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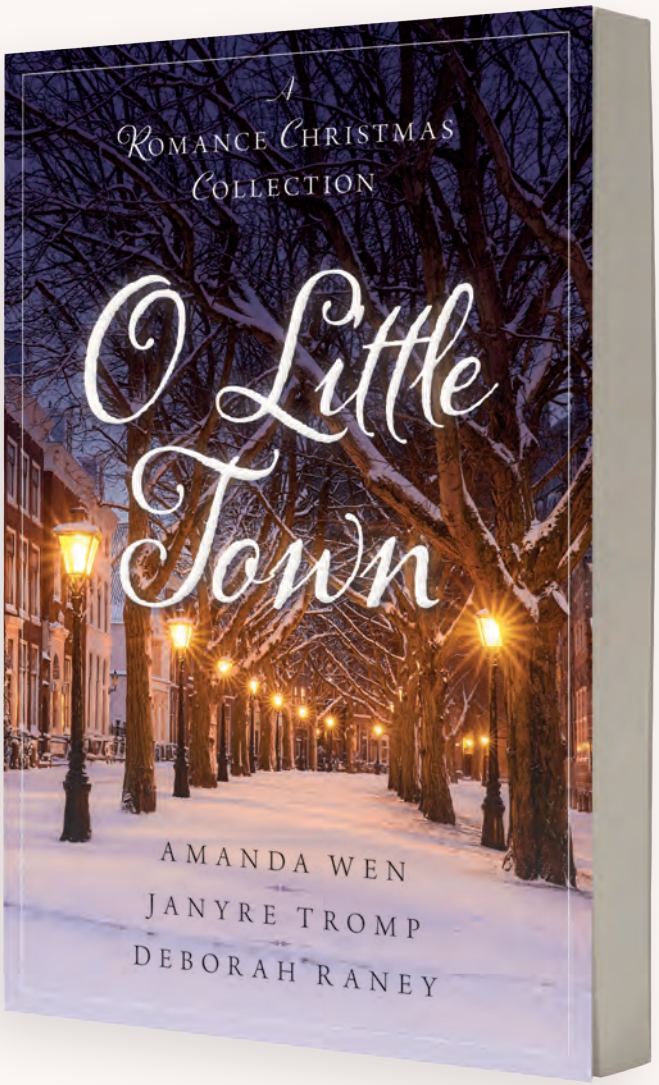
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Karson already has his fair share of problems before Gemma shows up, and he's not exactly a fan of the ditzy blonde who can't seem to stay out of trouble. The last thing he needs is a damsel in distress to rescue; there are plenty of people in real need of his help. The fact that she seems to think his job makes him a superhero is just one more strike against her. This isn't a movie, and he feels like the furthest thing from a leading man.

Gemma can't seem to stop doing the worst, most embarrassing things at just the wrong time. And as time goes on, Gemma begins to realize that the scripts for a perfect screenplay and a real-life happily-ever-after are two very different things. Can she step out of her own way to find the hero her story needs?

Angela Ruth Strong is a longtime author from Idaho who has had work chosen as a *Romantic Times* Top Pick, as a Cascade Award winner, and most recently as a finalist in the Christy Awards for Contemporary Romance with *Husband Auditions.* She is also an expert on Write That Book, blogs on inspyromance.com and *How to Write a Novel,* and is the founder of IDAhope Writers. She is the author of the Resort to Love series and the CafFUNated mysteries. Find her online at angelaruthstrong.com.

