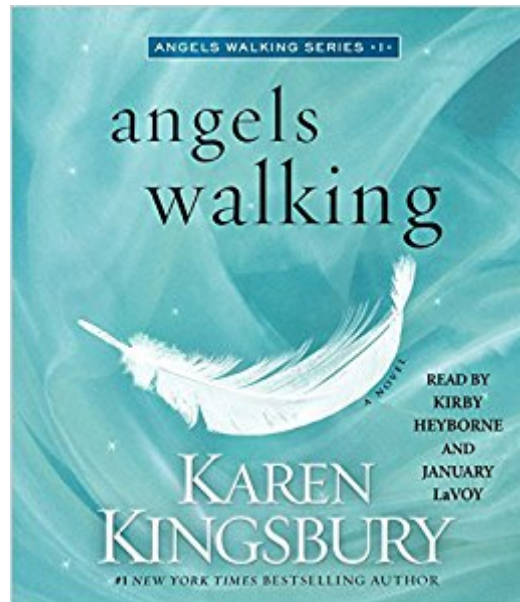




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Angels Walking: A Novel



Synopsis

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes the first in a brand-new series about second chances—*The Bridge*—a dramatic story about a washed up baseball player, the love he left behind, and the miracles that might save them both. When former national baseball star Tyler Ames suffers a career-ending injury, all he can think about is putting his life back together the way it was before. He has lost everyone he loves on his way to the big leagues. Then just when things seem to be turning around, Tyler hits rock bottom. Across the country, Tyler's one true love Sami Dawson has moved on. A series of small miracles leads Tyler to a maintenance job at a retirement home and a friendship with Virginia Hutcheson, an old woman with Alzheimer's who strangely might have the answers he so desperately seeks. A team of Angels Walking take on the mission to restore hope for Tyler, Sami, and Virginia. Can such small and seemingly insignificant actions of the unseen bring healing and redemption? And can the words of a stranger rekindle lost love? Every journey begins with a step. It is time for the mission to begin.

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Customer Reviews

Reader Praise for "The Bridge " "The Bridge" is a reminder that all things aren't as they seem. That things really do work together for the good! That God IS in control even when we can't see it.

Karen's books make you laugh, cry, and leave you wanting more! Her characters are so real you feel like you know them, and want to be friends with them. Once I read the first page of "The Bridge" I couldn't put it down. I read the entire book in one day!!" --Hellen (Annette) H. "Karen Kingsbury

once again uses her beautiful talent to illustrate God's awesome love and grace for us! Each new story speaks to so many hearts across the world. Karen's gift is certainly a loving legacy that I share with others!" --Cyndi A. "Gripping from the beginning, "The Bridge" is an amazing story where we learn even in tragedy or loss God is the God of second chances and we should learn to treasure the miracles He sends our way." --Chris V. "Karen Kingsbury's newest book, "The Bridge," will tug at the heart-strings of old time bookstore lovers everywhere! Blend in a little romance with the timeless principle of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, and you have a classic story built around classic books!" --Annette W. ""The Bridge" is a story of friendship, love, forgiveness, and God's amazing grace. Join Charlie, Donna, Molly, and Ryan on an adventure of never-ending friendship in this wonderful story that God will never leave us and always protect us." --Hope P. "Karen Kingsbury has done it again with "The Bridge." She is more than an author. She's a vessel that God has used to minister to myself, as well as her other readers. She is a passionate and inspirational woman of God. I am grateful for her faithfulness and obedience to write when God gives her a story. Thank you, Karen, for your faithfulness. Your stories have touched my life more than you could ever know." --Tami D. "Once again Karen writes s --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Karen Kingsbury, #1 *New York Times* bestselling novelist, is America's favorite inspirational storyteller, with more than twenty-five million copies of her award-winning books in print. Her last dozen titles have topped bestseller lists and many of her novels are under development with Hallmark Films and as major motion pictures. Her Baxter Family books are being developed into a TV series slated for major network viewing sometime in the next year. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. In 2001 she and her husband, Don, adopted three boys from Haiti, doubling their family in a matter of months. Today the couple has joined the ranks of empty nesters, living in Tennessee near five of their adult children.

