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Jane says

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My feature article on this and another novel appears on the Historical Novel Society website.

The story begins in Chicago in 1883, where Dinah Hubley is growing to adulthood in the brothel where she was born. Her mother, a notorious prostitute known as Untameable Tori, is dying and the only way Dinah can afford both the care her mother needs and her own escape from a world she hates is to sell her virginity. She changes her mind when she sees the customer, but it's too late—and Dinah earns her money.

Dinah's escape plan is to go to Florence, Kansas, to work in a Harvey Hotel as a chambermaid. There she meets Ruthie, a preacher's daughter who tries to befriend her, and chicken farmer Amos Ackerman, who has his own problems—a childhood accident has left him lame and unable to participate in his family's tradition of wheat farming.

Ruthie and Amos are both longing for love and to start a family, and a love triangle emerges as Ruthie sets her cap at Amos who sets his cap at Dinah—who doesn't believe any decent man will ever marry her if he knew her secret. A growing interest in God is the only thing that can pull Dinah out of her spiral of shame and fear and help her face her past and future.

So here are all the elements of a full-on Christian novel: characters with histories or issues that pull them away from God, characters who move them in the direction of God, and some issues that will only get resolved if everyone decides to stop trying to make it happen by themselves and rely on God instead. From which you will deduce that the spiritual story takes the forefront, and indeed I found myself wondering if a non-believer would be able to get past the strong evangelical tone. I came to the conclusion that Sawyer must inevitably be preaching to the converted or the willing-to-be-converted, not a bad thing in itself but problematical if you'd like to see inspirational fiction break out of its bubble and attract more mainstream readers.

Such considerations aside, I found myself enjoying the story. So many near misses pop up in inspirational fiction that I was expecting Dinah to escape her john and run off to pursue a virtuous life, but no! she's ruined first and THEN runs off to show a falsely virtuous front to the world, with consequences. And Amos carries corresponding burdens of resentment and bitterness about a physical disability that, in a farming community, would make life difficult and cause him to be far less attractive to single women and their parents. I liked learning about the Harvey Hotels that served passengers on the railroad leading to the frontier destinations out west, and even relished the details of the perils that surrounded chicken farming in an untamed country. Another character, the boy Cale, displayed a different facet of the hardships of life in the western states, while Ruthie's family showed the contrasting happy unity of a hardworking Christian family. Life on the frontier was tough, the message goes, and you needed faith and togetherness to get through it all.

Of course, the whole story is covered with that slightly glossy Hallmark feel that you get when you're unwilling to delve deeply into the gritty nastiness of the real world. The plot, with the exception of the unlikely coincidence that betrayed Dinah's secret, is strong enough to support a bigger, tougher, heartbreaker of a novel but alas, the readers of inspirational fiction want the Hallmark version and that's what they generally get. And there's that ornate language again—why, for example, do characters in inspirational novels “offer a smile” and “release a laugh” rather than just smile or laugh?

Still, if you're in the mood for an unreservedly evangelical read and like interesting plots and historical backgrounds, Through The Deep Waters is very satisfying. I felt pulled through the book by that feeling you always want to arouse in the reader's mind, the craving to know what happens next, and was left with some spiritual points to ponder. For the right audience, this is an uplifting and engaging story.

Lynne Young says

Another winner for this author! I have loved every book she has written! Kim Vogel Sawyer has a way of making her characters come to life that makes the reader feel like these are personal friends by the end of the book. This book, told from 3 different viewpoints, is no exception. I felt like they were all friends of mine and I was rooting for each one of them to succeed.

Dinah was soiled, through no fault of her own, Amos had a handicap, through no fault of his own, and Ruthie was the preachers kid, through no fault of her own. Together they have one common thread - dreams. Apart 2 of them know the love of God and 1 is searching. Can they all find the common thread of Gods love and forgiveness for their human shortcomings? Can they all find happiness on whichever road God chooses for them? Will they ever feel "good enough?" With God all things are possible and He will make a way if it is in His plan as they all find out.

I highly recommend this book and all of Ms. Sawyers books. You will not be disappointed!

Mercy says

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Back Cover:

Born to an unloving prostitute in a popular Chicago brothel, timid seventeen-year-old Dinah Hubley was raised amidst the secrets held in every dark, grimy room of her home. Anxious to escape, Dinah pursues her dream of becoming a Harvey Girl, waiting tables along the railroad in an upscale hotel. But when she finds out she isn't old enough, her only option is to accept a job as a chambermaid at the Clifton Hotel in Florence, Kansas. Eager to put everything behind her, Dinah feels more worthless than ever, based on a single horrible decision she made to survive.

The Clifton offers a life Dinah has never known, but blinded to the love around her, Dinah remains buried in the shame of her past. When a handsome chicken farmer named Amos Ackerman starts to show interest, Dinah withdraws further, convinced no one could want a sullied woman like her. Despite his self-consciousness about his handicapped leg and her strange behavior, Amos resolves to show Dinah Christ's love. But can she ever accept a gift she so desperately needs?