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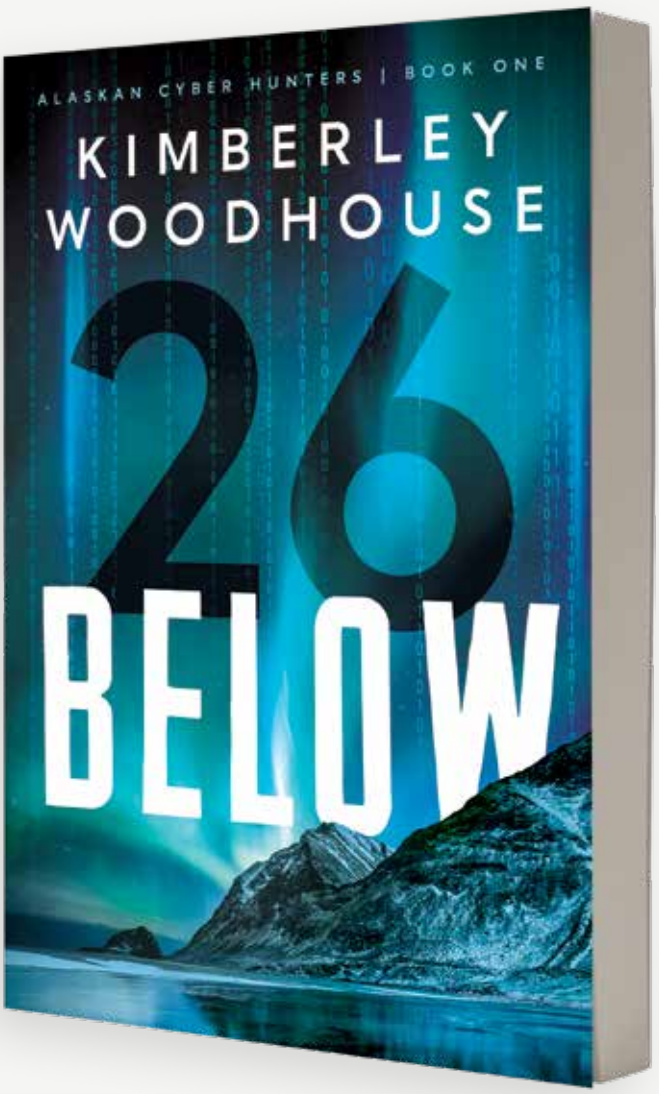
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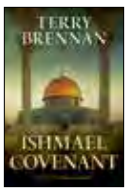
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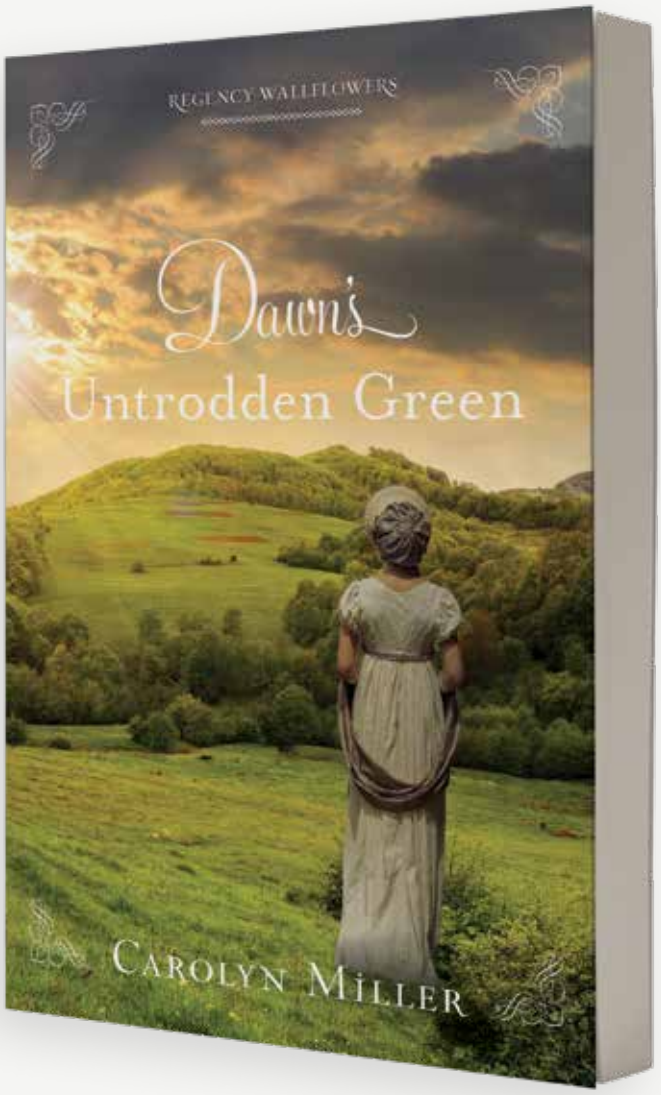
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Fame was the last thing Daniel Balfour sought when he fought in the Peninsular War. But his brave exploits caught the attention of the King, and now the honors he was given hound him everywhere . . . even on his rushed trip to rescue his orphaned niece.

