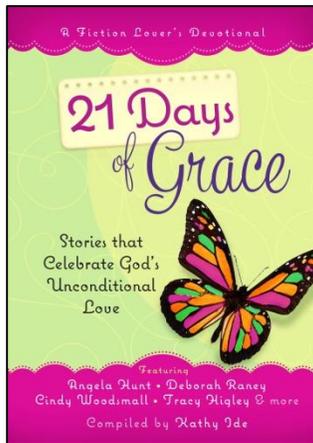


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21 Days of Grace: ***Stories that Celebrate God's Unconditional Love*** **By Kathy Ide**



Minneapolis, MN: Christians have long loved devotionals, but believers today are also developing a strong love for fiction. They enjoy reading stories about characters they can relate to, who experience situations similar to their own, and learn from those examples how to live out their faith. For them, life lessons are more easily absorbed this way.

21 Days of Grace fits all of these needs. It is a collection of engaging, inspirational short fiction stories written by new, intermediate, and well-known authors. Like Jesus' parables, these stories deal with important life issues in a subtle, unpressured manner. And, as Jesus did, the authors follow up with life applications based on the stories, suggesting how the inherent lessons can be applied to the reader's daily life.

Contributing authors include:

Angela Elwell Hunt, best-selling author of *The Note*. Her short story is "True Confession." The Life Application: God always rewards confession with grace. No sin is beyond the reach of His cleansing mercy.

Deborah Raney, author of *A Vow to Cherish*. Her short story is "Prairie Lessons." The Life Application: God knows our human frailties and has already forgiven them. When we belong to Him, because of Christ's shed blood, God sees only righteousness when He looks at us. Our right standing before Him allows us to minister and be ministered to with the same gracious spirit.

Cindy Woodsmall, *New York Times* and CBA best-selling Amish novelist. Her short story is "Through a Dark Glass." The Life Application: Praying for those who oppose us and practicing self-control can get us through even the most painful situations.

Tracy Higley, author of *The Queen's Handmaid* and *Awakening*. Her short story is "Fall from Grace." The Life Application: God did not find us scrubbed clean, dressed in our Sunday best, waiting for an adoptive father. It was by His grace that we were brought into the family of God. No matter how far we stray, we can always go back. He waits to welcome us home.

Cecil Murphey, *New York Times* best-selling author, coauthor of *90 Minutes in Heaven*. His short story is "We Called Him Happy Face." The Life Application: Too often, we think we need to find exactly the right words to get others to believe in Jesus Christ. But our actions demonstrate the living God who lives in us more powerfully than words.

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Kathi Macias, author of *Red Ink*. Her short story is “A House with Pillows.” The Life Application: How many times do we pray for something, yet we don’t really expect an answer because we think our request is too big for God? Or we aren’t important enough to warrant an answer? The God who loves even the tiny sparrow that falls to the ground cares far more for us, who are made in His very image.

DiAnn Mills, author of numerous romance and suspense novels. Her short story is “The Mask.” The Life Application: Becoming involved in someone’s problems means we must feel our pain. But God wants us to become woven into the lives of others. His grace extends to everyone.

Robin Bayne, author of *The Artist’s Granddaughter*. Her short story is “The Smallest Gift.” The Life Application: There will never be enough material goods in this world to satisfy our need for faith, hope, and love. But sometimes all three can be found in the smallest of gestures.

You can read these heart-warming stories over breakfast, at lunch break, before bed, on vacation, or curled up in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee or tea. They are sure to shed light on issues in your life and bring you encouragement for daily living.

A group study guide for *21 Days of Grace* is available for Bible studies, book clubs, life groups, or casual gatherings with friends. It can be downloaded as a free PDF from FictionDevo.com or purchased as a 99-cent e-book from Amazon or Barnes & Noble’s website.

21 Days of Grace is the first in a series of Fiction Lover’s Devotionals, with more books coming out for Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day.

These beautiful hardcover gift books make terrific presents for friends, family, and loved ones who enjoy devotionals and/or fiction.

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. Tell us about your new devotional, *21 Days of Grace*. What inspired you to gather a collection of short fiction stories to be used as devotions?
2. How long have you been planning to write this book? Can you share how important it is to trust in God's timing and to never give up on our dreams?
3. What life circumstances worked together to put you in a position to be able to create this book?
4. How do you see people using the devotionals in *21 Days of Grace*? Are the stories written with a specific audience in mind?
5. Can you share some of the names of the authors who have contributed stories to the devotional?
6. How did you pick the stories? Were there certain elements that you felt were important for each story to have?
7. What types of issues do the stories in *21 Days of Grace* touch upon that you feel will resonate with readers?
8. Which of these stories personally impacted you or your faith?
9. You say that fiction has the power to change lives. Can you explain?
10. Although the stories in the devotional are fiction, are any of them based on real-life experiences?
11. What is the takeaway from *21 Days of Grace* that you hope the reader will receive? How do you believe readers will connect with the stories?
12. Can this book be used in group settings, like Bible studies or book clubs?
13. *21 Days of Grace* is the first in a series of Fiction Lover's Devotionals. What is unique about this series?
14. What other books are planned for the future?
15. Where can people purchase the book?