

Chasing Fireflies A Novel Of Discovery

"Martin's latest is another beautifully written winner. . . Amazingly heartfelt statements about love, loss and the true meaning of friendship will resonate deeply with readers." --RT Book Reviews From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Mountain Between Us* comes a new, spellbinding story of buried secrets, lost love, and the promise of second chances. Allie is still recovering from the loss of her family's beloved waterfront restaurant on Florida's Gulf Coast when she loses her second husband to a terrifying highway accident. Devastated and losing hope, she shudders to contemplate the future—until a cherished person from her past returns. Joseph has been adrift for many years, wounded in both body and spirit and unable to come to terms with the trauma of his Vietnam War experiences. Just as he resolves to abandon his search for peace and live alone at a remote cabin in the Carolina mountains, he discovers a mother and her two small children lost in the forest. A man of character and strength, he instinctively steps in to help them get back to their home in Florida. There he will return to his own hometown—and witness the accident that launches a bittersweet reunion with his childhood sweetheart, Allie. When Joseph offers to help Allie rebuild her restaurant, it seems the flame may reignite—until a 45-year-old secret from the past begins to emerge, threatening to destroy all hope for their second chance at love. In *Send Down the Rain*, Charles Martin proves himself to be a storyteller of great wisdom and compassion who bears witness to the dreams we cherish, the struggles we face, and the courage we must summon when life seems to threaten what we hold most dear.

Combining heart-wrenching emotion with edge-of-your-seat tension, Charles Martin explores the true power of sacrificial love. He shows up when all hope is lost. Murphy Shepherd has made a career of finding those no one else could—survivors of human trafficking. His life's mission is helping others find freedom. But then the nightmare strikes too close to home. When his new wife, her daughter, and two other teenage girls are stolen, Murphy is left questioning all he has thought to be true. With more dead ends than leads, he has no idea how to find those he loves. After everything is stripped away, love is what remains. Hope feels lost, but Murphy is willing to expend his last breath trying to bring them home. Preview from Charlie Martin: "I don't know how he does what he does. It sounds rhetorical at this point because I find myself saying the same thing after every book. I flip the last page over (usually after having read it multiple times to prolong the ending) and then say, usually out loud to myself, 'How the h-e-double-hockey-stick did he just pull that off?' This book is no exception. It is unequivocally, hands down, a remarkable read. It's everything you want (and a whole lot more) from a sequel. "David Bishop/Murphy Shepherd is the guy who shoots first and asks questions later. He's got multiple secret identities, flies around on private jets, has several storage units with motorcycles, walls full of well-used handguns, rifles, shotguns, not to mention the storage unit in south Florida where he's got a Hell's Bay skiff . . . I mean c'mon. He makes Batman's arsenal and gadgets look like a joke, and Jason Bourne look like a rookie in the world of taking out bad guys. AND on top of that, the dude's a PRIEST . . . and he uses his priestly credentials to get in (and out) of some pretty shady situations (spoiler alert) taking out a respectable amount of bad guys in his white robes in the process . . . (spoiler alert #2). Too bad those robes don't stop bullets . . . (spoiler alert #3 . . . my bad. I'll stop.) And on top of that, he's got the world's greatest dog. The Shepherd/Gunnar duo is unstoppable, again, this time around. "But amid all the secret identities and kicking butt he does, let's face it . . . the dude's got MAD game. For those who don't know what that means, the dude is a total chick magnet—and not by choice. And if I can get serious for a minute, *The Letter Keeper* takes the character development between Bishop and his girls to the next level. By the end, you're so invested and knitted into their stories and hearts, you're left scratching your head thinking, 'Are we sure this is fiction? There's no way this is made up.' "The way he/Dad/Charles walks us through the storyline of Bishop, Summer, and Angel is everything we, us readers, have been waiting for. It's beautiful and deep and genuine, but thrilling and exciting all in one. Dad/Charles has had a couple of really phenomenal characters break the pages in the last 20+ years of his writing—Matthew Rising, Sunday, Ella Rain (love that lady), Tyler Steele . . . You know 'em, we love 'em all—but these—Bishop, Summer, Angel, Casey, Clay, Bones, yes even Gunnar—might be my favorite. Speaking of Bones, for those who were like me wondering who the heck this guy is in the first book, well, let's just say there's more to Bones than meets the eye. "Y'all better get ready. Like I said last time, clear your schedule. When this book comes out, say you got a scratchy throat or something, muscle aches, play the COVID scare card for a day and say you need to quarantine. Then read this book . . . front to back. There will be more sweaty palms, fist pumps, tears, and laughter than the first one. I promise. "And yes . . . in case you're wondering . . . by the time this book ends, there's not much room left on his back for more names. But something tells me that's not going to stop Bishop." Praise for *The Letter Keeper*: "Very few contemporary novelists have found acclaim within mainstream and evangelical markets, but Charles Martin is among them. His latest novel is both a stand-alone story and a sequel to his highly-praised *The Water Keeper*. It hinges on the Scriptural message of forsaking the found in order to seek the lost, a theme Martin brings to poetic and brilliant life. A man broken by events beyond his control accepts the challenge to walk dark ways in order to bring the lost and helpless home, but he comes close to losing himself in the process. Despite the hardship and heartache, Martin's story shines with the light of eternal hope." —Davis Bunn, writing for Christianity Today Full-length novel One of the Murphy Shepherd novels: Book One: *The Water Keeper* Book Two: *The Letter Keeper* Book Three: Available June 2022! Includes discussion questions for book clubs Also by Charles Martin: *The Mountain Between Us*, *Send Down the Rain*, *Long Way Gone*, *When Crickets Cry* Ten years into their marriage, Abbie faces a life-threatening illness. Her husband Doss battles the disease with her every step of the way. "Where the River Ends" chronicles their love-filled, tragedy-tinged journey and a bond that transcends all.

