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A small-town girl finally has her chance at becoming an actress on Broadway—but can she really give up everything she's ever known? Bailey Flanigan is finally leaving her small-town home of Bloomington, Indiana, for the adventure of a lifetime: she has gotten a part in a Broadway musical in New York City. She's determined to take advantage of this unbelievable opportunity, but is she really ready to leave family and friends for the loneliness of the big city? And what about Cody, her former boyfriend? His disappearance has her worried about their future and praying that their love can survive. Cody has been struggling with his own problems. In order to be closer to his mother, who's in prison for a drug charge, Cody takes a coaching job in a small community outside Indianapolis. New friends, distance, and circumstances expose cracks in his relationship with Bailey. Love, loneliness, big opportunities, and even bigger decisions put these two young people to the test in the first book in the Bailey Flanigan series. Featuring members of the popular Baxter family from bestselling author Karen Kingsbury's beloved Redemption series, discover what's in store for Bailey and Cody. Sweet, contemporary Christian romance

The first installment of the Bailey Flanigan series Book 1: Leaving Book 2: Learning Book 3: Longing Book 4: Loving Includes discussion questions for book clubs

Having raised enough money to independently produce a feature film with a hopeful message to the world, filmmakers Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison leave the mission fields of Indonesia for the mission field of Hollywood, but with millions of dollars of investors' money on the line, Chase and Keith struggle to keep the film from falling apart. Simultaneous.

The Official Novelization based on the Overcomer Movie. Contains an inspirational bonus story found only in the e-book edition. Based on the motion picture screenplay by Alex and Stephen Kendrick, Overcomer is one of 2019's best inspirational books. In this sports novel, award-winning author Chris Fabry pens an inspiring family drama that dares to leave you filled with hope, inspired to dream, and asks the question: What do you allow to define you? Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After reluctantly

agreeing to coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a newfound friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, a twist of humor, and a ton of heart, *Overcomer* will resonate with all ages, races and genders. Based on the *Overcomer* screenplay by Alex and Stephen Kendrick—the creators of highly successful films like *War Room*, *Facing the Giants*, *Fireproof*, and *Courageous* Includes Production and Movie Photos Includes Discussion Guide
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Overcomer

Cape Light

In This Moment

The Baxters

*This warmhearted and moving prequel to the “heart-tugging and emotional” (RT Book Reviews) #1 New York Times bestselling Baxter Family Series follows the family members as they face rising tensions during a wedding and a colossal storm. A terrible storm builds in the early morning sky over Bloomington, Indiana, as Elizabeth Baxter prepares to celebrate her daughter Kari’s wedding to Tim Jacobs. It’s supposed to be the happiest of days, but Elizabeth can’t shake a growing sense of dread. Is the storm a sign? Something bad is about to happen. Elizabeth knows it. Indeed, there are dark currents of conflict and doubt coursing through the Baxter family. In the midst of them, Kari Baxter is starting to panic. Is marrying Tim a mistake? And what about her family? Her brother Luke is angry and resentful of their sister Ashley, who has recently returned from Paris, a single mom with a son she too often leaves with their parents. At the same time, Ashley and their sister Brooke have lost the faith that is the family’s glue. Against all this, Kari sees Ashley rejecting her longtime love, Landon Blake, who clearly cares for her, no matter what happened in Paris. When the storm reaches a terrifying crescendo, a shocking moment of danger brings important truths to light. At the end of the long day, can the Baxters remain a family, tested but stronger? From an author who “writes with seemingly effortless poetic elegance” (Booklist), *The Baxters* is an unforgettable testament to the power of love, family, and faith.*

The year is 993 BC. After years of bloody civil war, Eleazar son of Dodai, one of King David’s most elite warriors, wants nothing more than to finally live peacefully in the land. But on the plains near the Great Sea, a terrifying army of Philistines has mobilized to crush the Hebrew tribes once and for

all. In the sun-drenched valleys and dark forests of the hill country, Eleazar and his warriors make their stand against Israel's deadliest enemy. The fate of an entire nation rests on the courage of a small band of heroes known as the Mighty Men. In a land torn by conflict, depleted by drought and threatened by treachery, the horrors and heroism of the ancient battlefields come to life. This ebook download of Covenant of War is the second book in the Lion of War series—the intense, gritty, and stylistic portrayal of the Mighty Men of Israel, a rag-tag band of warriors who came to King David in his most desperate hour and fought with him while he claimed the throne he was destined to fill. Their legendary deeds are recorded in 2 Samuel 23 and 1 Chronicles 11.

