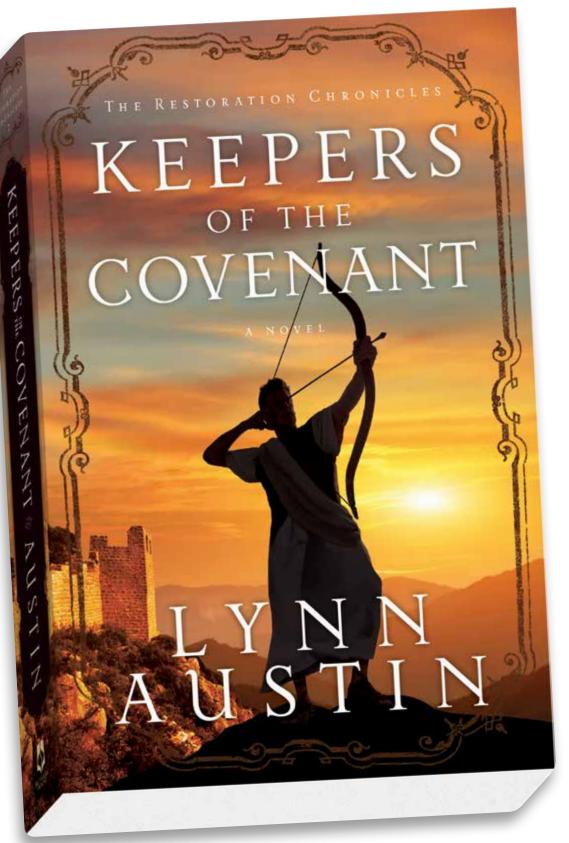
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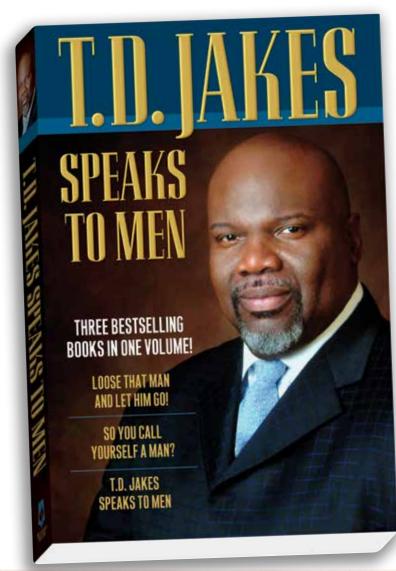
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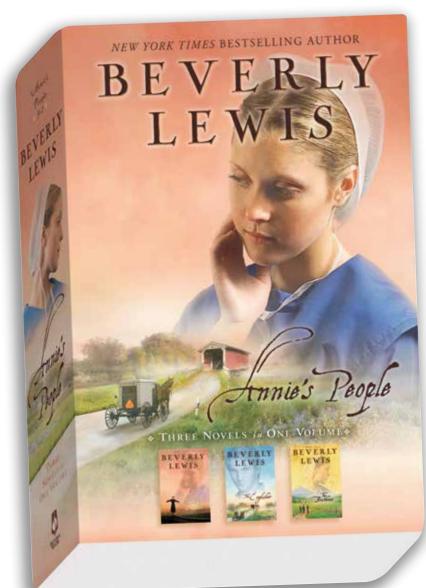
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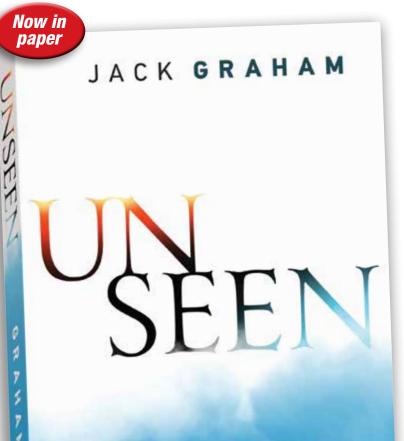
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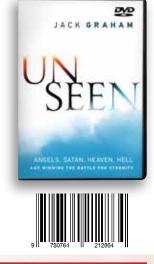


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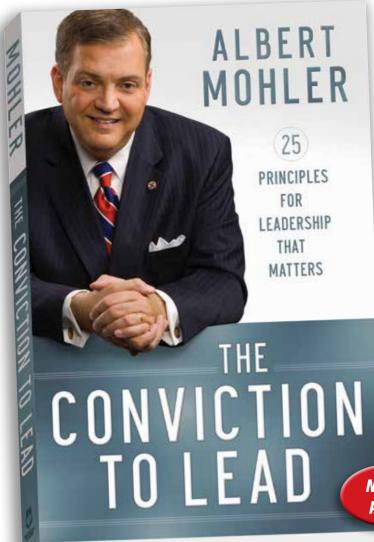
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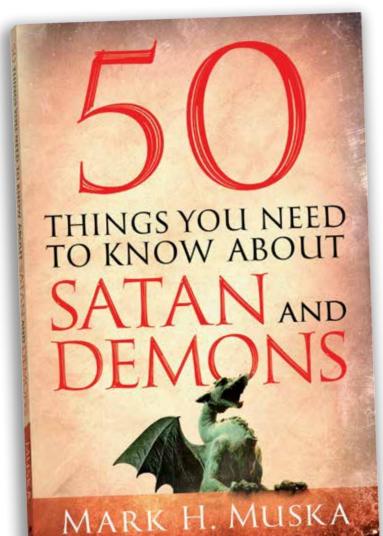