On a warm summer night, a young girl and her daddy catch fireflies, put them in a jar to admire for a brief time, and then release them back into the moonlight. Includes facts

about fireflies.

"Tucker, I want to tell you a secret." Miss Ella curled my hand into a fist and showed it to me. "Life is a battle, but you can't fight it with your fists. You got to fight it with your heart." An internationally famous photographer, Tucker Mason has traveled the world, capturing things other people don't see. But what Tucker himself can't see is how to let go of the past and forgive his father. On a sprawling Southern estate, Tucker and his younger brother, Mutt, were raised by their housekeeper, Miss Ella Rain, who loved the motherless boys like her own. Hiring her to take care of Waverly Hall and the boys was the only good thing their father ever did. When his brother escapes from a mental hospital and an old girlfriend appears with her son and a black eye, Tucker is forced to return home and face the agony of his tragic past. Though Miss Ella has been gone for many years, Tucker can still hear her voice—and her prayers. But finding peace and starting anew will take a measure of grace that Tucker scarcely believes in. "Charles Martin is changing the face of inspirational fiction one book at a time. Wrapped in Rain is a sentimental tale that is not to be missed." —Michael Morris, author of A Place Called Wiregrass and Live Like You Were Dying "This is the story of a real person's real struggle with the uncertainties of faith, unadorned with miracles of the deus ex machina sort but full of the sort of miracles that attend everyday life if you bother to notice. Charles Martin notices, and for that I commend him. He's unafraid of tackling the crucial questions—life, death, love, sacrifice." —Duncan Murrell, editor and writer Includes Discussion Questions & Fifteenth Anniversary Author Note Includes a bonus excerpt from The Water Keeper "Intriguing, delightful, and touching." —School Library Journal (starred review) "Creech's best yet." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) It started out as an ordinary summer. But the minute thirteen-year-old Zinny discovered the old, overgrown trail that ran through the woods behind her family's house, she realized that things were about to change. It was her chance to finally make people notice her, and to have a place she could call her very own. But more than that, Zinny knew that the trail somehow held the key to all kinds of questions. And that the only way to understand her family, her Aunt Jessie's death, and herself, was to find out where it went. From Newbery Medal-winning author Sharon Creech comes a story of love, loss, and understanding, an intricately woven tale of a young girl who sets out in search of her place in the world—and discovers it in her own backyard. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

