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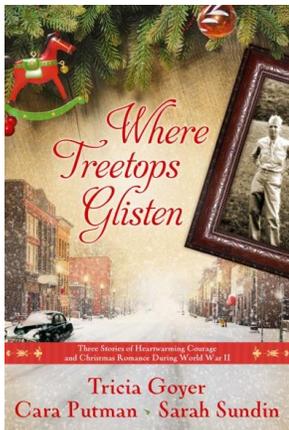


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PRESS RELEASE

Curl up in front of the fire with the perfect Christmas read

Trio of award-winning authors unite for holiday-themed World War II-era love stories



Seattle: Three of the most beloved Christian authors of World War II-era fiction have come together to gift their readers with the new Christmas release, **Where Treetops Glisten** (WaterBrook Press/September 16, 2014/ISBN: 978-1601426482/\$14.99), a collection of three Christmas novellas.

Tricia Goyer, Cara Putman and Sarah Sundin invite readers to turn back the clock to days gone by as they listen to Bing Crosby sing of sleigh bells in the snow and get to know the Turner family. Each of the three siblings is forging their own paths in their own love story filled with the wonder of Christmas. Hailing from the heart of America in Lafayette, Indiana, these characters will never be the same as the reality of America's involvement in World War II hits incredibly close to home.

The collaboration was unique and enjoyable for the writing trio. "We started in the brainstorming phase, throwing out character and family ideas and making them mesh," explains Sundin. "The collaboration was challenging since our stories are more tightly connected than in most novella collections, but it was a lot of fun."

In Putman's *White Christmas*, college student Abigail Turner loses a beau to the war and is skittish about romance, until a young man with a serious problem needs her help. Pete Turner, a former fighter pilot in Sundin's *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, is trying to recapture the hope and peace his time at war has eroded. In Goyer's *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, Meredith Turner (or "Merry" to those who know her best) is using her skills as a combat nurse in the Netherlands. She'll have to face the deepest kind of betrayal a world away from her family, but that could be precisely what God has in mind to redeem her broken heart.

The unsettled World War II era may not at first glance seem like a backdrop for love to flourish. "Our purpose is to remind readers of the importance of family, of home, and of togetherness," Goyer reveals. "Even in a time of war we can remain strong because of the love of God and the love of those we serve."

Will the Turner family be able to absorb the miracle of Christ's birth and His plan for their futures even in such a tumultuous time? "There's a freshness and sense of wonder to Christmas," Putman says. "The idea that God would send His Son to earth as a newborn is an incredibly humbling thought. Combine that with great music, tradition and the love of family, and it becomes a magical time where almost anything seems possible."

Readers will be able to feel the crunch of newly fallen snow under their feet as they get caught up in these stories of love and loss set against one of the most pivotal times in world history.

All three authors are available for interviews to promote the release of *Where Treetops Glisten*. To request a review copy, schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@litfusegroup.com.

Advance Praise

"Goyer, Putman and Sundin bring us a collection that is a heartwarming mix of romance, inspiration, courage and history set during WWII over several Christmases. The authors capture this time with nostalgia and tenderness. Expert pacing, beautiful language and brilliant description are the highlights of this collection that will tug at the hearts of readers."

~ RT Book Reviews

"These are three wonderful Christmas stories filled with period details that 1940s fans are sure to love and with characters whom readers will remember long after they close the cover. I laughed and cried with each new story. All three were wonderfully woven together to make a cohesive whole. Sarah Sundin, Cara Putman and Tricia Goyer are sure to make your Christmas a little brighter."

~ Liz Tolsma, author of *A Log Cabin Christmas Collection*

"*Where Treetops Glisten* is a hometown World War II book that captures your heart with its charm. It made me wish I could experience Christmas in that era. Highly recommended!"

~ Colleen Coble, author of *Seagrass Pier*

About the Authors



Tricia Goyer is the bestselling author of more than 45 books, including fictional tales delighting and entertaining readers and non-fiction titles offering encouragement and hope. She is a two-time Carol Award winner, as well as a Christy and ECPA Award Nominee. A popular blogger, Goyer contributes to a number of homeschooling and Christian parenting sites. She and her husband, John, live in Little Rock, AR, and are the parents of six.

Cara Putman, the award-winning author of 19 books, including *Shadowed by Grace*, graduated high school at 16, graduated college at 20 and completed her law degree at 27. She is a lecturer on business and employment law to graduate students at Purdue University and also practices law. Putman is currently pursuing her Master's in Business Administration at Krannert. She lives with her husband and four children in Indiana.



Sarah Sundin is the author of six historical novels, including *In Perfect Time* (Revell, August 2014). Her novel *On Distant Shores* was a double finalist for the 2014 Golden Scroll Awards. Sarah lives in northern California with her husband and three children, works on-call as a hospital pharmacist, and teaches Sunday school and women's Bible studies.

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Suggested interview questions

- How did the three of you decide to collaborate on a collection of novellas together?
- What themes run through each of the stories in *Where Treetops Glisten* to tie the book together?
- How did the three of you work together to make sure there was continuity between the three novellas?
- Each one of the three siblings in the books has to chart their own path. How is the love of their family a support system for them, even as they make their own life decisions?
- The three novellas are all titled after a Christmas song that became popular during World War II. Can you share a little of the history behind the songs and how they became a part of the book?
- World War II was a tumultuous, uncertain time. Why pick that era as the backdrop for a Christmas story?
- What sparked your interest in this particular historical time period?
- What kind of research did you do before writing your story? Did any of you have a special tie to the book's setting: Lafayette, Indiana?
- Each of the characters in this book has to overcome not only personal obstacles, but also cultural conditions they have no control over. What lessons can we learn for our own times from their stories?
- Even just looking at the cover makes the reader wants to curl up in front of a fireplace with a cup of hot cocoa. What did you do to get in the Christmas spirit as you penned your story?
- One thread that ties all of the stories together is the siblings' grandmother. What do they learn from her lessons of wisdom and faith that help develop their own choices?
- What is it about the Christmas season that engenders such a strong feeling of warmth and love?

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