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For these two broken hearts, the first step toward love will be a huge leap of faith.

Jessica Mason isn't looking for love when she meets Ridley Chesterfield. Instead she is still reeling from the tragic, unexpected loss of her husband and daughter—and awaiting the arrival of her unborn child. Harboring the secret of her husband's betrayal, her pain is deeper than anyone knows.

Ridley Chesterfield is hiding out in Hope Springs, Idaho, avoiding a political scandal and the barrage of false media headlines that have tarnished his good name. The last thing Ridley wants is a relationship—but when fate leads Ridley to form a friendship with his reclusive and pregnant neighbor, he wonders if this small-town hideout might be more of a long-term destination.

When Jessica begins to read her great-grandfather's Bible, she finds a connection with a man she never knew. Somehow the verses he marked and the words he wrote in the margins open her heart to healing. And as Ridley and Jessica help each other forgive the people who have wronged them, they must decide if the past will define them or if they will choose to love again.

Who I Am With You weaves together a modern-day romance with Jessica's great-grandfather's story from the 1930s, reminding us that some truths can cross generations and that faith has the power to transform families forever.

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Hannah says

4.5 stars

This story fully absorbed my attention and kept me flipping the pages all day long. It wasn't hard to stay involved in the story even though it kept flipping back in each chapter to a section from Jessica's great-grandfather in the Great Depression. The transitions were smooth and easy to follow, which is a big plus in a dual timeline story.

Ridley and Jessica are a fun couple, and it was a huge plus to me that they began as friends and neighbors before they got romantically interested in each other. This book also features one of the best treatments of infidelity that I've run across recently. Robin Lee Hatcher is quickly becoming a favorite contemporary-fiction author of mine because of her colorful characters, relevant spiritual truths, and solid storytelling. I can't wait for the second book in this series, which will feature Jessica's cousin and continue more of Andrew's story from the 1930s.

Thanks to the publisher and netgalley for a free ecopy. A favorable review was not required.

Joan Arning says

Who I Am With You is a unique, touching story of forgiveness. I loved how Jessica and Ridley realized they had to forgive others before they could build a relationship. Robin Lee Hatcher shared with her readers how Jessica's great grandfather also had to give forgiveness and build a new relationship with God and with his wife. This book has two separate stories going on - one in the 1930s and one modern day. I recommend Who I Am With You to others. I received a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley and Barbour Publishing and was under no obligation to post a review.

Sarita says

The cute cover first drew me to the book. What made me pick it up (or download the audio in this case) was all the great reviews I saw on my goodreads page. This was my first book by Robin Lee Hatcher and after this book will not be the last.

This story is filled with hurt people on their path to healing. Both the contemporary plus the historical story was filled with real people dealing with real issues. Jessica and Ridley's story was a sweet one to witness and they both had a lot of hurt to heal. I loved the part where Ridley said "God didn't lie to me, people did" - how often to we blame God for how others treat us.

Andrew (Jessica's great-grandfather) tugged on my heartstrings. He took the difficult road and was a true witness of God's love and forgiveness, even though at times it was too much for him.

I'm looking forward to continuing this series.

Denise Hershberger says

I really enjoyed getting to know Ridley and Jessica in this book. I especially liked the strong theme of forgiveness throughout this book. And while I'm not a fan of time slip novels, I enjoyed the contemporary part of this one enough to make up for it.

There is a lot of grief in this book. I felt especially for Jessica in this story because she'd lost so much and was grieving both in a physical loss, but also an emotional loss as well. I was really thrilled when she was able to start getting her life back. I loved that she had friends that were so supportive. I really liked Ridley though. His grief was not near as strong, but I still believe he was grieving parts of his life he'd lost. I was really impressed with his ability to move on after such difficulties.

I loved the importance of prayer in this book too. I love how many of the characters turned to prayer before they turned to other people. But I did also like that they sought out friends and family in difficult times too.

I'm looking forward to what comes next in this series.

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Staci says

Legacy of Faith is the perfect name for this series.

In this dual time period novel, characters in both the contemporary thread and that of the 1930s depression are filled with faith in Christ and perseverance for a better life. Lemonade can come from lemons.

I enjoyed both story lines but was compelled by the current day account of Jessica and Ridley just a bit more. My favorite in the novel though was Andrew, a young man in the 1930s who was such a wonderful example of sacrificing for those we love.

This was a beautiful beginning to a new series.

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Maureen Timerman says

I really enjoyed this book and am looking forward to the second read in this series.

With a theme of forgiveness resounding through decades, we see how hurt people go through their daily lives, and wonder if they will be able to find the peace that God offers?

A priceless bible from an unknown great grandfather given to her with the knowledge that she will know when to pass it on. Can you imagine holding this book in your hands and reading his remarks and the verses he underlined, what a treasure.