An actress running from her past finds escape with a man hiding from his future. When someone wants to be lost, a home tucked among the Ten Thousand Islands off the Florida coast is a good place to live. A couple decent boats, and a deep knowledge of fishing and a man can get by without ever having to talk to another soul. It's a nice enough existence, until the one person who ties him to the world of the living, the reason he's still among them even if only on the fringes, asks him for help. Father Steady Capri knows quite a bit about helping others. But he is afraid Katie Quinn's problems may be beyond his abilities. Katie is a world-famous actress with an all too familiar story. Fame seems to have driven her to self-destruct. Steady knows the true cause of her desire to end her life is buried too deeply for him to reach. But there is one person who still may be able to save her from herself. He will show her an alternate escape, a way to write a new life. But Katie still must confront her past before she can find peace. Ultimately, he will need to leave his secluded home and sacrifice the serenity he's found to help her. From the Florida coast, they will travel to the French countryside where they will discover the unwritten story of both their pasts and their future.

People say young love never lasts. They say you should wait and grow up first, you should figure out who you are. But those people didn't know us. They didn't know that she didn't like shoes and Christmas was her favorite time of the year. They didn't know that she liked to feel the cold dirt run through her fingers and floppy hats were a must when planting flowers. Curly hair was meant to be wild and Fireflies were meant to be chased. Paint wasn't just for walls and ceilings but for noses and skin. Our love was the rarest kind of love and I held onto it with everything I had. But you see, Sara Williams wasn't in control of her choices. Her mind betrayed her and was her hearts worst enemy. Sometimes we're only meant to have a certain amount of time with the person we love. Sometimes a lifetime isn't enough. But you take what you're given and you make the best of every moment. This is a story about love, life and never giving up. This is a story about a woman who tried to be better for a man and a man who loved a woman more than his next breath. This is a story about us... Sara and Cash Williams.

Years ago, novelist Charles Martin cracked open his Bible and began wrestling with a few fundamental questions. He asked, "What if every single word of Scripture is absolutely true and I can trust it? How do I respond? Something in me should change, but what? How?" This book is the result of that exploration. With the depth, sensitivity, and emotion that has made his novels beloved to millions, Charles ignites our imaginations as to what the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ mean to us today. Charles asks, "What if dead and crucified Jesus came back to life by the power of the Holy Spirit and is alive today? Right now. What if that same Jesus, the One who walked out of the tomb shining like the sun, holding the keys of death and hades, is alive in me? I write fiction for a living, and that's either the craziest thing I've ever heard or it's the most important word ever spoken. You and I have a King who did the unthinkable." The answers that his writer's imagination illuminates for us will change the way we think about the gospel and the way we live because of it.

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A riveting new story of heroism, heartache, and the power of love to heal all wounds. Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the

