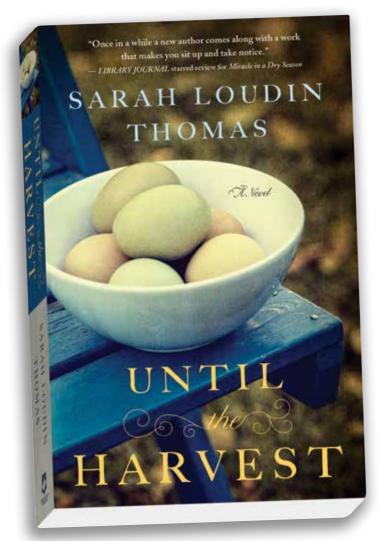
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- Taking readers back to Wise, West Virginia, but this time in the 1970s, Thomas offers another novel celebrating faith and family
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hen a family tragedy derails Henry Phillips's college studies, he's left unmoored **V** and feeling abandoned. Although Henry tries to find escape in bad company, the only things that can tamp down his anger and grief are the family farm, his fiddle, and sweet but unusual pre-teen Mayfair Hoffman.

Unfortunately, Mayfair's older sister, Margaret, with the freckles and cute, turned-up nose, has the opposite effect. Worse, she's his grandmother's housekeeper and helper, so she's always around and ready to push his buttons. At first he thinks she doesn't care about his loss, before beginning to understand she's facing her own struggles. Mayfair's health and unique gift sit at the heart of those worries, and Henry and Margaret soon find themselves relying on each other as both Henry's future and Mayfair's life are put at risk.

Until the Harvest

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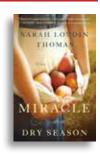
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EXCERPT

The mornings were the hardest.
Every bone ached, every scar
throbbed. His wrist no longer bent back
fully, and on nights when he slept on his
side without realizing it, he was unable
to move that side without pain for most
of the day.

Caleb greeted this morning like any other, with an assessment of these pains.

But I can still move, he thought as he rubbed his feet. He squeezed his leg with his sword hand as hard as he could. The fingers pressed hard into flesh. He still had his battle grip. When that softened, he would be done, but it was still nearly as strong as when he had first picked up a weapon.

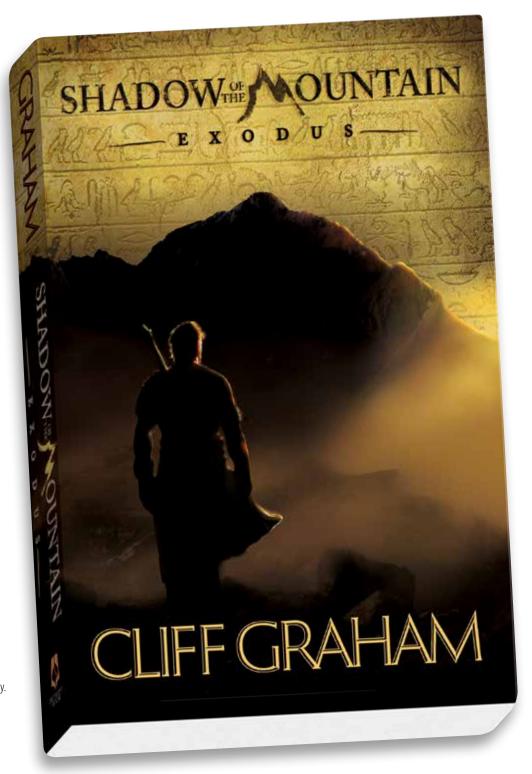
Now he rolled onto his knees and paused, giving the joints time to loosen before he stood. He would be fine once he was up and his blood flowed through his veins. It was just the wakeup, he told himself. Just the wakeup.

He exhaled slowly, then with a grunt, he forced his back to straighten and pushed off of the ground. The muscles relaxed, and he was up. As he stretched, he remembered the first time he had been roused by a training master many years before. Shouting, kicking, he had three counts before he was supposed to be fully dressed with weapon in hand. Now it felt like it was three counts just to open his eyes.