Theo's quick wit and warm smile reassure him that Rebecca is in good hands, and he finds himself free to swiftly return to London and his responsibilities. But those caring hands are beginning to look like they could also safely hold his heart, and he's tempted to linger. Unfortunately, marriage is simply not in the cards; the army is spouse enough for him.

Then an accident and a scandal lead both Theo and Daniel to discover that their best-laid plans may not have been what God designed for them after all.

Carolyn Miller lives in New South Wales, Australia, with her husband and four children. She is an award-winning author and longtime lover of Regency romance. Her best-selling work includes *The Elusive Miss Ellison*, *Dusk's Darkest Shores*, and several other Regency romances in multiple series. Learn more at carolynmiller.author.com.

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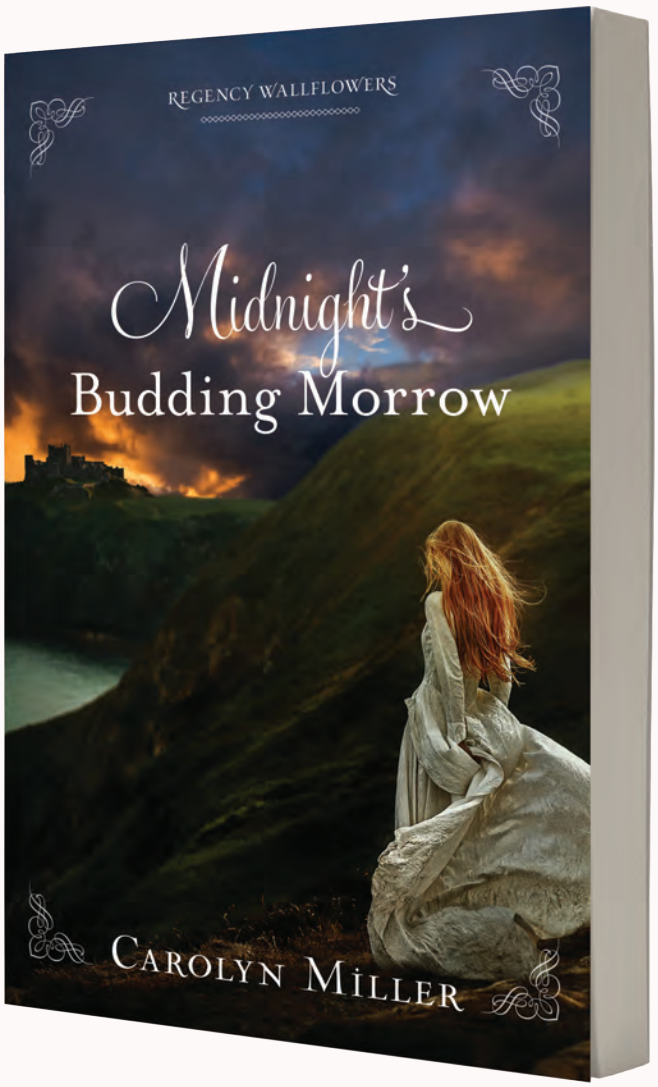
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When James Langley returns to his family's estate, he can't be bothered to pay attention to his responsibilities as the heir. War is raging and he wants only distraction, not serious tethers. But his roguish ways have backed him into a corner, and 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 battlefront. 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?