grounds of a church with no parishioners, and he's dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. But as he mourns the loss of his mentor and friend, Murph himself may be more lost than he realizes. When he pulls a beautiful woman named Summer out of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, Murph's mission to lay his mentor to rest at the end of the world takes a dangerous turn. Drawn to Summer, and desperate to find her missing daughter, Murph is pulled deeper and deeper into the dark and dangerous world of modern-day slavery. With help from some unexpected new friends, including a faithful Labrador he plucks from the ocean and an ex-convict named Clay, Murph must race against the clock to locate the girl before he is consumed by the secrets of his past—and the ghosts who tried to bury them. With Charles Martin's trademark lyricism and poignant prose, *The Water Keeper* is at once a tender love story and a heartrending search for freedom. Praise for *The Water Keeper*: "I'm telling you, it's an action-packed, classic Charles Martin romance novel unlike anything I've ever read. And remember . . . the day you pick up this book is the day you become temporarily unavailable to the world." —Charlie Martin, son of Charles Martin "Charles Martin fans rejoice, because he's done it again . . . a multilayered story woven together with grace and redemption, and packed tight with tension and achingly real characters." —Lauren Denton, USA TODAY bestselling author of *The Hideaway* "In *The Water Keeper* Charles Martin crafts a compelling story with skill and sensitivity. Open the pages of this book and you'll enter the world of characters caught up in a real-life drama that grips the heart. As with all of Charles's books you never finish it—you continue to live there in your own imagination. Current fans won't be disappointed; new readers will understand why Charles Martin is on the short list of contemporary authors I recommend above all others." —Robert Whitlow, bestselling author *Part of The Murphy Shepherd novels: Book 1: The Water Keeper Book 2: The Letter Keeper* (available June 2021) Full-length novel (c. 110,000 words) Includes Discussion Questions for Book Clubs Also by Charles Martin: *The Mountain Between Us, Send Down the Rain, Long Way Gone, When Crickets Cry*

At the age of eighteen, musician and songwriter Cooper O'Connor took everything his father held dear and drove 1,200 miles from home to Nashville, his life riding on a six-string guitar and the bold wager that he had talent. But his wager soon proved foolish.

A sleepy rural town in South Carolina. The end of summer and a baby about to be born. But in the midst of hope and celebration comes unexpected tragedy, and Dylan Styles must come to terms with how much he's lost. Will the music of his heart be stilled forever--or will he choose to dance with life once more, in spite of sorrow and heartbreak? *The Dead Don't Dance* is a bittersweet yet triumphant love story--a tale of one man's spiritual journey through the darkness of despair and into the light of hope

Three novellas by the author of *Legends of the Fall*. "A brilliant tour de force . . . Jim Harrison at his peak: comic, erotic, and insightful" (San Francisco Chronicle). Across the odd contours of the American landscape, people are searching for the things that aren't irretrievably lost, for the incandescent beneath the ordinary. An ex-Bible student with raucously asocial tendencies rescues the preserved body of an Indian chief from the frigid depths of Lake Superior in a caper that nets a wildly unexpected bounty. A band of sixties radicals, now approaching middle age, reunite to free an old comrade from a Mexican jail. A fifty-year-old suburban housewife flees quietly from her abusive businessman husband at a highway rest stop, climbs a fence, and explores the bittersweet pageant of the preceding years within the sanctuary of an Iowa cornfield. *The Woman Lit by Fireflies* is the work of a classic writer at the very top of his form—a hard-living, hard-writing hero of American letters whose novellas comprise a sweeping tribute to the nation's heartland and the colorful, courageous characters who inhabit it. "Funny, wild, sexy, and bizarre . . . Along with Richard Ford . . . Harrison has cornered the market in the tough-but-tender style that characterized Hemingway's early work." —Nick Hornby