"Enough," he said aloud to himself in the dark tent.

The wind battered the tent and he heard the thumping sound of heavy raindrops. He scowled.

It would be another day of delays. Delays were lost advantage. Delays favored the enemy.



Caleb and Joshua Roar to Life in this High-Impact Old Testament Saga

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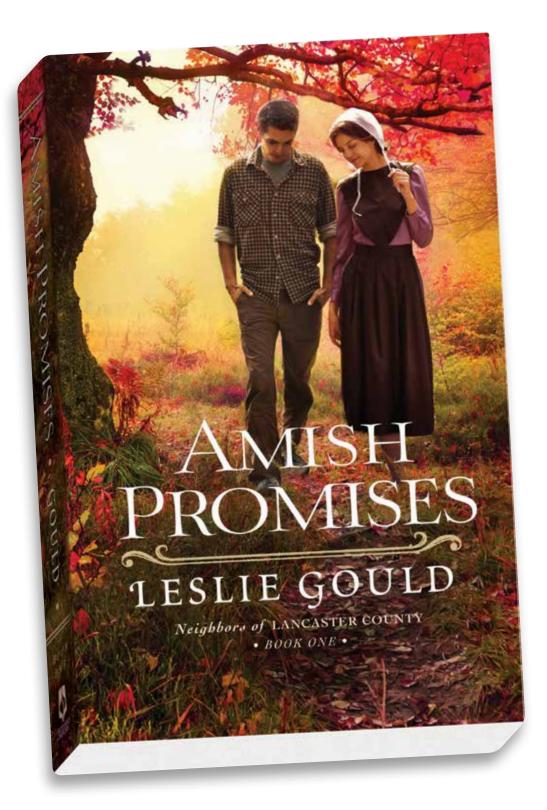
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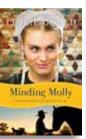
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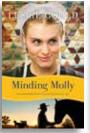
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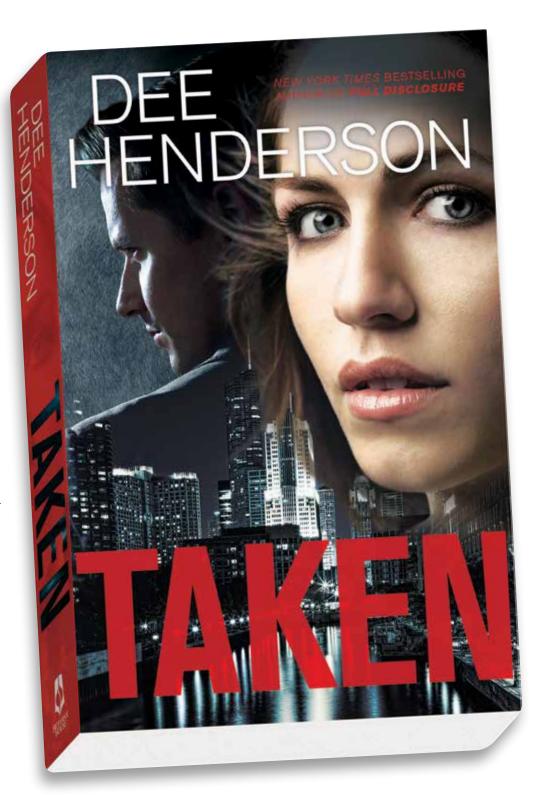
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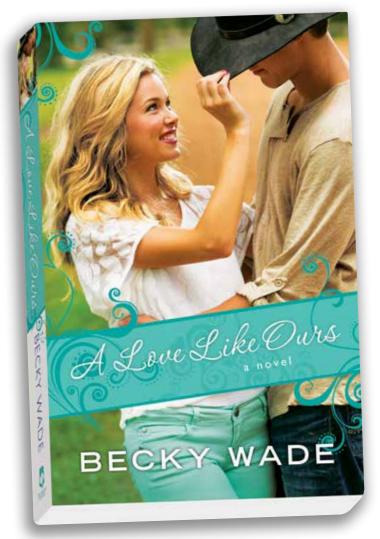
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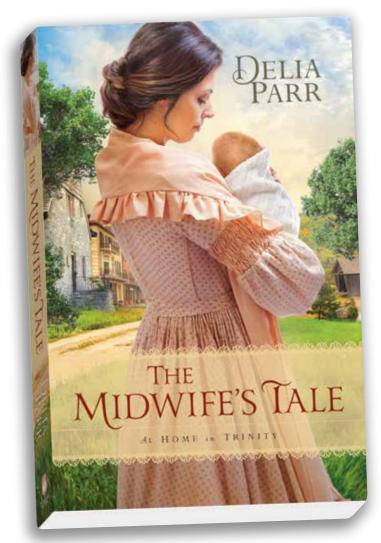
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Delia Parr is the author of fifteen historical and inspirational historical romance novels, including *Hearts Awakening, Love's First Bloom*, and *Hidden Affections*. The mother of three grown children, she was a longtime high school teacher in southern New Jersey before retiring to **Florida**.