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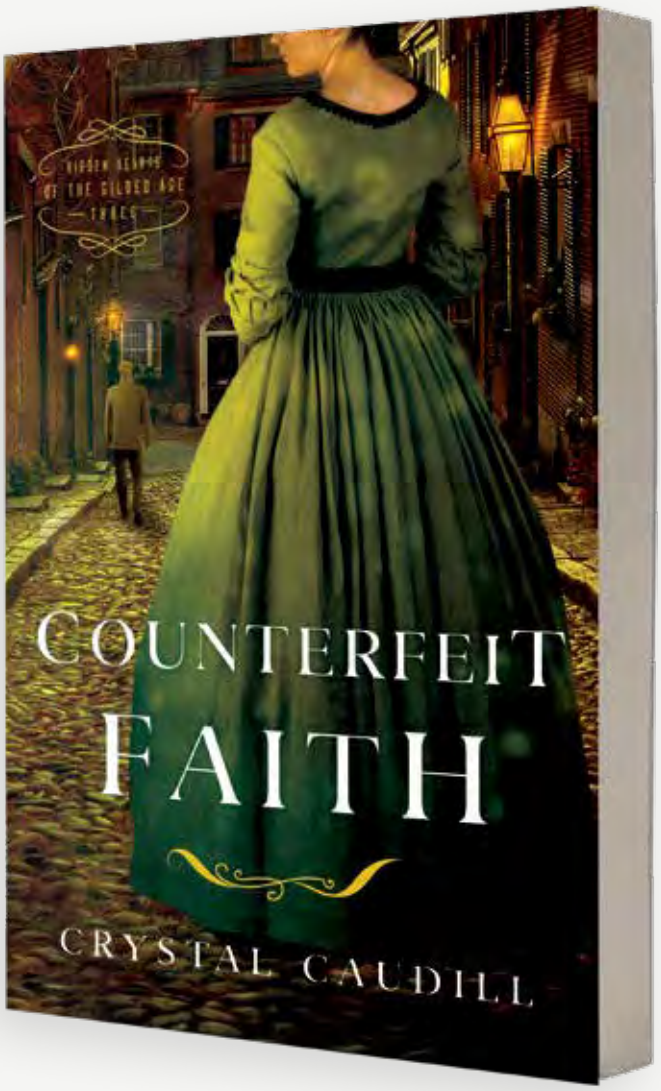
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Gwendolyn knows she can't quit fighting. More than her own life is on the line if counterfeiters go free. She must find someone she can trust to help her expose the criminals and protect the children under her care.

Charming and chivalrous Secret Service operative Josiah Isaacs can't turn his back on a woman in trouble—and capturing counterfeiters is his job, after all. The danger he's truly worried about is his attraction to Gwendolyn when his heart wants to remain faithful to his deceased wife.

As both peril and interest grow, he wonders if marrying again actually could be in his future—if they can live through this case. At the same time, he's put off by her faith in a God he no longer trusts. Can a future together even be possible when their beliefs are so at odds?

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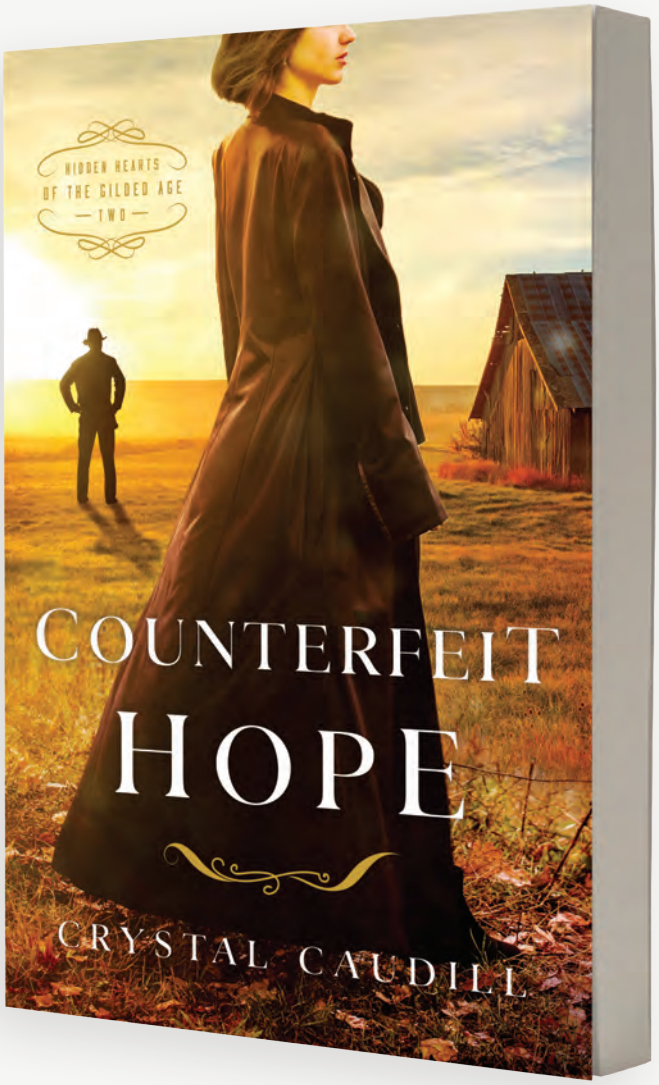
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Widow "Lightning Lu" Thorne has only one goal: escape the clutches of the Thorne family with her son. Her decision to be an informant and testify against the Thornes looked like the perfect answer. Until the Marshal ended up dead. Now the tether keeping her tied to her felonious family is tightening, and a forced marriage to someone else in the Thornes' clutches threatens to kill any hope of escape.