Three novels from New York Times bestselling author Charles Martin now available in one e-book collection. *When Crickets Cry* A man with a painful past. A child with a doubtful future. And a shared journey toward healing for both their hearts. It begins on the shaded town square in a sleepy Southern town. A spirited seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. But the little girl's pretty yellow dress can't quite hide the ugly scar on her chest. Her latest customer, a bearded stranger, drains his cup and heads to his car, his mind on a boat he's restoring at a nearby lake. The stranger understands more about the scar than he wants to admit. And the beat-up bread truck careening around the corner with its radio blaring is about to change the trajectory of both their lives. Before it's over, they'll both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry . . . and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners. *Chasing Fireflies* They have one summer to find what was lost long ago. "Never settle for less than the truth," she told him. But when you don't even know your real name, the truth gets a little complicated. It can nestle so close to home it's hard to see. It can even flourish inside a lie. And as Chase Walker discovered, learning the truth about who you are can be as elusive—and as magical—as chasing fireflies on a summer night. A haunting story about fishing, baseball, home cooking, and other matters of life and death. *Wrapped in Rain* An internationally famous photographer, Tucker Mason, has traveled the world, capturing things other people don't see. But what Tucker himself can't see is how to let go of the past and forgive his father. On a sprawling Southern estate, Tucker and his younger brother, Mutt, were raised by their housekeeper, Miss Ella Rain, who loved the motherless boys like her own. Hiring her to take care of Waverly Hall and the boys was the only good thing their father ever did. When his brother escapes from a mental hospital and an old girlfriend appears with her son and a black eye, Tucker is forced to return home and face the agony of his own tragic past. Though Miss Ella has been gone for many years, Tuck can still hear her voice—and her prayers. But finding peace and starting anew will take a measure of grace that Tucker scarcely believes in. , Mutt, were raised by their housekeeper, Miss Ella Rain, who loved the motherless boys like her own. Hiring her to take care of Waverly Hall and the boys was the only good thing their father ever did. When his brother escapes from a mental hospital and an old girlfriend appears with her son and a black eye, Tucker is forced to return home and face the agony of his own tragic past. Though Miss Ella has been gone for many years, Tuck can still hear her voice—and her prayers. But finding peace and

starting anew will take a measure of grace that Tucker scarcely believes in.

USA Today Bestselling Author, Terri E. Laine brings a new standalone New Adult Romance novel, Chasing Butterflies, about second chances on and off the field.

Golding's iconic 1954 novel, now with a new foreword by Lois Lowry, remains one of the greatest books ever written for young adults and an unforgettable classic for readers of any age. This edition includes a new Suggestions for Further Reading by Jennifer Buehler. At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

Collected together for the first time—Dylan and Maggie's love story. Down Where My Love Lives is a bittersweet yet triumphant love story—a tale of one man's spiritual journey through the darkness of despair into the light of hope. The Dead Don't Dance was New York Times best-selling author Charles Martin's debut novel. Even then, the deep characters and emotional power for which he has become so well-known were apparent in his writing. Now, this story—and its sequel—are together in one volume. The Dead Don't Dance—A sleepy rural town in South Carolina. The end of summer and a baby about to be born. But in the midst of hope and celebration comes unexpected tragedy, and Dylan Styles must come to terms with both love and loss. Will the music of his heart be stilled forever—or will he choose to dance with life once more? Maggie—Life began again for Dylan Styles when his beloved wife Maggie awoke from a coma. In this poignant love story that is redolent with Southern atmosphere, Dylan and Maggie must accept their past before they can embrace their future.

What's more magical than a firefly? Thousands of fireflies! This story follows a worried but determined Firefly as she ventures into the forest to find others just like her. A heartwarming tale of gratitude for the different creatures we meet on our journey. Beautifully illustrated to showcase the wonders of nature, and a "Did You Know?" facts page for educational opportunities.

Twelve years ago Matthew "the Rocket" Rising had it all. Married to his high school sweetheart and one of the winningest quarterbacks in the history of college football, he was the number one NFL draft pick. But on the night of the draft, he plummeted from the pinnacle of esteem. Falsely accused of a heinous crime with irrefutable evidence, it seemed in an instant all was lost--his reputation, his career, his freedom, and most devastatingly, the love of his life. Having served his sentence and never played a down of professional football, Matthew leaves prison with one goal--to find his wife, Audrey, whom no one has seen since the trial. He returns to an unwelcoming reception from his Gardi, Georgia, hometown to learn that Audrey has taken shelter from the media with the nuns at a Catholic school. There she has discovered a young man with the talent to achieve the football career Matthew should have had. All he needs is the right coach. Although helping the boy means Matthew violates the conditions of his release and--if discovered--reincarceration for life, he'll take the chance with hope of winning back Audrey's love.