One long-ago Christmas, Earl Gibson lost the two things most precious to him: his wife and daughter. Angry and heartbroken, he ended up living on the streets and abandoned any belief he'd once had in God. Ten years later Big Earl meets Gideon, a seven-year-old leukemia patient who believes with all her heart that "Christmas means never having to ask God how much he loves us." Gideon is determined to reach this lonely and hurting man who hates Christmas -- and he is just as determined to rebuff her. It will take a miracle for Earl to come to understand the true meaning of Christmas. But if he can accept what Gideon wants to give him, he might find that he can return the favor with a precious gift of his own. In Gideon's Gift, Karen Kingsbury reminds us that Christmas is still a time of miraculous possibilities if only we reach out to those around us.

A story of childhood and watching children grow up and how the years fly by too fast.

A Prequel

Two Weeks

A Christmas Promise

A Novel

Let Me Hold You Longer

Book 3 in the bestselling 5-book Christian fiction series that has sold nearly 2 million copies! A story of tenacious love and longing for a lost son, from Karen Kingsbury, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "heart-tugging and emotional" (Romantic Times) life-changing fiction, co-authored with Gary Smalley. Return is the third book in the original Baxter Family Series, which has gone on to captivate tens of millions of readers and is currently being made into an original television series, produced by Roma Downey and Will Packer. A Shattered Relationship Luke, the Baxter family's golden boy and only son, has walked away from everything that mattered most to him: his faith, his family, and Reagan, his only love. Devastated by the events of September 11, 2001, Luke decides that life is random, faith a fraud, and God a fantasy. A Secret A baby is about to be born, but with Reagan a thousand miles away in New York City, Luke has no idea he's the father. Now, though, someone in his family learns the truth. But she has a secret of her own, one that will change the Baxters' lives forever. A Revelation What will it take for Luke to return to the family who loves and aches for him? And what extremes will a certain young firefighter take to help bring the Baxters together again, and in the process, find his place in the family? Winner of

Christian Retailing's Retailer's Choice Award for Best Series! This touching novel reunites readers with the Baxter family and focuses on the only Baxter son, Luke. He is determined to leave his faith and his past behind and embrace a new, free-thinking future. But what he doesn't realize is that his past holds a secret even he doesn't know. When Luke finds out, his comfortable new life is turned upside-down, and he must turn back to his roots. Fans will enjoy a personal note from Karen Kingsbury and Gary Smalley as well as discussion questions for book group use.

*From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes an inspiring Baxter Family novel about a beloved high school principal who starts a Bible Study to improve the lives of his struggling students, only to become the national focus of a controversial lawsuit. Hamilton High Principal Wendell Quinn wants to see real change in his community, so he starts a voluntary after-school Bible Study and prayer program called Raise the Bar. He knows he is risking his job by leading the program, but before long, Raise the Bar meetings are standing room only. A year later, violence and gang activity are sharply down, test scores are up, and drug use and teen pregnancy have plummeted. The program is clearly working—until one parent files a lawsuit, claiming Wendell has violated his daughter's rights. But Principal Quinn knows God is on his side, and he refuses to back down. As he prepares for court, he is deluged by a storm of national attention and criticism. He wants just one attorney on his side in the fight of his life—Luke Baxter. A timely and nuanced exploration of religious freedom and what it means to be a person of faith in today's culture, *In This Moment* will satisfy Kingsbury fans, old and new.*

*A supplemental textbook for middle and high school students, *Hoosiers and the American Story* provides intimate views of individuals and places in Indiana set within themes from American history. During the frontier days when Americans battled with and exiled native peoples from the East, Indiana was on the leading edge of America's westward expansion. As waves of immigrants swept across the Appalachians and eastern waterways, Indiana became established as both a crossroads and as a vital part of Middle America. Indiana's stories illuminate the history of American agriculture, wars, industrialization, ethnic conflicts, technological improvements, political battles, transportation networks, economic shifts, social welfare initiatives, and more. In so doing, they elucidate large national issues so that students can relate personally to the ideas and events that comprise American history. At the same time, the stories shed light on what it means to be a Hoosier, today and in the past.*

After suffering a career-ending injury, Tyler Ames finds a maintenance job at a retirement home where he meets Virginia Hutcheson, a patient with Alzheimer's who seems to have the answers he is seeking.

