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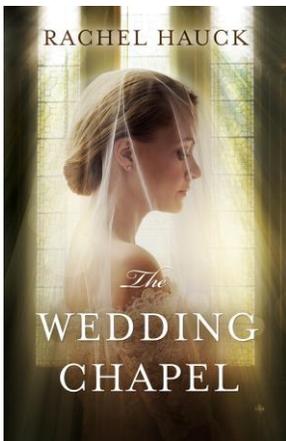


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PRESS RELEASE

With hard work, committed relationships can exist in our disposable culture

Rachel Hauck highlights the romance of the past to remind us of the permanence of commitment



Seattle: In a day when marriage seems incredibly disposable, best-selling author Rachel Hauck weaves a story rich in symbolism that reminds us of timeless truths about love. Hauck is captivated by the 1940s, and in ***The Wedding Chapel*** (Zondervan/ November 17, 2015/ISBN: 978-0310341529/\$15.99), she juxtaposes two story lines: one capturing the simple romance and commitment to family embodying the earlier era and another showing the challenges and complications of romance in a modern world.

Retired football hall-of-famer Jimmy "Coach" Westbrook never imagined anything would come from the wedding chapel he built, stone by stone, for the beautiful Collette Greer, the woman he fell for back in 1949. He lost her long ago, and for 60 years his labor of love has sat empty, a monument to his memories. Then one day an offer arrives to turn the chapel into what it was meant to be: a place of love and eternal promises. Coach sees no reason to hang onto his dream any longer.

Meanwhile photographer Taylor Branson is trying to make a life for herself in New York. She leaves her home in Heart's Bend, Tennessee, determined to put the broken promises and dreams of the past behind her. Given how divorce tore apart her family, Taylor tends to be more cautious with relationships but surprises even herself when she falls head-over-heels for Jack Forester. Taylor allows her heart to carry her into a whirlwind elopement, but doubts, disagreements and second thoughts enter shortly after they say "I do." Jack has his own demons to battle and struggles to show Taylor his true self and the depths of his love for her.

When Taylor takes an assignment in Heart's Bend, the job does more than send her back to her hometown. She becomes immersed in a world of long-buried family secrets and finds her journey intersecting with Coach's in a surprising way. Together they rediscover the heartbeat of their dreams and find it's never too late to seek love—and it's worth every *single* moment of waiting.

Many people are afraid of commitment and marriage because they've seen the way divorce can destroy a family — maybe even their own. Hauck reminds readers that their family history doesn't have to determine their destiny. "In Christ we can break those family iniquities. We don't have to carry forward whatever our ancestors did," she explains. "'Old things have passed away,' the Apostle Paul writes. 'All things have become new.'"

Above all *The Wedding Chapel* affirms the truth that while the pressures of life will always be with us, *true* love never fails. "I always hope my stories leave readers uplifted, hopeful and aware of God's love for them. In this book, I tried to show how His heart beats for us, even when we are running the opposite direction."

For more information about Rachel Hauck and *The Wedding Chapel* at www.rachelhauck.com or on [Facebook](#) ([RachelHauck](#)) and [Twitter](#) ([@RachelHauck](#)).

Advance Praise

"Hauck tells another gorgeously rendered story. The raw, hidden emotions of Taylor and Jack are incredibly realistic and will resonate with readers. The way the entire tale comes together with the image of the chapel as holding the heartbeat of God is breathtaking and complements the romance of the story."

~ RT Book Reviews Top Pick

About the Author



Rachel Hauck is a *USA Today* best-selling and award-winning author of critically acclaimed novels such as *The Wedding Dress*, *Love Starts with Elle* and *Once Upon A Prince*. She also wrote the Songbird Novels with multi-platinum recording artist Sara Evans. *Booklist* named their novel *Softly and Tenderly* one of their 2011 "Top Ten Inspirational."

Hauck has a journalism degree from Ohio State University and is a huge Buckeyes football fan. She worked in the corporate software world before she began writing full time in 2004. Hauck serves on the Executive Board for American Christian Fiction Writers and leads worship at their annual conference. She is also a mentor and book therapist at My Book Therapy, a conference speaker and a contributor to [Southern Belle View Daily](#).

Hauck lives in central Florida with her husband where she writes from her two-story tower.

Learn more about Rachel Hauck and her books at www.rachelhauck.com or on [Facebook \(RachelHauck\)](#) and [Twitter \(@RachelHauck\)](#).

Suggested interview questions

- What inspired the plotline of *The Wedding Chapel*?
- Why did you choose to marry a classic love story from the 1940s with a modern tale of romance gone off-course?
- What would you say is the major thread or theme that runs throughout *The Wedding Chapel*? Has a communication breakdown ever caused issues in one of your important relationships?
- Taylor and Jack marry impetuously, eloping only a few months after reconnecting, and they almost immediately start having issues. Why is the first year of marriage so hard? What advice can you offer to young married couples?
- How can we defeat negative patterns such as bad relationships or substance abuse, which sometimes seem to run in families?
- How have you seen God at work even after you or someone in your life made a poor decision?
- Those who have a complicated relationship with their earthly fathers may struggle with a having healthy relationship with God as Father. How can they reconcile what they believe about God with what they've experienced with their earthly dads?
- Are there ever moments when we should give up on our dreams?
- You feature a villain in the book whose life has become rife with bitterness. Have you ever been tempted to give in to anger or jealousy? What do you hope your readers learn from this character?
- In your book *The Wedding Dress*, you included some rich symbolism that showed how God impacts history and our lives in ways we don't always see or understand. Did you incorporate any of that imagery in *The Wedding Chapel*?
- When you sat down to write *The Wedding Chapel*, what impact did you hope it would have on its readers?

Rachel Hauck is available for interviews to promote the release of *The Wedding Chapel*. To request a review copy, schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@liffusegroup.com.

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