Four elderly southern women share a house, a history, and heartbreaking secrets. Baby girl, I hope you're listening real good to what I'm gonna tell you about that sure-enough miracle we got us. Had to be a miracle, because in all my born days, I didn't never think it could turn out like this. Didn't never think you'd be sitting right here on this very porch with me, hearing me talk about all us folks you don't know nothing much about yet. . . Back then, I didn't really know that all the folks who came ahead of us are like the brown roots of a big old vine growing close to the porch, and even though those roots are way down deep in the ground where we can't see them, they're still there. And we grow from them, our whole lives, and then, if we're lucky, others grow from us. Well, I expect that the ones who came before us--black and white--had things they had to keep still about, too, just like me and Miss Cora. Things we had to do, whether we liked it or not. And then never speak of them again. Augusta Trobaugh is the acclaimed author of fine novels including PraiseJerusalem, Sophie and the Rising Sun, and coming soon, Music From Beyond the Moon.

I'm the wild girl whose mom decided she didn't want to live anymore. I grew up with a daddy who only had half a heart, in a town where everyone knows everyone. I've feared love nearly my whole life because I've seen first-hand what losing it looks like. It's ugly, it's scary and its pain is almost unbearable. When I was nine years old, my daddy told me you'll only find one true love in this life. "It's the rarest but truest love there is, Little Miss. You find it and you never let it go." But I didn't share the chief's feelings. Until one summer day, when a brown eyed boy with a busted lip and a smirk, showed up in the small town of Green Ridge. Tommy Kingsley started to change everything. The boy from the south side of Chicago taught me that love isn't something to be feared and that it's the only thing that makes everything else worth it. He gave me hope and this story tells you how.

Stranded in a frigid mountain wilderness after a plane crash, a gifted surgeon and a young magazine writer are forced to rely on each other for survival while confronting painful truths about their personal lives.

USA Today Bestselling author Claudia Burgoa brings you an emotional and inspirational story that will tug on your heartstrings. The first time I met Oliver Tanner he was five years old. I was four. That day he was entrusted to my keep. He was as large and loud as a church mouse. That day I taught him how fireflies were magic with the persistence of a person. That's what I loved about them. No matter how far they strayed, they remembered where they came from and who their family was. After high school, he joined the army and left Knox Ridge. Years later, the town had changed. My dreams were shattered. We had nothing left. I had forgotten all about the magic of the fireflies. Until he came back to town. Everything about him was comforting. He brought some light to my darkness, But I knew the light could only last for so long. Fireflies only stay for the summer. He had outgrown our small town. It was time for me to stop chasing fireflies. Don't miss out on this stunning, second-chance friends to lovers romance.

Dreams are like fireflies... Kashia is 13 years old and only hears bits and pieces of his Hmong heritage. His curiosity and quest for knowledge are awakened when he interviews his grandparents, Mai Lia and Ginu, about their lives in the old country. Kashia learns about his family's hardship after the Vietnam War in Laos, the crowded refugee camps in Thailand, and the struggles of life in the United States. His heart begins to change as his eyes are opened to what it means to survive, belong to a family, and have a cultural identity. This verse novel combines each character's separate voice into one delightful melody. It is a song of hope for the future and reverence of the past.

Moving in with the grandfather she never knew after the death of her mother, 17-year-old Emily witnesses bizarre supernatural activities in her new North Carolina community while befriendng its remarkable residents. By the author of The Sugar Queen. Reprint.

