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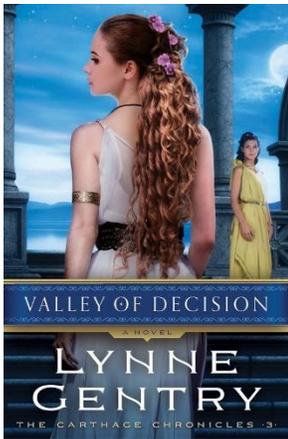
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# PRESS RELEASE

## **A family separated not just by time, but by centuries**

*Lynne Gentry concludes her latest series with a thrilling story of fearlessness and family ties*



**Seattle:** Lynne Gentry takes readers to third-century Carthage for a thrilling time-travel adventure in **Valley of Decision** (Howard Books/September 22, 2015/ISBN: 978-1476746418/\$14.99), the explosive conclusion to the Carthage Chronicles. In her latest release, Gentry brings her thorough research of the Plague of Cyprian to life as she examines the power of family connections.

Thirteen years ago, Dr. Lisbeth Hasting made an impossible decision to leave third-century Carthage and her husband, Cyprian, behind for good to protect their daughter Maggie. Summoning all her courage, she struggled to move on with life and keep her promise to Cyprian to keep their little girl out of harm's way.

Years later, that little girl is now a headstrong young woman starting to chafe under her mother's protective wings. Craving an opportunity to express her independence, Maggie decides to do what her mother appears to be unable or unwilling to do: She secretly returns to the third century on a quest to bring her father back. When Lisbeth discovers what Maggie has done, she is left with no choice but to follow.

The idea of a child rebelling is not foreign to any parent, including Gentry. "I love my children. However, my kids are human," Gentry shares. "Whenever they dared to step out of the safety of the boundaries I'd established for them, it was more than anger that kicked in. It was sheer terror. What if they were hurt? What if I couldn't rescue them?" These are all issues Lisbeth and Cyprian must confront in *Valley of Decision*.

With Maggie's surprise arrival in Carthage, chaos ensues. Finding her grandmother on trial for murder, she attempts to save her, but her efforts only spark a riot that nearly destroys the plagued city. Only one thing will appease the wrath of the new proconsul of Carthage: the death of whomever instigated the riot.

Family ties are challenged, and every choice has a consequence in the *Valley of Decision*. Ultimately, Lisbeth will learn family is sometimes less about DNA and more about those who choose to love you — no matter what.

As Gentry concludes this series, she reflects on how she has grown along with her characters. "This series originated out of my own regrets. I nearly made myself sick longing for a chance to redo the past," Gentry reveals. "Ironically, it was in the writing of Lisbeth's desperate attempts to right her own wrongs I discovered poor choices and failures are the dark threads that give our life the depth of a tapestry. That's how I felt when I wrote the epilogue of *Valley of Decision*. I'm comfortable with who I am: an imperfect person who loves God and is loved by God — even when I fail."

To keep up with Lynne Gentry, visit [www.lynnegentry.com](http://www.lynnegentry.com), become a fan on [Facebook](#) ([Author-Lynne-Gentry](#)) or follow her on [Twitter](#) ([@Lynne\\_Gentry](#)) and [Pinterest](#) ([lynnegentry7](#)).

## Praise for Lynne Gentry

"Extraordinary writing. I've just discovered my new favorite author in Lynne Gentry. With an incredible, compelling new voice she weaves the past and present together in a fascinating tale I couldn't put down."

~Elizabeth Goddard, Carol Award-winning author of *Treacherous Skies*, *Riptide*, and *Wilderness Peril*

## About the Author



Lynne Gentry has written for numerous publications and is a professional acting coach, theater director and playwright with several full-length musicals and a Chicago children's theater curriculum to her credit.

Her love for writing stories was born while growing up on a Kansas dairy farm as she longed for adventure and dreamt of traveling to exotic places. She likes to write stories that launch modern women into ancient adventures, such as The Carthage Chronicles series (*Healer of Carthage*, *Return to Exile* and *Valley of Decision*).

Gentry is also an inspirational speaker and dramatic performer who loves spending time with her family and medical therapy dog.

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## Suggested interview questions

- Tell us your favorite thing about your new book, *Valley of Decision*, which is the final installment in your series The Carthage Chronicles.
- Why did you decide to set the book and the series in Carthage?
- The book opens with your heroine, Lisbeth Hastings', daughter traveling back to the third century against her mother's wishes. If the propensity toward rebellion dwells in each of us, why do you think Lisbeth is so surprised when her daughter disobeys her?
- As a parent, how did you find the balance between letting your child exert his or her independence and being too permissive?
- You've based some of Cyprian's decisions in *Valley of Decision* on actual historical documents. What was the most important piece of research to the development of the book you found?
- In the third century, Christians had the choice to run toward or away from those suffering from a deadly viral outbreak. What caused your characters to run toward the ill?
- Lisbeth is a doctor determined to help those impacted by the outbreak. How do you want your readers to be impacted by her passion to use her skills to better the lives of others?
- Have you ever struggled finding the courage to do the right thing?
- In *Valley of Decision*, everyone has a decision to make. How are your own past decisions woven into the tapestry of your life?
- What does your heroine, Lisbeth, discover about the true meaning of family in her efforts to reunite her own?
- How does your own family reach beyond flesh and blood?
- Since time travel is a unique part of this series, name one 21-century item you would be unable to live without.
- If you could go back in history, what time period would you visit?
- How does it feel to complete The Carthage Chronicles series?
- What projects are you working on next?

**Lynne Gentry is available for interviews to promote the release of *Valley of Decision*. To request a review copy, schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Christine Muller, [christine@litfusegroup.com](mailto:christine@litfusegroup.com).**