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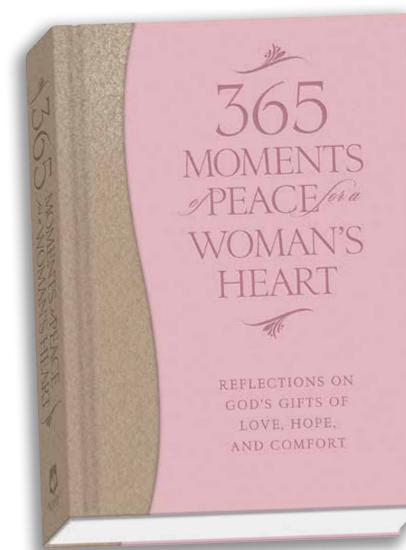
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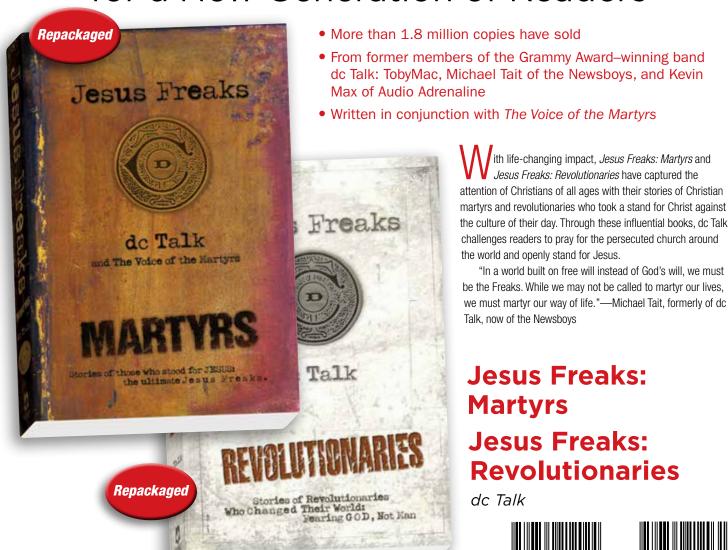
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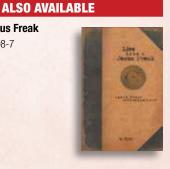
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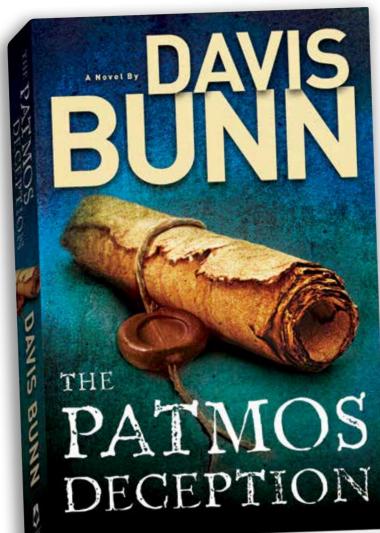


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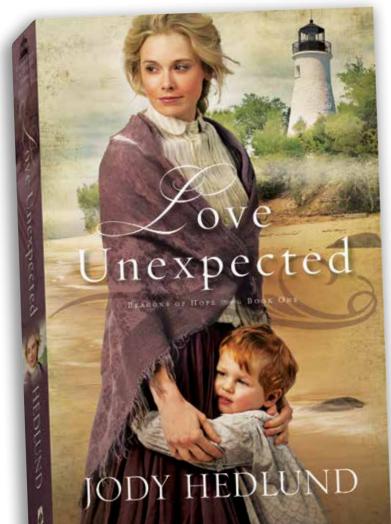
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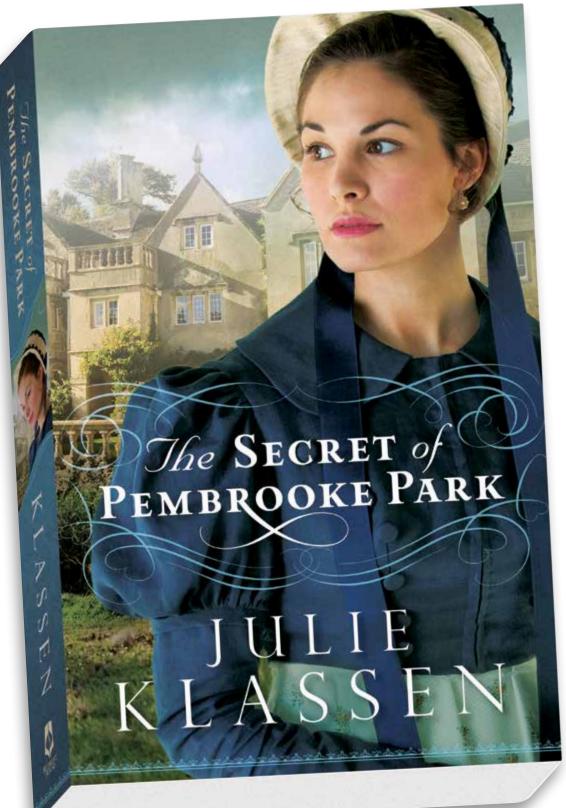
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