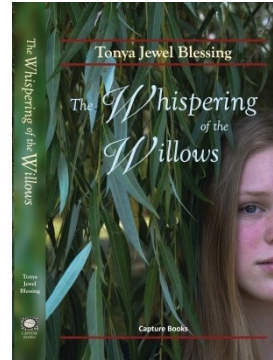


The Whispering of the Willows

By Tonya Jewel Blessing

Tip Sheet



Format:	6" x 9" (15.24 x 22.86 cm) mass market paperback/ebook
Price:	\$21.99 (print) and \$8.99 (eBook and ePub)
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Ships:	Immediately and is Returnable in the U.S. and Canada
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Keynote

Fourteen-year-old Emie grows strong in the Appalachian valley of Big Creek, West Virginia, despite grievous wrongs committed against her.

Positioning

Mother-daughter book clubs should snap this book up for bonding opportunities and discussion about coming of age and smart self-protection, as well as for good models fashioned in the community characters of Big Creek. Ladies and teachers of blossoming young women will find a list of social-cultural discussion starters and book club questions at the end of the book. They are also listed on: www.CaptureMeBooks.com. Social studies and social services students find inspiration and career insight for moral family life discussions.

Sales Points

With similarities to *Little House on the Prairie* and *Christy*, Tonya Blessing's sweet, unassuming voice deals artfully with more modern sexism, and religious bigotry. Superb storytelling interspersed with practical faith portrays the difficulty and beauty of Appalachian life.

About The Author

Growing up Tonya spent numerous vacations and holidays in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia. Most of her adult life has been spent in full time ministry with a focus on helping women. She has travelled nationally and internationally as a conference speaker. Tonya and her husband currently live in South Africa. They are the directors of Strong Cross Ministries, a non-profit organization that assists local churches in providing spiritual reconciliation and humanitarian relief to the poorest in the world. Tonya has written a number of devotionals geared toward women in ministry. *The Whispering of the Willows* is her first novel.

Description

Set in the late 1920's in the Appalachian Mountains, eighth grade Emerald is about to learn some hard lessons when a deeply disturbed man is thrust into her life by her abusive father and enabling mother. This is a story about a young woman's struggles and redemption. As love begins to cut a path through gut-wrenching circumstances and dismal poverty, Emerald is accompanied by friends and foes on her journey towards hope and healing.

Marketing/Publicity

- Blog tour, virtual mother-daughter book club tour, Facebook presence, offering free books to women's leaders and helpers in the U.S. and southern Africa, and to Social Studies teachers who promote the book to students throughout 2016; News Releases through PRWeb and Cision 50% discount to library systems and author appearances; Twitter social marketing through Capture Books; Radio interviews; Help A Reporter Out with op-eds and bylines; Author/Promoter/Presenter at The Perfect Pitch Writers Conference.
- Publicity/ Sales Promotion: 50% discount to Libraries, Retailers and Indibound stores through www.CaptureMeBooks.com and Ingram; Targeted e-blasts and catalog inclusions cross marketing all of www.CaptureBookstore.com selections.

Competition/Comparisons

- **Christy**, by Catherine Marshall, \$11.99-\$16.99 pbk **ISBN-13:** 978-0380001415, set in 1912. The books are different in that *Whispering of the Willows* deals specifically with young girls being traded in marriage for the survival of the family farm, and offering the principle value that one member of a family with one member of the law enforcement can change the trajectory of a victim's life.