

Love in the Squared Circle

Book Club Kit



Meet the Author

From childhood, Heather Greer has been a fan of a good story. There's nothing like coming away from a book feeling like you've spent time with best friends. It's even better when you find yourself and your faith tucked inside the pages.

After watching Heather stay up until the wee hours of the morning to finish favorite books, it was no surprise to her husband that the girl reading the books dreamed of being the woman who would one day write them.

With the support of her husband and four children, Heather chased the dream God put in her heart. In 2018, the dream was realized with the publication of her first novel, *Faith's Journey*.

Heather's prayer as she writes each book is that readers find encouragement in their faith while experiencing that same "time with best friends" feeling her favorite authors always gave her.

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Dear Readers,

I never imagined I'd write a book that blended romance, wrestlers, and faith. Even after the idea sprouted, I hesitated. Was the premise so out-of-the-box that women readers of Christian fiction would pass over Trinity and Blane's story in favor of books featuring more traditionally enjoyed professions?

But the inspiration simply would not let go. Blane and Trinity had a story to tell. It's a story of love, faith, and seeing people the way God sees them. And God blessed me with the opportunity to share it.

Why? I'm not sure. It's not like I've perfected seeing people with the eyes of Jesus. Too often, I need God's words to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

I'm thankful God doesn't demand our perfection before He chooses to use us. Nothing would get done for His kingdom if He did! And I'm honored He allowed me the spark of imagination and direction needed to tell this story.

God used the writing of *Love in the Squared Circle* to remind me to look beyond the trappings of others to the heart beneath. I pray it does the same for you.

Character Stats

Trinity Knight

Age: 34

Hair: Strawberry Blonde

Eyes: Pale Blue, Almost Gray

Height: 5 feet 4 inches

Loves: God, Her Family, Rom-Coms,
Beauty in Nature, and Bread Pudding

Life Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be he God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Blane Sterling

Age: 34

Hair: Long, Black

Eyes: Turquoise Blue

Height: 6 feet 5 inches

Loves: His Family, Taking Care of others
Camping or Fishing to Get Away From It All
Life Verse: Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man,
what is good; And what does the Lord require
of you But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?"

For more book inspiration check out Heather's Love in the Squared Circle Pinterest board.

<https://pin.it/3Ga8gTe>

Author Q & A

What should we know about Heather?

I was born and raised in southern Illinois, and I still live there with my husband. My four adult children and grandchild also live close, which is great. I enjoy crafting, reading, and baking. I'm as quick to watch Hallmark movies as I am Doctor Who and Marvel superhero movies. I'm more a dog person than cat person, but I have two cats and zero dogs.

What inspired this book?

I actually enjoy professional wrestling. The athleticism and storytelling parts are my favorite (though it does play out like a soap opera most of the time). The testimony of wrestler, Shawn Michaels, sparked the idea for a professional wrestler who was grounded in faith. And the physical presence of another wrestler gave me the idea for Blane's size and appearance.

Do you write full-time? What ministries are you involved in?

As of late 2021, I write full-time. Before that I had secretarial jobs, one at a Christian school and another at a doctor's office.

I approach writing as a ministry. God gave me the passion and ability to write, and I want to use it to glorify Him. I've always had a heart to help others grow in their faith and live it out in their daily lives.

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Writing stories is one way God's blessed me with to do that.

My husband also pastor's a local church, and I am active there and take opportunities to speak when God brings them my way. I work with the Your Best Writing Life Podcast as a production assistant. I write devotional and book reviews each week on my blog. And I direct a Christian youth camp for teens one week out of each summer.

Who inspired your writing journey?

My first taste of Christian fiction beyond children's books was the Christy Miller series by Robin Jones Gunn and the Cedar River Daydreams series by Judy Baer, both of which I read in junior high. Early in high school, I began reading Lori Wick. She's still a sentimental favorite. A little later in high school I read my first Linda Chaikin book. Her books, along with those of Kristen Heitzmann, showed me everything I wanted my stories to be. Not so much in style or content, but in the way they spoke to readers and the richness of the characters and stories they created.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go?

Ireland. Without hesitation. It's my dream vacation, though currently I've only visited through the stories that I read. Maybe one day...

Discussion Questions

Use these questions to start conversation in your group, but don't tie yourself to them. Go where the Spirit leads. The best discussions take place when others can share without ridicule or concern that their words will be spread to those outside the group.