The Sweet Magnolias is now a Netflix Original Series! From #1 New York Times Bestselling Author Sherryl Woods When bullying threatens to destroy a teen's life, painful memories resurface for dedicated high school teacher Laura Reed and pediatrician J. C. Fullerton. With the support of the Sweet Magnolias, they bring the town together to ensure that a promising student's future isn't ruined. And to establish once and for all that bullying has no place in Serenity, South Carolina. Both J.C.'s and Laura's passion for the cause is deeply personal, and their growing feelings for each other are just as strong. But with so many secret hurts to overcome, can these two vulnerable lovers find the

strength to believe in happily ever after? Read the Sweet Magnolias Series by Sherryl Woods: Book One: Stealing Home Book Two: A Slice of Heaven Book Three: Feels Like Family Book Four: Welcome to Serenity Book Five: Home in Carolina Book Six: Sweet Tea at Sunrise Book Seven: Honeysuckle Summer Book Eight: Midnight Promises Book Nine: Catching Fireflies Book Ten: Where Azaleas Bloom Book Eleven: Swan Point Bonus: The Sweet Magnolias Cookbook

"Sandy takes us on her journey from Texas to Chicago as she learns tough lessons in friendship, family and faith. Is Sandy going to be fooled again by the pretty but two-faced Peggy Lomax? Who is Gorilla Girl, and why does she keep stealing her lunch? Will she be locked inside the dreadful Closet by the evil Mrs. Honeycort? Can her Firefly save her in time?! The answers to these questions and many more remain in the incredible adventures and mostly true stories of Sandy Forte."--Back cover.

When high school teacher Laura Reed and pediatrician J.C. Fullerton establish once and for all that bullying has no place in Serenity, South Carolina, they find their passion for the cause turning into a passion for each other.

Jade returns home to Chapel Springs after years of protecting her fragile heart. Then along comes Daniel, making her long to dance again. Growing up in the Midwestern river town of Chapel Springs, Indiana, Jade McKinley felt like a weed in a rose garden. When she left, she thought she'd never look back. Now, pregnant, alone, and broke, she has no other choice but to return. The mayor of Chapel Springs, Daniel Dawson, has been an honorary member of the McKinley family for years. While his own home life was almost nonexistent, Daniel fit right in with the boisterous McKinley family. He's loved Jade for years, but she always thought of him as a big brother. Now that she's back, his feelings are stronger than ever. As Jade attempts to settle in, nothing feels right. God seems far away, she's hiding secrets from her family, and she's strangely attracted to the man who's always called her "squirt." Returning home may prove more difficult—and more wonderful—than she ever imagined.

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Critically acclaimed author Kimberley Griffiths Little spins a thrilling story of one girl's race to unravel the curse that has haunted her family for generations. When Larissa Renaud starts receiving eerie phone calls on a disconnected old phone in her family's antique shop, she knows she's in for a strange summer. A series of clues leads her to the muddy river banks, where clouds of fireflies dance among the cypress knees and cattails each evening at twilight. The fireflies are beautiful and mysterious, and they take her on a magical journey through time, where Larissa learns secrets about her family's tragic past -- deadly, curse-ridden secrets that could harm the future of her family as she knows it. It soon becomes clear that it is up to Larissa to prevent history from repeating itself and a fatal tragedy from striking the people she loves. With her signature lyricism, Kimberley Griffiths Little weaves a thrilling tale filled with family secrets, haunting mystery, and dangerous adventure.

Inseparable best friends Kate and Tully, two young women who, despite their very different lives, have vowed to be there for each other forever, have been true to their promise for thirty years, until events and choices in their lives tear them apart. Reprint. 300,000 first printing.

This book will take you back to great childhood and adulthood memories of running around in the yard on magical hunts full of bright surprises. Can you remember running around laughing catching fireflies? What did you do with the fireflies you caught? Did you catch and release or did you stick them in a mason jars with holes in the lid or did you wonder about the green glowing light and what that was all about and smear it to see what happens? Well I will tell you what happens it glows! We are never too old to chase fireflies and be fascinated by them. So I hope the child inside of you runs outside to chase you a firefly.