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EXCERPT

The pretty little gal reached down, grabbed Tucker by the front of his shirt, and hauled him upright. What was she going to do, throw him over her shoulder and run? He didn't think that was going to work. He was about six inches taller and outweighed her by a hundred pounds.

But Mama Grizz was coming, so someone had to do something. They couldn't stay here, and Tucker wasn't sure he was up to moving on his own.

"Hang on!" She shoved him backward, clinging so tight it was like he'd gotten a second pack hooked on.

She screamed.

They flew. There was no more rolling. No more aspens. No more rocks. They soared.

Tucker saw the walls of the cliff rushing past and knew where they were. Worse yet, he knew where they were going to land. "Are you crazy?"

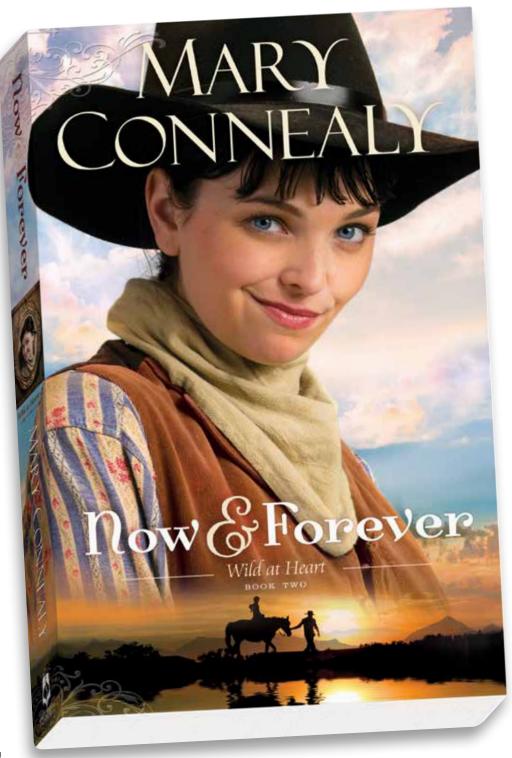
He'd just been killed by a woman as wild as he was. Well, he wasn't killed yet. But it was only a few minutes ahead of them.

They hit the water so hard it was like slamming into granite. The water took over trying to kill him as it swept him forward, pulled him under, and slammed him into a wall all at the same time, then threw him over another cliff. Those little black curls that had him so curious—and the woman they were attached to—had just thrown him into the worst stretch of water maybe in the whole Rocky Mountains. What did Tucker know? Maybe in the whole world. All he could do now was hang on to the woman and try to keep them both alive, which he very much doubted he could do.

He grabbed the whip he kept on his belt and lashed them together. It seemed like the gentlemanly thing.