Andrew and Lu find themselves on the same team—unwillingly. They each believe the other to be the enemy to their future plans. And even if they could learn to work together, the secrets they hold could shatter all hopes and dreams. Despite the encouragement of the local preacher, they're not even sure God can be trusted, much less other humans. Can either of them escape their past—and the family that is willing to kill their own when they smell betrayal?

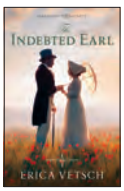
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Can this undercover agent save the woman he loves—or is her heart as counterfeit as the money he's been sent to track down?

After all that Grandfather has sacrificed to raise her, Theresa Plane 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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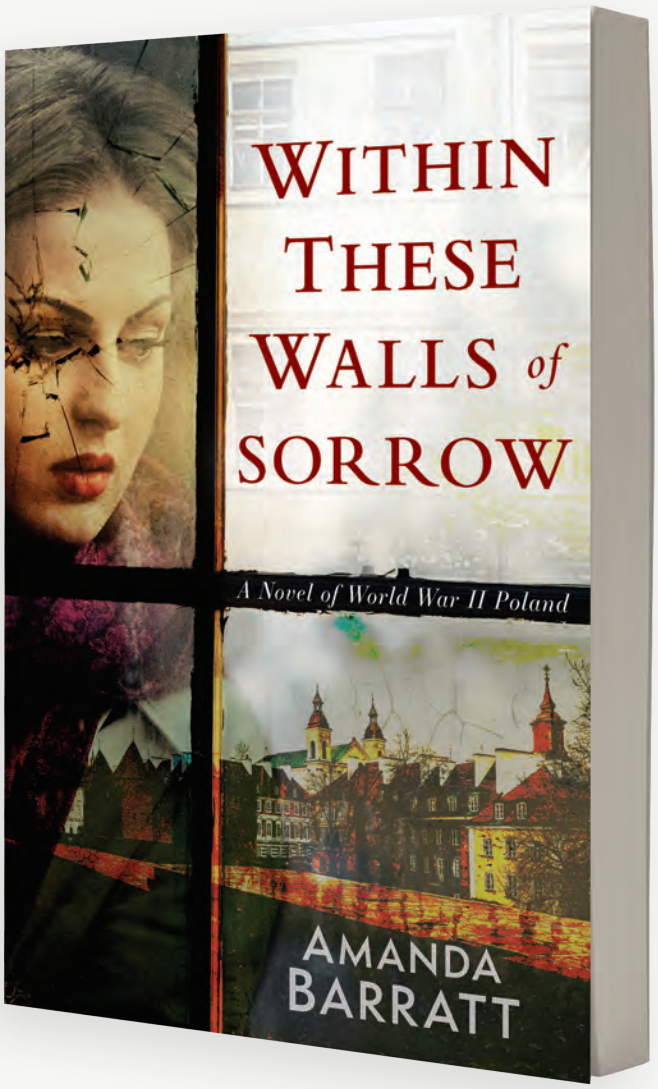
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Zosia Lewandowska knows the brutal realities of war all too well. Within weeks of Germany's invasion of her Polish homeland, she lost the man she loves. What she doesn't know is how she can fight against the invading evil. That is, until she meets Taduesz Pankiewicz, a pharmacist who dares to operate a pharmacy in the heart of the Kraków Ghetto. As part of his staff, she will risk her life to help the Jewish people trapped under Nazi oppression.

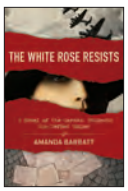
Hania Silberman's family is one of those forced into the Ghetto. Now they must struggle to survive in a world hemmed in by walls and rife with cruelty and despair. A glimmer of hope is sparked when she encounters Zosia, her former neighbor, who now works at the pharmacy Under the Eagle. But as deportations tear away at the Ghetto's population and snatch the lives of those she holds dear, Hania's hope drains away.

As they face the griefs and fears thrust upon them by war and cruelty, the women's lives intersect but never truly intertwine. Until one day, when they must make a desperate choice—one that will bind them together in spirit, even as they're forced apart.