Tyler Ames has given up those important to him, his parents and girlfriend, Sami. All in the hopes of making it to one of the big teams in baseball. Then an injury ends his career. Tyler hits rock bottom, but with the help of some special friends - all things fall into place. *Angels Walking* opens with an angels meeting in heaven. What a wonderful image that was! To have a mental picture of angels meeting in heaven, planning how they might help us on earth. *Angels Walking* is a story of grace, forgiveness and love through a series of miracles. The story is a great reminder of Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality

to angels without knowing it." A look at how the Lord uses angels even today, but do we recognize them? I write this review with tears in my eyes and my heart full. Kingsbury knows how to tell a story and pull at my heart strings. I love how she used many people and their kind acts to weave a tale of recovery for Tyler. Each Kingsbury book causes me to think. To examine my heart. I walk away from reading *Angels Walking* with a reminder to watch more closely for those "angels" in my life. *Angels Walking* is the first in a new series and will release on September 2, 2014. I'm already eagerly anticipating the next in the series. I was provided with an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review. Thank you, Howard Books and NetGalley for the opportunity.

I've read most of Karen Kingsbury's novels - I've been one of her biggest fans - but this book was above and beyond anything she's ever written. It's the story that had me gripped in its clutches from page one. I read it straight through - cover to cover - in about 6 hours. I've thought about exactly what she said in the epilogue - if people are searching for the spiritual (as they seem to be), why is it always the spirit of darkness and never of light that we find in the popular stories? The spiritual forces are real and I loved imagining these two angels working to bring praise to their Heavenly Father by completing a mission for Him. I cried at many points as I was reading, when things moved me, but the part about how we don't have to be perfect because that's God's job - that was the most moving part. Such a powerful message and one I needed so desperately to hear right now.

I often tell those who read my reviews that a 3 star is actually pretty high praise for me, a 4 is very good and a 5 is almost unheard of. I rated this one a three for writing and characters. But the honoring of God by the growth and testimony of the characters bumped it up one star. I just couldn't help myself. Warning: Kleenex needed. This story exemplifies what happens when God's people care and when they pray for each other. We need that, all of us. I do. I don't think what happened in this story always does happen. Does God care about us, yes. Do our lives always turn out "ok". No. But even though the final outcome seems a tad unrealistic in the last several chapters, it's still heartwarming. Slight spoiler alert: We don't all have rich rescuers. On the positive side, the lesson is clear, care enough about others to work toward grace and for God to work through their pain, and pray for them, simply pray for them. Kingsbury uses an "angels among us" plot device to carry the story. While it's obvious what she's doing, I liked this the least about the story. Not that I disliked it per se, just wasn't my favorite part. And I find it distracting to the spiritual lesson noted above. Others may not agree with me on this. But I know she's starting a new series and it's just the thread weaving them together apparently. I would encourage Kingsbury to take caution, take care about

this and ask her pastor and counselors to review it theologically, recognizing that truth sets us free. I don't believe she misrepresented truth or God's character at all but, just simply distracted me from the lessons of God's grace in the story of the broken characters each being healed and shown love and showing God's love one to the other, with or without angels intervening. Definitely Enjoyed, she'd a few tears and most certainly found my time was well-spent reading such an uplifting story.

I literally read this book every minute I could, all day and night. I couldn't put it down. At 1:30 a.m. I had 30 more minutes to read and forced myself. To finish it the next morning. I love everything about how the story was written, mostly because I was aware of God's presence and His angels throughout the book. It was a story of love and God's hand in it. My favorite books are about angels and about those who were blessed to go to heaven and return to earth to tell about it. This is one of Karen's best books in my opinion because I saw God's work throughout it. I thank God for His heavenly angels every night when I pray, so I believe in their works here on earth, and love hearing stories about them. I think if we're aware of them we all see their works in our lives. This book refreshed my memory to be aware of how God uses them here on earth. I can't wait to read Karen's next one in this series. It's so comforting to read books that remind us, in the midst of the turmoil in the world today, that God is in control and is using Karen to remind us of His presence and everlasting love.

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