A Baxter Family Christmas

Sunrise

Gideon's Gift

Take One

From #1 NYT bestseller Karen Kingsbury comes a story of faith and a forever kind of love that will stay with you long after the last page. The Baxters make plans to come together for a summer lakeside reunion, a celebration like they haven't had in years. But before the big day, the unthinkable happens. As the Baxter family rallies together, memories come to light in the grief-stricken hours of waiting and praying, memories that bring healing and hope during a time when otherwise darkness might have the final word. In a season that changes all of them, the brilliance of family love overshadows even the valley of heartache as the Baxters draw closer to God

and each other. Along the way, secrets are revealed and the truth about the family's history is finally made known. Ultimately, in this portrait of family love, the Baxters cling to each other and to God's promise of forever. A heartwarming novel from America's most popular living artist journeys to the picturesque village of Cape Light on the coast of New England, a hamlet populated by colorful inhabitants who share a strong sense of community and caring for their neighbors. Reprint.

2008 Retailer's Choice Award winner! In preparation for their long-awaited wedding day, Dayne and Katy are determined to keep the ceremony a secret from the paparazzi. Their relationship grows closer and stronger as they plan together, but in the end it takes the help of the Baxter family and many of the CKT kids so that they'll even have a chance at a private wedding. John Baxter is thrilled that his oldest son will be settling down a few miles away, but he isn't sure how any of his kids will handle a situation he can no longer run from—the feelings he is having for his friend Elaine. In the meantime, the Flanigan family is struggling with their young boarder, Cody Coleman, Jim Flanigan's star receiver. After an alcohol overdose, Cody fights for his life. Only God's grace and a miracle can bring him back from the brink of death—physically and spiritually.

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes the third and final novel in an unforgettable series about four friends and the divine intervention that changes their lives forever. Against the advice of her doctor, Mary Catherine moves to Uganda to work at a new orphanage. Whatever time she has left, Mary Catherine wants to spend it helping children—especially since she is unable to have children of her own. The only problem is Marcus Dillinger, the Major League Baseball player she was never meant to fall in love with. But neither Marcus nor Mary Catherine's other friends—Tyler Ames and Sami Dawson—know just how serious her heart condition is. Still, Marcus suspects something isn't right. After months of silence, a divinely timed letter from Mary Catherine leads him on a desperate life-or-death mission to get her to a US hospital before time runs out. Meanwhile, as Sami and Tyler prepare to marry, the group receives shocking news that changes everyone's plans. The team of angels walking is busier than ever in this epic battle between life and death. *Brush of Wings* is a poignant tale of love, sacrifice, and the power of faith.

Found

Rejoice

Angels Walking

Forever

Redeeming Love (Movie Tie-In)

Hollywood hunk Dayne Matthews persuades his casting agent to hire an unknown woman from Bloomington, Indiana to co-star in his new romantic comedy.

"Soon to be major motion picture"--Cover.

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A story of God's grace and redemption, his victory even in the most difficult times.

Famed Hollywood actor Dayne Matthews struggles to deal with the shocking discoveries he has made about his past and to find the strength to forgive.

A Story of Undying Hope

Forgiven

Ever After

Coming Home

Firstborn # 5

The best-selling author of *The DNA of Relationships* candidly shares his own personal struggles and the daily habits he learned to stay connected with God, offering insight into establishing one's own relationship with God and revealing ways to lead a stress-free life. Simultaneous.

Book 4 in the bestselling 5-book Christian fiction series that has sold nearly 2 million copies!

A story of unspeakable loss and the overwhelming miracle of new life from Karen Kingsbury, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "heart-tugging and emotional" (Romantic Times) life-

changing fiction, co-authored with Gary Smalley. *Rejoice* is the fourth book in the original Baxter Family Series, which has gone on to captivate tens of millions of readers and is currently being made into an original television series produced by Roma Downey and Will Packer.