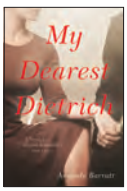
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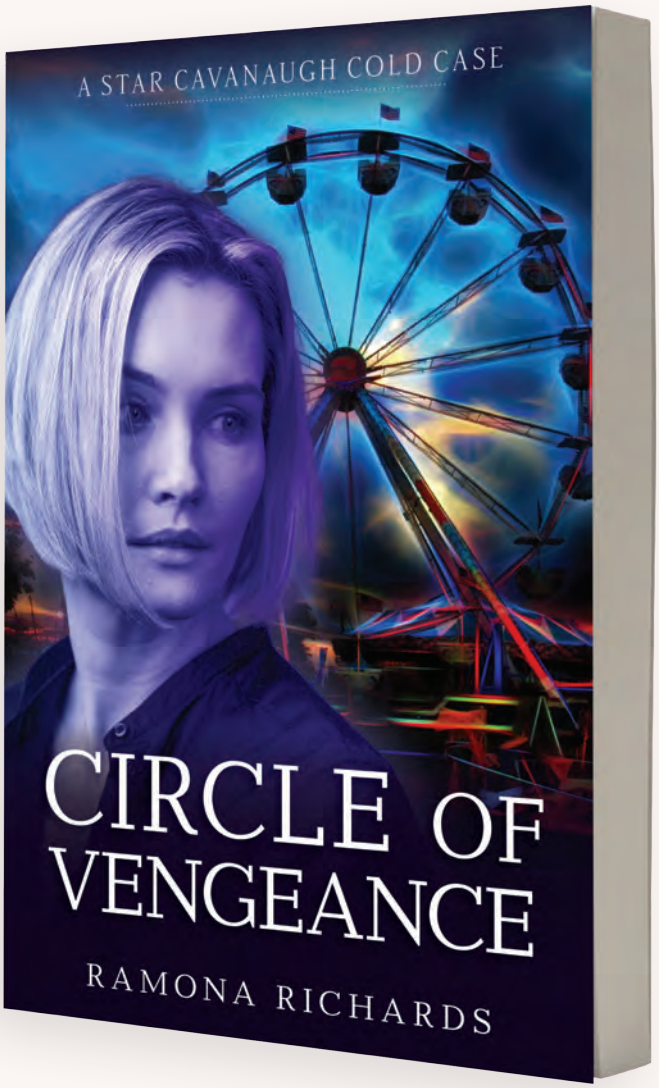
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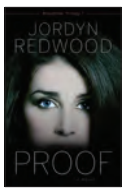
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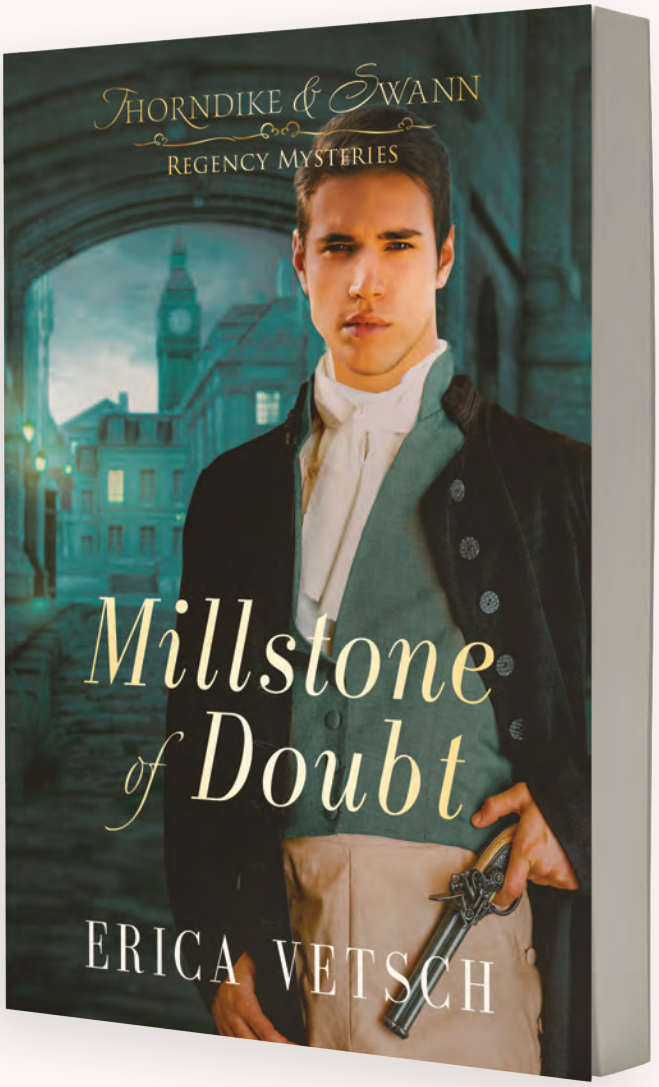