There is a bit of sweet romance here, but there is also some heartbreak, betrayal, and death of loved ones, but there is also Hope offered here, and we are there to witness it first had through the words of the author.

I loved going back and forth between the decades, but at times I didn't want to leave where I was, but was

always happy to go back. I highly recommend this read, one you won't want to put down.

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Thomas Nelson, and was not required to give a positive review.

Maddy says

Oh my goodness, this book was adorable! I have been in a reading slump for months, but I think this book got me out of it. I absolutely loved this story and I found myself reading it every chance I got.

Who I am With You follows the life's of Jessica and Ridley. Both are in a time of healing in their life's and didn't expect to make a friend along the way. Jessica has recently lost her husband and daughter, and Ridley is trying to get away from the false media headlines that are headlining his name. This was such a sweet story and I enjoyed every minute of it. There's friendships and healing and all of it was just beautiful.

The story also follows some of Andrew Henning's life which is Jessica's great-grandfather. I will admit that one of my least favorite things to see in a book is flashback stories from old relatives. I don't know why but I have just never like it. I have to say though, I actually really enjoyed reading about Andrew. His story kept me just as interested as the actually story the book focused on itself. That's definitely a first!

I absolutely loved this book and I'd definitely recommend it!

"I received a free copy of this book from Revell in exchange of my honest review. All thoughts are my own."

Brittany says

Oh wow! What a wonderful beginning to a fascinating series! I absolutely loved and devoured this novel!

Who I Am with You is a dual timeline novel and I can easily say that both the present and the past timelines equally captured my interest and kept me turning pages to find out what happened next.

The development of the love story between Ridley and Jessica was heartwarming. Both of these characters had trust issues because of betrayals they had recently endured. The circumstances were different and both Ridley and Jessica had to work through their emotions in their own ways. I loved the way their friendship turned into more, and all while Jessica was preparing her heart and home for a new baby. It was so precious. What Jessica had endured prior to Ridley's arrival was so sad, making her journey of forgiveness and happiness and love that much sweeter.

There was a beautiful faith message and focus on forgiveness woven throughout the entire book, in both the present and the past stories. I loved the way Andrew, in the story from the past, dove into God's word and applied it to his life through some extremely trying experiences. God called him to love and forgive, even

when it was hard. It was a touching story. I am excited to read more books in this series.

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You can read this review on my blog:

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Gloria says

This is a sweet dual time line story that covers two generations many years apart. Jessica Mason is dealing with losses-her husband and daughter were killed in a wreck a year ago and then her grandmother Frani died a few months ago. Shortly after her husband and daughter died, she found out that she is pregnant. In addition to mourning their death, unknown to anyone else, she is also living with the knowledge that her husband was angry with he left that morning. He had asked for a divorce and they argued. Did she contribute to the wreck? She dearly misses her young daughter. After her grandmother's funeral, Jessica's mom gave her a Bible that her grandmother Frani had that had been her father's. Great grandfather Andrew Henning was a young college graduate when the Great Depression hit. Andrew had just been married and started a new job at a bank at the time but unfortunately lost his job. He and his wife had to move in with her parents on their farm while he continued looking for a job in a bank. During this time, his wife had a miscarriage that devastated the couple. Eventually, he found a job in another town as a teller but the separation caused problems in his marriage.

Ridley Chesterfield worked for a political candidate in Boise, Idaho as an IT specialist. When rumors started about the candidate, he was accused of leaking the rumors. To escape the media circus, he moved to his parents' newly purchased vacation/soon to be retirement home in a nearby small town for the summer and wound up living next door to Jessica.

There are similarities in the marriages of Jessica and her great grandfather. They both had to deal with hurt from the spouses and had to overcome pain and disappointment. Ridley is reeling from the unfair accusations and where to go from there. Who would hire him in the future? He is only at the vacation house for the summer. Ridley and Jessica develop a friendship that helps them both heal and move on. Jessica finds comfort in Andrew's Bible and his notes in the Bible. This is a sweet story of romance, forgiveness, healing, faith and courage to move forward from a painful past.

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Madison says

Who I Am With You is a charming and touching story of forgiveness and recovering from great loss. It's about love and family and commitment and finding a beautiful connection with someone. Thoroughly enjoyable, it's guaranteed to bring a tender smile to your face.

It has only been a few months since the tragic death of her daughter and husband, but Jessica's family was falling apart long before that fateful car accident. Now a few months pregnant, Jessica has isolated herself from her friends, running her art and design business from home, until Ridley Chesterfield moves into the house next door. Ridley, too, had his life shaken when his reputation was tarnished across national media. Ridley and Jessica find common ground and they start to develop a sweet friendship that helps them each rebuild faith in themselves, God and the people around them. But as their feelings grow, neither is sure

if the timing is right for something more than friendship.