The Positives:

This has to be the best book I've read so far this year! I read most of it in less than a day. I couldn't put it down!

The author does an amazing job making you feel for her characters. Every part of the book, I was feeling heartbroken for Dinah and Amos. I would get frustrated at them when I needed to. I got choked up when Dinah accepted Christ.

Dinah and Amos's romance was so sweet and I love it that they didn't kiss until their wedding day. I sometimes got frustrated at Amos when he learned Dinah's secret and was angry at God and Dinah.

I loved Dinah's friendship with Ruthie. Even though Ruthie had her problems, I loved it when Dinah and her

became great friends.
It had a great ending and I was so happy for them!

The Negatives:
Nothing negative at all!

Overall:
This was an amazing book about God's love and forgiveness and I definitely recommend it!

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Dawn says

Born to a prostitute and raised in a popular Chicago brothel, seventeen year old Dinah Hubley longs to escape the life she's been exposed to her entire life. When she hears that Mr. Harvey is hiring waitresses for his chain of restaurants along the railroad in the West, she dreams of becoming one of the Harvey Girls. But then she learns she doesn't meet the age requirement. With no other option left to her, she accepts a position as a chamber maid at the Clifton Hotel in Florence, Kansas. Surrounded by all of the beauty of the hotel, Dinah begins to feel more worthless due to one horrible decision she made to survive. As Dinah begins to become accustomed to her duties at the hotel, her outgoing roommate invites her to church. There Dinah meets Amos Ackerman, a local chicken farmer, and as he shows interest in her, she withdraws further. Will Amos be able to show Dinah Christ's love?

I've read several of Kim Vogel Sawyer's books and have enjoyed each one. This one caught my attention due to the fact it involved Harvey Girls, a topic I've long enjoyed ever since the Judy Garland musical *The Harvey Girls*.

This one isn't the light-hearted book I typically enjoy with historical fiction. It is very deep. Every one of the main characters struggle with sin. For Dinah, it's the sin of her past. For Amos, it's the sin of disobedience (he decides to do things on his own time table and his own way). For Ruthie, it's the sin of jealousy. But still, each of those characters come to realize what they are doing and find repentance and salvation in Jesus Christ. Dinah's transformation is probably the most gripping of the entire story. Because she didn't know her Savior prior to meeting Ruthie and Amos.

But I love the message of forgiveness woven through the pages of this book. I also love how the author doesn't sugar coat the sin. She deals with it bluntly and honestly. And for me, that is rather refreshing as I've read several authors who gloss over sin.

I look forward to what Kim Vogel Sawyer will bring us next, because her books are usually pretty good.

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Recommended to fans of Francine Rivers, Jody Hedlund, Kim Vogel Sawyer, historical fiction

Rating - 4 stars

Andrea Cox says

Sin.

Sin is something we don't often talk about. Why is that? It's bleak, uncomfortable, intrusive, suffocating... The list could go on forever. To me, sin is an obstacle, a stumbling block in my path to righteousness. It's something to cast off, to be forgiven for by God.

To Dinah Hubley, the lead character in Kim Vogel Sawyer's latest novel *Through the Deep Waters*, sin is her haunting reality and nightly terror. Born to a prostitute and raised in a brothel, Dinah escapes to Florence, Kansas, where she intends to become a Harvey girl. The esteemed position of server in Mr. Harvey's hotel dining room might be Dinah's dream job, but her past might prove too strong to overcome. Will Dinah succumb to the black cloud her sin has created? Or will her new friends show her God's healing love, extending an invitation she can't refuse?

My heart shattered for Dinah as she began her journey in the darkest of circumstances. As I turned each page, I yearned for redemption, hope, and faith for the young lady. Each new chapter brought fresh struggles, which made it difficult to set the books aside to sleep or work. Though heart wrenching, *Through the Deep Waters* is an exquisite tale that is bound to help broken people find God's healing touch. The theme of brokenness appeared early on and was reiterated when Dinah asked another character, "What... broke you?" She wasn't the only one hurting, nor was she the only one in need of mending.

This story of redemption shares the author's heart for the abused people of the world. Kim offers a ray of hope with the story of a harlot's daughter seeking more than her past says she deserves. That hope for a bright future, even with a blackened past, is what salvation is all about. It's why Jesus Christ came to Earth, lived a pure life, and died on the cross. It's why He rose from the tomb and ascended into Heaven. He came to save the lost, heal the broken, rescue and revive the weary and downtrodden.

Are you in need of a Savior?

Consider this your invitation to the healing He offers.