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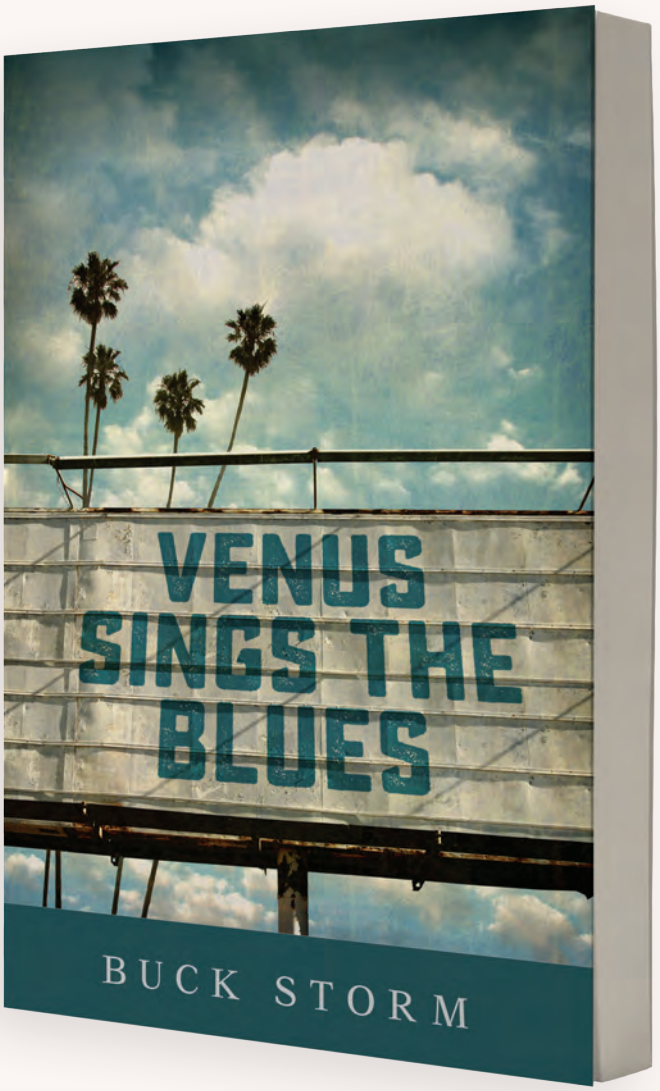
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Buck Storm is a singer, songwriter, and novelist in Hayden, Idaho. His books include *The Beautiful Ashes of Gomez Gomez*, *The Sound the Sun Makes*, *Truck Stop Jesus*, and *The Miracle Man*. Find out more about Buck at buckstorm.com.