Being a woman in ministry, whether you are partnering with your husband in his calling or serving in your own leadership role, is challenging. While serving as mentors, counselors, advisors, and even cheerleaders, women carry numerous responsibilities. Lori Wilhite and Brandi Wilson know about this first-hand as the wives of two well-known pastors in America. Everyone has an image in their mind of what they think a pastor's wife should be. The trouble with this picture is that it has never been and never will be accurate. Ministry wives and female ministry leaders face the same real-life struggles as their church members, but have the added stress of sharing in everyone's burdens as well. They are held to impossible standards by those they serve, and the more this ideal of women in leadership is expected, the more we turn up the intensity in the pressure cooker that is life in ministry. In LEADING AND LOVING IT, Lori Wilhite and Brandi Wilson offer a support system to help women make connections to get the encouragement that sustains them and become equipped for the ministry God has called them to pursue. They give readers tools for understanding that external pressures and expectations are only important if they fall in line with what God intends for your life and ministry and they give answers for how to deal with criticism, isolation, finding your personal calling, and what happens when you reach a place of burn-out, and more.

Looking for a little "light" reading with life-changing truth and ticklish humor? This book is for you. Popular author and speaker Patsy Clairmont weaves stories and scripture between lasers, lighthouses, and lamps to illuminate the heart and enliven the spirit. Whether you're bored with the routine, struggling through a crisis, or just ready for a good word, Patsy meets you there with vulnerability, inspiration, and an infectious grin. As a daily devotional or weekend read, Catching Fireflies will light up your day even as it brightens your smile.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING PHENOMENON More than 6 million copies sold A Reese Witherspoon x Hello Sunshine Book Club Pick A Business Insider Defining Book of the Decade "I can't even express how much I love this book! I didn't want this story to end!"--Reese Witherspoon "Painfully beautiful."--The New York Times Book Review For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the

locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens. *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

It's that nothing age--too young to actually do anything but old enough to want to do everything. So, we wait, always chasing tomorrow. But sometimes, there is no tomorrow. That realization hit me hard, a real epiphany. I knew I had to do something to make it all worthwhile, and not just for myself. But also for her.

"Charming characters and twists that keep the pages turning." —Southern Living A man with a painful past. A child with a doubtful future. And a shared journey toward healing for both their hearts. It begins on the shaded town square in a sleepy Southern town. A spirited seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. But the little girl's pretty yellow dress can't quite hide the ugly scar on her chest. Her latest customer, a bearded stranger, drains his cup and heads to his car, his mind on a boat he's restoring at a nearby lake. The stranger understands more about the scar than he wants to admit. And the beat-up bread truck careening around the corner with its radio blaring is about to change the trajectory of both their lives. Before it's over, they'll both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry . . . and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners. Praise for *When Crickets Cry*: "A testament to the power of words—from Shakespeare and Longfellow to Ezekiel—to heal and empower humanity." —Lynne Thomas, retail manager, Jekyll Books at the Old Infirmary "If you read any book this year, this is the one." —Coffee Time Romance "Martin's writing is gifted and blessed and insightful. His prose captures the essence of the story with beauty and sensitivity. I look forward to reading more of his work, past and future." —Once Upon a Romance A Southern Living Book of the Month selection Stand-alone novel (approx. 85,000 words) Includes discussion questions for book clubs Also by Charles Martin: *The Water Keeper*, *The Mountain Between Us*, *Send Down the Rain*, and *Chasing Fireflies*

"When Maggie opened her eyes that New Year's Day some seventeen months ago, I felt like I could see again. The fog lifted off my soul, and for the first time since our son had died and she had gone to sleep—some four months, sixteen days, eighteen hours, and nineteen minutes earlier—I took a breath deep enough to fill both my lungs." Life began again for Dylan Styles when his beloved wife Maggie awoke from a coma. A coma brought on by the intense two-day labor that resulted in heartbreaking loss. In this poignant love story that is redolent with Southern atmosphere, Dylan and Maggie must come to terms with their past before they can embrace their future.

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