A Terrible Tragedy Brooke and Peter are struggling in their marriage when they are faced with the single worst moment ever. What was supposed to be a pool party for their two daughters and a handful of children ends in disaster. As three-year-old Hayley fights for her life, the Baxter family draws together, not even sure how to pray. A Shattered Life Peter is devastated by Hayley's accident. Unable to see past his own guilt, he distances himself from Brooke and their girls and finds other ways to ease his pain. Illegal ways. Peter's choices send him spiraling into a cavernous abyss that threatens to destroy not only his relationship with Brooke but also his life. A Reason to Rejoice Against the backdrop of great pain and loss, a Baxter wedding takes place in New York City, a wedding that gives all of them a reason to smile again. Now, what will it take for Brooke and Peter and the rest of the Baxters to move past the pain to a place of healing and redemption? Winner of Christian Retailing's Retailer's Choice Award for Best Series! This fourth release in the Redemption series reunites readers with the continuing saga of the Baxter family. Brooke Baxter has achieved everything this world has to offer—a prestigious career, a beautiful home, and two wonderful children. Her recent return to her faith is an encouragement to her family. But if she faces tremendous loss, can her fledgling faith and

her rocky marriage survive? Fans will enjoy a personal note from Karen Kingsbury and Gary Smalley as well as discussion questions for book group use.

This Collection bundles all five titles from the Firstborn Series of Karen Kingsbury's beloved Baxter Family Drama into one volume for a great value! #1 Fame: In this first book, Hollywood A-lister Dayne Matthews returns to LA after his shocking discovery in Karen's bestselling novel Reunion. Though his life is filled with fame, fortune, and paparazzi, his heart is pulling him toward a woman and a family who have no idea how their lives are tied to his. Meanwhile, Katy Hart has finally found contentment as the director of Christian Kids Theater in Bloomington, Indiana. But that changes in an instant when she meets Dayne Matthews and he promises a future she left in her past. #2 Forgiven: Dayne Matthews is at the top of the Hollywood list, working on what may be his best movie yet. Still, he feels empty and unfocused, aching for real love and the family he'll never know. Then a friend tells him about a teaching center and a way to become like God. Is this the answer Dayne's been searching for? Back in Bloomington, Katy Hart struggles to walk the Christian Kids Theater group through a devastating tragedy, and John Baxter reconnects with an old friend and shares a buried secret. #3 Found: Driven by his wife's dying wish—to find their firstborn son—John Baxter sets about the search of a lifetime. But when the answers finally come, they shake John to his core. Can he walk away, or will he decide it's time to let the truth come to light? Meanwhile, Dayne Matthews receives crushing news and finds wisdom and comfort from a long-lost friend and then Katy Hart, the girl Dayne can't seem to forget. Will he find the strength to face a future laced with loss, and will that strength lead him to the greatest love of all? #4 Family: In the wake of finding his firstborn son, John Baxter looks for a way to tell his other children the truth about a secret he's kept from them all their lives. At the same time, a sensational Hollywood trial brings Dayne Matthews and Katy Hart together again, this time in a very public way. Just when it seems they have a chance at love, doubts and presumed scandals place them farther apart than ever. In the midst of this crisis, one truth is clear for all of them—never in their lives has family been more important. #5 Forever: Katy Hart is thrilled about her future with Hollywood's Dayne Matthews. But as she plans a wedding and looks for a house on the shores of Lake Monroe, she receives tragic news. Now she and the Baxter family must travel to Los Angeles to sort through their options. While paparazzi hound them, Luke Baxter wrestles with feelings that have troubled him for nearly a year. Ultimately, the Baxters must pull together one last time in an act of service and love to

help Katy and Dayne find what they've always been looking for—a chance at forever.

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a life-changing holiday tale of love and hope after heartbreak. Two years after the car accident that took Erin Baxter's life, her father, John Baxter, still lives in constant grief. John's heartbreak prompts him to invite Kendra Bryant, the transplant recipient who now has Erin's heart, to Christmas Eve dinner despite protests from his remaining children. Ashley and Luke want to protect their ten-year-old niece who is the only surviving child of Erin's, but John remains determined and believes that meeting this woman is something his deceased daughter would want. Meanwhile, Kendra Bryant is struggling to come to terms with the tragedy that gave her a second chance. It is only when she witnesses the Baxter's unwavering faith in God that she begins to heal and allow peace and happiness back into her life. At the same time, Maddie West, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Brooke Baxter West, continues to pray for meaning this Christmas. When she discovers a newfound friendship with a boy she never expected to see again, she begins to believe in miracles, especially around Christmastime. A Baxter Family Christmas is a heartwarming story that brings together two families in the midst of tragedy and loss, all with the help one very special child.