He slammed up against a rock and was dragged under and took her with him. His attempt to save her might get her killed. Maybe he oughta let her loose. Before he could give that plan much thought, they went flying again. She screamed in his ear fit to leave him deaf for the rest of his life. Of course, his life probably wasn't gonna be all that long so what did it matter if he was deaf?

Blast it, all he'd wanted was to go see a few golden eagles. Was that too much to ask?



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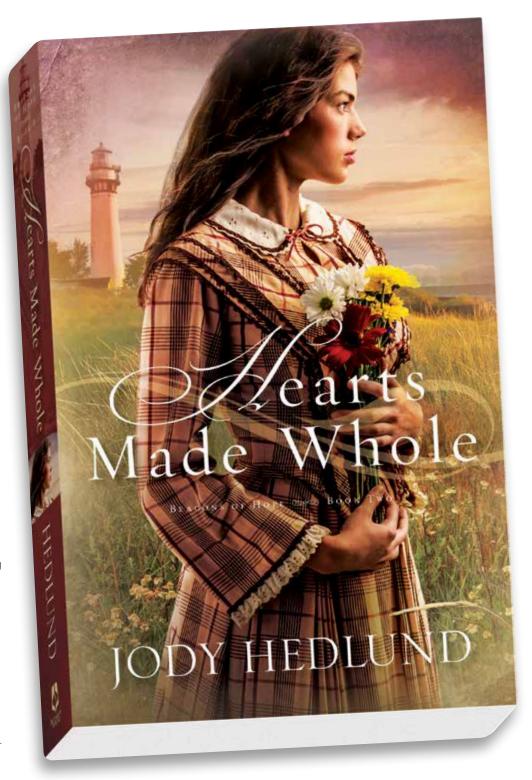
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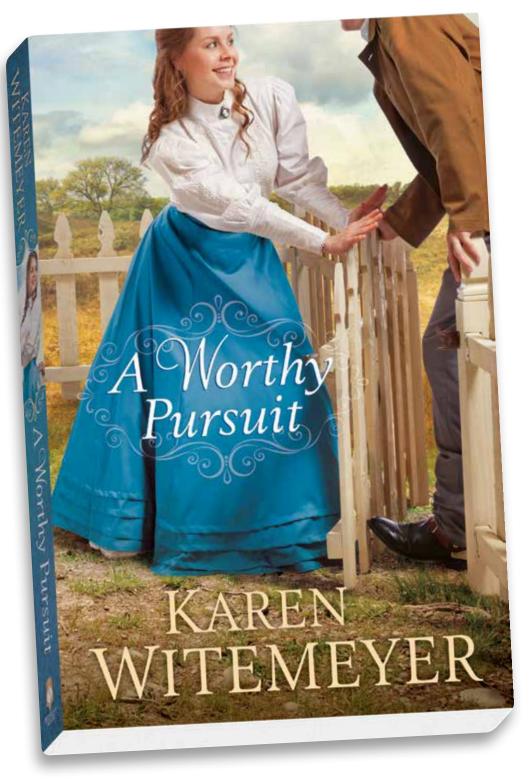
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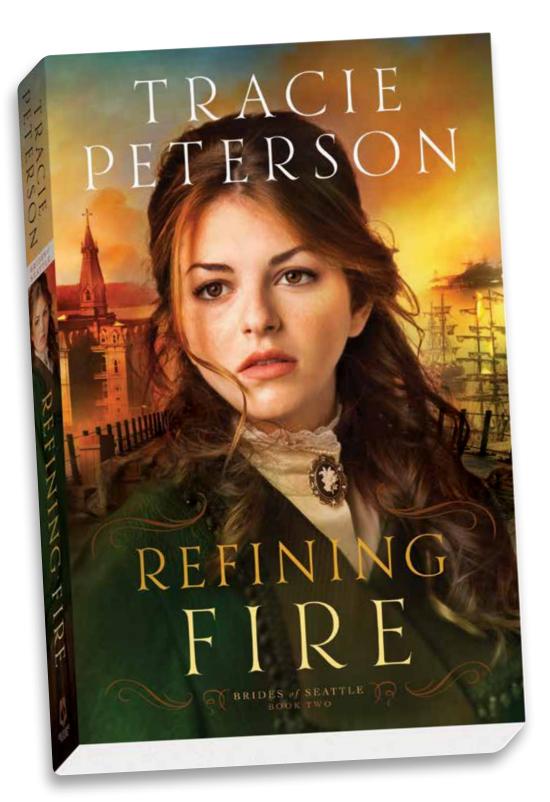
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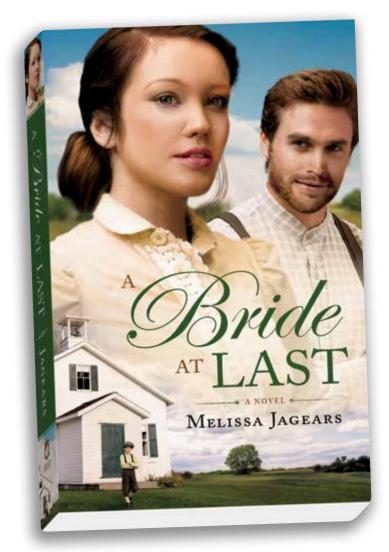
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Gil's palms grew damp. Seeing that Mr. O'Leary had paid for his education, the least Gil could do was repay him with some bookkeeping and financial advice. He only hoped Mr. O'Leary didn't expect him to stay at Irish Meadows forever.