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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.

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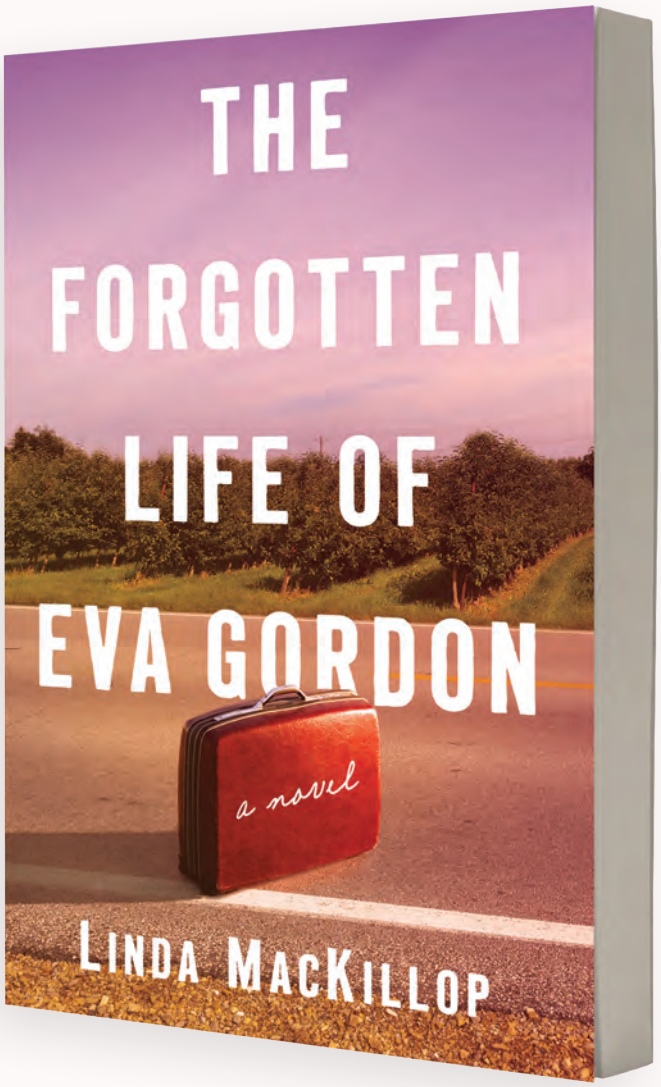
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Linda MacKillop holds an MFA in Creative Writing and is a member of the Redbud Writers Guild. Her articles and essays have appeared in magazines and journals such as *The MacGuffin* and *Relief Journal*, and her writing has been nominated for both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

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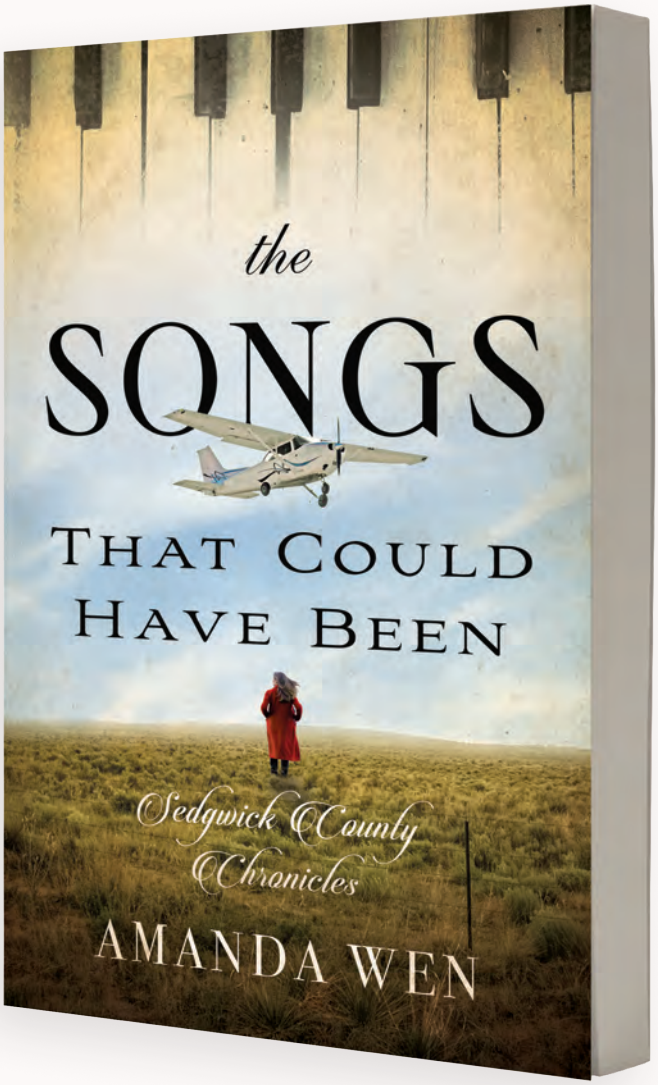
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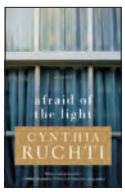
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Amanda Wen is an award-winning writer of inspirational romance and split-time women's fiction, including *Roots of Wood and Stone*, the critically acclaimed first book in the Sedgwick County Chronicles. Wen currently lives in Wichita, Kansas, with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

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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.

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