Reunion

Fame

Brush of Wings

Firstborn

A Distant Shore

After finding his firstborn son, John Baxter looks for a way to tell his other children, while a Hollywood trial reunites Dayne Matthews and Katy Hart, but just when love has the chance to win, doubts and scandals push them further apart.

Hannah Ryan lives an ideal life with her husband and two daughters, until she must work her way through her grief and rage to learn forgiveness.

It started with a bus crash. Daisy Appleby was a little girl when it happened, and she barely remembers the accident or being brought back to life. At that moment, though, she became one of the first subjects in a covert government program that tests a drug called Revive. Now fifteen, Daisy has died and been Revived five times. Each death means a new name, a new city, a new identity. The only constant in Daisy's life is constant change. Then Daisy meets Matt and Audrey McKean, charismatic siblings who quickly become her first real friends. But if she's ever to have a normal life, Daisy must

escape from an experiment that's much larger--and more sinister--than she ever imagined. From its striking first chapter to its emotionally charged ending, *Cat Patrick's Revived* is a riveting story about what happens when life and death collide.

Deep in preparations for her marriage to Dayne, Katy receives tragic news that sends her and the Baxters to Los Angeles, where Luke wrestles with his troubled feelings and the family must pull together to cope with the paparazzi and gossip.

Covenant of War

Fifteen Minutes

Waiting for Morning

Loving

Revived

It was an absolutely perfect day . . . until everything went absolutely perfectly wrong. Kent Anthony is a brilliant software engineer who is cashing in on a brilliant career. He's finally living the idyllic life, far from thoughts of theft and murder and other kinds of horrible criminal behavior. He's left his past far behind. Or so he thinks. In his very first novel, New York Times bestselling author Ted Dekker delivers a fascinating story of the almost perfect crime, interwoven with a tale of bittersweet love that is almost enough to save a soul.

Heaven's Wager is a story that will bring you face-to-face with a hidden world more real than most people ever realize—a world where the unseen is more powerful than anything seen. Praise for Heaven's Wager: "Well, well, guess what I've found. A fiction writer with a rare knack for a compelling story, an expansive reservoir of clever ideas, and a unique dry wit that makes me laugh." —Frank Peretti, New York Times bestselling author "Rarely does a novel grip a reader's heart and soul the way Heaven's Wager does. Dekker is among a very small number of writers who have mastered the challenge of blending sound theology with knock-your-socks-off storytelling." —Robert Liparulo, bestselling author *Book 1 in the Heaven/Martyr's Song trilogy Bonus book 1.5: The Martyr's Song Book 2: When Heaven Weeps Book 3: Thunder of Heaven Book length: appr. 80,000 words*

Arriving in Cape Light to spend the holidays, James McDougal, a minister who runs a mission in Central America, finds himself falling for fellow visitor Leigh Baxter, a young woman searching for a hiding place from the dark secrets of the past, after they meet each other in an

automobile accident during the area's first snowfall. Reprint.

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AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a heart-wrenching and redemptive story about a couple desperately waiting to bring their adopted child home and a young mother about to make the biggest decision of her life—a story about love, faith, and what it really means to be a family. Cole Blake, son of Landon and Ashley Baxter Blake, is months away from going off to college to kickstart the great plan he has been dreaming about for years—a career in medicine. But as he starts his final semester of school he meets Elise, a mysterious new girl who captures his attention—and heart—from day one. Elise has her heart set on mending her wild ways and becoming the good girl she used to be. But not long after the semester starts, she discovers she's pregnant. Eighteen and alone, she shares her secret with Cole. Undaunted by the news, and in love for the first time in his life, Cole is determined to support Elise—even if it means skipping college so he can marry her and raise another man's baby. When Elise decides to give the baby up for adoption, she is matched with Aaron and Lucy Williams, who moved to Bloomington, Indiana, in the hope of escaping the loss and emptiness that seven painful years of trying to start a family has brought them. But as her due date draws near, Elise becomes more and more torn. She knows she has two weeks after the birth of her daughter to change her mind. With Cole keeping vigil and Lucy and Aaron waiting to welcome their new baby, Elise makes an unexpected decision—one that changes everyone's plans.