I really enjoyed this first book in a new series by Robin Lee Hatcher. What the synopsis doesn't allude to is the dual stories included within this book. At the start of Jessica's story she receives a bible handed down from her great-grandfather to her grandmother to her. Interspersed with Jessica's story are sections from Jessica's great-grandfather, Andrew Henning, as he faced the challenges of the Great Depression, starting a family, loss, and family breakdown and how he kept his faith through all trials. While Jessica doesn't learn of these stories, his bible gives her the same strength and support to rebuild her faith and continue on through everything she has to face.

I loved Jessica and Ridley's relationship. What starts as a simple acquaintance slowly grows into a beautiful friendship, and, through shared understanding, patience and a little attraction, something more. The peaceful setting and charming small town of Hope Springs is the perfect backdrop for their story of renewal.

I am eagerly awaiting the second book in The Legacy of Faith series, I Cross My Heart, which continues the Henning family story as they face the looming Second World War and a new contemporary story as Jessica's cousin takes the lead role in what is sure to be another charming and beautifully crafted story of love and faith.

The publishers provided an advanced readers copy of this book for reviewing purposes. All opinions are my own.

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Deanne Patterson says

This is book 1 in the Legacy of Faith series. This is Jessica and Ridley's story but then again it's also Helen and Andrew's story. This story was so hard to put down once I started it, it's just that great! Jessica has suffered a devastating loss of her husband and daughter. Ridley, her new neighbor has moved in next door in the abandoned property. He is there dealing with a painful past as well. Neither are looking for friendship from each other or anything more. When they keep bumping into each other in town and Ridley's new dog keeps coming to Jessica's house just maybe friendship or can something more flourish despite heartbreak and sadness plaguing Jessica. I really enjoyed how the book doesn't have fluff, it's a very plausible story line. The story is intertwined between past and present through a family bible that gives so much comfort. Very easy to relate to characters, they could be your neighbors. Robin always writes such beautiful books with wonderful lessons in them that you just have to shake your head yes to and agree with them! My favorite quote from the book, " I offered my bitterness to God, and I felt him take it from me. " Forgiveness is such a key element in this book. Forgiveness is so healing. I can not wait for the next book in this series!

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Melanie says

Who I Am with You is the first book in the Legacy of Faith series. I found the plot for this book to be intriguing and unique. I loved the alternating timelines (current day and the 1930s). The characters went

through so much and I didn't know how everything would end up.

The romance was different. She had just lost her husband and daughter, so it did feel a bit soon for a new romance (to me), but I understand why it happened the way it did and I enjoyed that part of the book.

All in all, Who I Am with You was a great read and I recommend it. An easy to read story with depth and good characters. I can't wait to read the next book!

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Dana Michael says

What an inspirational story! I love the way the author used the tough subject of adultery and weave a beautiful story of forgiveness and hope. I feel this story can be used to minister to so many who are affected by such a betrayal. This book is a dual time line and I enjoyed both stories in each. The characters are lovable and the book was so easy to read. I really do love Hatcher's writing style. I look forward to the next book in the series.

I give this book 4.5 stars.

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Lorraine says

This novel contains a dual time both contemporary and historical. Jessica, a pregnant widow, is the main character in the contemporary time line; and Andrew, her grandfather, is the star of the historical period. Both characters are strong, realistic people while caught in the midst of major problems with their spouses. This is definitely a character driven story filled with pain, difficulty, and heartache for each of them. It shows tremendous growth in each of their characters as their faith grows and they learn to trust God more. Both love stories are driven by faith. It is a journey to love, healing, and forgiveness for each of them. Ridley played the perfect role in the contemporary love story as he developed a friendship first with Jessica before ever moving further towards a relationship. I fell in love with "Kris" the adorable dog that brought Jessica and Ridley together. An enjoyable and uplifting story that makes me anxious to read the second book in this series.

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Andrea Cox says

FTC Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book from Read with Audra, NetGalley, and Thomas Nelson. A positive review was not required. These are my honest thoughts and opinions.

What an exquisite delivery of a delicate subject!

This is only my second Robin Lee Hatcher book, but she is quickly becoming a favorite. Her writing style is laid-back yet vulnerable. Her author voice is sweet and soothing. Yet it's the depth of this tale that struck my heart and has me wanting more. How long must I wait to return to Hope Springs in book two?!

Infidelity is a tough topic that is often awkward to discuss. Mrs. Hatcher dove right in and brought us a story that shows not only the cruelty of this sin but also the scope of its consequences -- which touch many more lives than the people most intimately involved. What was perhaps the most amazing thing about this novel was the way in which the author brought out the raw emotions while using a gentleness that nearly seems contrary to the abrasive, unjust actions of certain characters (the details, thankfully, were kept off the page -- no bedroom scenes, thank you!). I just adored the way that forgiveness, hope, and fresh beginnings were interwoven to create a beautiful display of God's love in the midst of bone-deep heartache.

True healing -- and reconciliation! -- is worth the battle, folks.