Mr. O'Leary lit his pipe, took a long draw on the stem, and blew out a fragrant swirl of smoke. "Gilbert, you're twenty-one now. I know I have no right to ask, but I need a favor from you."

Gil's stomach tightened. From the grim look on Mr. O'Leary's face, it couldn't be anything good. "What kind of favor?"

"You've met Arthur Hastings, the banker, haven't you? I want you to begin courting his daughter, Aurora. Your alliance could tip the balance in our favor when we apply for a business loan. She's about your age and not a hardship to look at."

Gil curled his fingers around the arms of the leather chair. He had no interest in courting another woman—unless it was Brianna. But of course that was out of the question.

Gil loosened his tie in an attempt to get more air. "With all due respect, sir, I've just broken off one relationship. I'm hardly ready to begin courting someone new."

"I understand your reluctance to jump into a new alliance. At least meet the girl and see what you think."

"Mr. 0—I mean, James—you know I'd do anything I can to help, but—"

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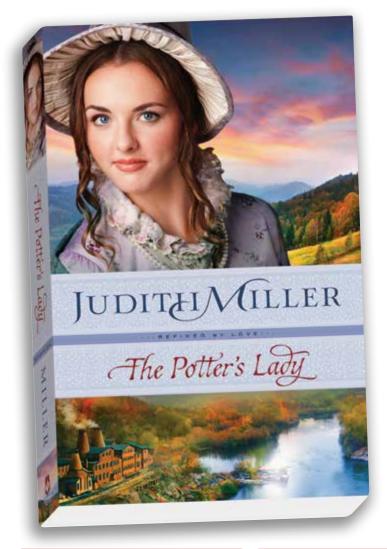
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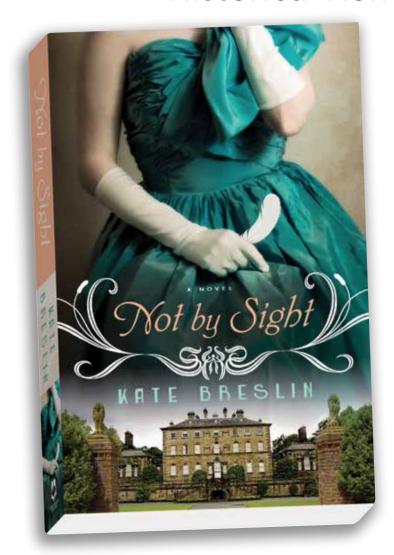
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