Heaven's Wager

Return

Remember

A Story of Unending Love and Eternal Promise

Family

John Baxter attempts to fulfill his wife's dying wish to find their firstborn son, actor Dayne Matthews embarks on a personal search for truth, and theater director Katy Hart makes a decision that may completely transform her life.

Bailey Flanigan is making decisions that will shape her future, and is trying to decide if she will spend her life with Brandon Paul in Los Angeles, or if her heart will draw her back to Bloomington, Indiana and Cody Coleman, her first love.

The #1 New York Times bestselling author and “inspirational fiction superstar” (Publishers Weekly) presents this high stakes love story of danger, passion, and faith. She was a child caught in a riptide in the Caribbean Sea. He was a teenager from the East Coast

on vacation with his family. He dove in to save her, and that single terrifying moment changed both of their lives forever. Ten years later Jack Ryder is a daring undercover agent with the FBI and Eliza Lawrence still lives on that pristine island. She's an untainted princess in a kingdom of darkness and evil, on the brink of a forced marriage with a dangerous neighboring drug lord, a marriage arranged by her father. This time when Jack and Eliza meet, there's a connection neither of them can explain. Both of their lives are on the line, and once again, the stakes are deadly high. Can they join forces in a complicated and dangerous mission, pretending to have a breathtaking love...without really falling? Sometimes miracles happen not once, but twice...along a distant shore.

Zack Dylan has a dream. He wants to sing on the biggest stages, for the biggest crowds, and he'll do whatever it takes to make it come true. But Zack also made a promise to his college sweetheart when he left Kentucky to compete on the popular TV show *Fifteen Minutes*: If he made it, nothing would change him or his faith in God. Overnight, Zack becomes the nation's most popular contestant, a country singer comparable to a young Tim McGraw. As his star rises, Zack is often asked to compromise and quiet his beliefs. Just as he's on the verge of winning it all, his choices lead him to the brink of personal disaster. Meanwhile, a former *Fifteen Minutes* winner is searching for meaning amidst her own private losses. Can she warn Zack about the real price of fame? Or will Zack lose everything he loves for his fifteen minutes of glory?

Your Relationship with God

Hoosiers and the American Story

Leaving

The Firstborn—the mysterious race of aliens who first became known to science fiction fans as the builders of the iconic black monolith in *2001: A Space Odyssey*—have inhabited legendary master of science fiction Sir Arthur C. Clarke's writing for decades. With *Time's Eye* and *Sunstorm*, the first two books in their acclaimed *Time Odyssey* series, Clarke and his brilliant co-author Stephen Baxter imagined a near-future in which the Firstborn seek to stop the advance of human civilization by employing a technology indistinguishable from magic. Their first act was the *Discontinuity*, in which Earth was carved into sections from different eras of history, restitched into a patchwork world, and renamed Mir. Mir's inhabitants included such notables as Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and United Nations peacekeeper Bisesa Dutt. For reasons unknown to her, Bisesa entered into communication with an alien artifact of inscrutable purpose and godlike power—a power that eventually returned her to Earth. There, she played an instrumental role in humanity's race against time to stop a doomsday event: a massive solar storm triggered by the alien Firstborn designed to eradicate all life from the planet. That fate was averted at an inconceivable price. Now, twenty-seven years later, the Firstborn are back. This time, they are pulling no punches: They have sent a “quantum bomb.” Speeding toward Earth, it is a device that human scientists can barely comprehend, that cannot be stopped or destroyed—and one that will obliterate Earth. Bisesa's desperate quest for answers sends her first to Mars and then to Mir, which is itself threatened with extinction. The end seems inevitable. But as shocking new insights emerge into the nature of the Firstborn and their chilling plans for mankind, an unexpected ally appears from light-years away.

Twenty-year-old Emily meets Justin, a young Army reservist, and their deep love built on the foundation of faith blossoms into plans for marriage, while Emily's parents must learn to set aside their opposing views on the war in Iraq.