1. Blane is moved to do something tangible to make the situation for Trinity and Jay better. Is there a time you can share when you've felt God nudge you into action on behalf of someone else?

2. Trinity could have turned down Blane's offer to give Jay an inside look at the wrestling world. She hesitates because she doesn't know him. What are some things that cause us to hesitate to take help or gifts when they're offered? Do we stop to consider these may be God's way of providing something for us? How can we know?

3. Blane sees a need in his church's youth and helps fill it through the church's ministry to fathers and sons, though he is not a father. Has God ever asked you to join a ministry or do something you didn't feel completely prepared for? How did you deal with that doubt?

4. Trinity ministers to families dealing with cancer because of her own painful experiences with it. Is there a painful time in your life that God has used to minister to others as they go through a similar experience? Is reaching a level of healing important before using your hurt to help others? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions

5. Blane is hesitant to share his testimony because of the fear that Trinity won't want anything to do with him if she knows of his past mistakes. Have you ever hesitated in sharing your testimony? Why?

6. Trinity and Laura have similar testimonies. Laura expresses her early doubts about hers saying, "Church girl gives heart to Jesus and stays in church." She questioned how that testimony could mean anything to others. Have you ever felt that way about your testimony? How can God use testimonies that don't involve living in rebellion to Him? (Please note, this doesn't mean the person is without sin. All have sinned.)

7. Blane is a surprise to Trinity's church. He looks different than others in the congregation, and his job isn't typical of other Christians they know. Inside or outside the church doors, have you ever been judged on appearance rather than your heart? When have you been quick to judge by what you see instead of looking at others or situations with God's eyes?

8. Blane doesn't want Trinity to suffer the loss of her church family because of him and chooses to leave. Trinity insists the choice should have been made together. Was Blane wrong? Is Trinity?

9. Why do you think it's hard for us to see others the way God sees them? What is one practical step we can take to help us begin to see others the way God sees them?

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In the Kitchen

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Inspired Recipe

Busy Day Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients:

2 T olive oil

1 cup chopped yellow onion

1 lb ground turkey (or beef if preferred)

2 tsp dried parsley leaves

1 tsp dried rosemary leaves

1 tsp dried thyme leaves

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

1 T Worcestershire sauce

2 minced garlic cloves

2 T flour

2 T tomato paste

1 cup beef broth

1 cup frozen peas and carrots

1/2 cup frozen corn

1 Box or two small bags of Butter and Herb Instant Mashed Potatoes

1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese, plus extra to sprinkle on top

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400° F. Add oil to skillet on medium-high heat. Add onions. Cook for 5 minutes. Add ground meat, parsley, rosemary, thyme, salt and pepper. Cook until meat is browned. Add Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Stir and cook for one minute. Add flour and tomato paste, mixing well to get rid of any clumps. Add broth, peas and carrots, and corn. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for five minutes.

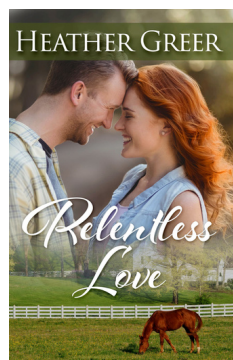
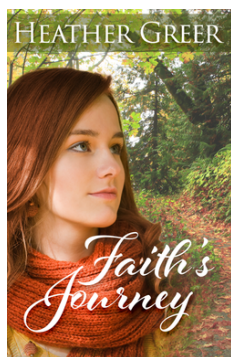
Make the mashed potatoes according to the directions. (You can make your own from scratch, but I usually use this time saver instead.) Mix in parmesan cheese, save a bit to sprinkle over top. Pour meat mixture into a 9 x 9 or 7 x 11 pan. Spread evenly. Spoon mashed potatoes on top. Spread evenly. Sprinkle lightly with parmesan. Bake for 25-30 minutes.

More from Heather Greer



"Entertaining, funny, and
full of wonderful characters."
L.W. from Amazon Review

The Faith, Hope, and Love Series



"I would recommend this to anyone that likes a book that
deals with real life experiences. (either good or bad) This is a
very emotional and touching story that puts life into
perspective. Heather Greer is an author that writes touching
and heartfelt stories that are well worth reading every time."

D. from Amazon Review

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