In lieu of a question today, I offer this prayer:

Father in Heaven, thank You for allowing me to touch my readers' lives today. Please bless each one in the ways You know they need. If they are brothers and sisters in the faith, I thank You and ask that You bring them ever closer to Your heart. If they have not yet discovered the freedom and healing You offer, I thank You for the opportunity to be Your witness. Please will You touch my readers' hearts today? Will You draw them near to Your heart and plant that seed of faith? In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

Kim, thank you for the complimentary copy of *Through the Deep Waters*. It's a joy to be a member of your street team, Hope Harbingers. I appreciate the tenderness you poured upon the pages of Dinah's story. Thank you for reaching out to the broken. Thank you for being one of God's vessels.

Kate says

This was my first Kim Vogel Sawyer book and I was anything but disappointed in it. The way the author was able to weave in three main characters' story and their relationships with each other and God was out of this

world.

The main character in the book is a 17 year old gal by the name of Dinah Hubley and she is not your typical average girl (even for this being back in 1883). Dinah was born and raised in a brothel in the city of Chicago. She works at the Yellow Parrot doing all duties except for one that she mother does. Her mother was not the loving carefree mother Dinah had hoped for or read about in books. Her mother was not really there for Dinah like Rueben (the cook) had been. Rueben is really the only friend and it does not really make him a great friend of Dinah's at the Yellow Parrot. Hr was very much a father figure for her if she had a father.

Dinah longs to get away from the life she is living to something more proper like being a server at one of Mr. Harvey's hotels. The problem though that is Dinah was no money to get away, until Ms. Flo gives her a suggestion. Flo convinces Dinah to have a one night stand with a guy and then she will be free to do as she pleases.

Wanting to be free sounds good but when the actual time comes for her to perform her duties, she tries backing out. The gentleman is anything but a gentleman and when he is done with her, takes his leave. Dinah is left there feeling more bound than free. For the rest of the book Dinah has to hide what she is feeling and hide from her past from those she meets, but sometimes that is not as easy as she hoped it would be specially when she meets Ruthie Mead and Amos Ackerman.

Another character in the book and who I really loved was a chambermaid at the Clifton Hotel named Ruthie. From the moment the author introduces Ruthie in the story, she is delightful getting to know. She is the daughter of a preacher, Mr. Mead. Though while being the daughter of a preacher might make you think, she has everything undercontrol in her spiritual life, far from it. She has to tackle with her emotions of jealousy, envy, and pride. She is in love with a man who is in love with someone else. Plus, having to share a room with a girl who she believes to be someone she really is not.

Amos Ackerman is a chicken farmer who longs for a wife and family on his farm. The problems though are that he limps and does not have a great large farm and sells little amounts of eggs to the town's folks. He wants to expand his business and so he tries to have The Clifton Hotel buy his eggs that does not go as according to Amos' plan. Amos, discovers Dinah and throughout the book falls in love with her but finding out of her past test his virtue in forgiveness. It is easy to read about forgiveness in the Bible but a lot harder when the choice to forgive has to be made.

It's a hard book in that it is emotional and yet funny at the same time. The moments when Ruthie talks people's ears off, the puppies that Amos shows Dinah or the cute little boy (I cried when I read this part of the book) named Cale who says the strangest things and at the wrong moments.

Cherie Kasper says

This is another book written by Kim Vogel Sawyer that hits the nail right on the head. Kim doesn't just barely talk about faith, and hope and love. She dives right in and brings it all home for you. This book spells out exactly what you need to do and feel to become a believer in Christ and how to live your life if you are already a believer. In the meantime, she is telling the story of a historical place and people that few people know about.

Dinah Hubley has been born and raised in a place of ill repute, her mother doing what she had to to keep them going. But, she also has no time or love for Dinah. Dinah wants to get out but ends up making a big mistake while trying to do just that. Dinah has dreams, big dreams, of what she would like her life to be. Amos Ackerman was raised in a Christian home but left his family so he would be able to follow his dreams.

Amos had an accident when he was young which left him with an impairment. Would this impairment lead him to a dream he had never dared dream?

I loved this story of life, pain, hope, love and dreams of better lives. Each character was well developed as the story starts, and adds much more as it finishes. I have always admired the way Kim has of painting you a picture with words of the settings where her stories take place, and this book is no exception. The plots keep you interested and excited to keep reading, it was very hard to put down without finishing the whole thing.

I would recommend this book to all who love reading Kim's books and any others who love Christian historical fiction. Oh, forgot to say I love the setting, it's very close to where I grew up.

Nattie says

Kim Vogel is obviously a good writer, but I couldn't get into some of the characters. I liked Dinah well enough, but I wasn't interested in reading the Amos or Ruthie chapters. Ruthie was a bit to OTT for me.

The book starts off in a rather depressing manner, and honestly I get so sick of men trying to or taking advantage of women in historical fiction.

Zelma says

This by far is my favorite book by Kim Sawyer. The subject matter is a bit hard to read, in the beginning. BUT stick with it. It has such a wonderful message of Love, Strength, and a deep longing to become something more.

Dinah grew up in a whore house. Her mom hid her away, She was not even allowed to call her mom, MOM. She would lose business that way. Dinah had a deep respect for the cook, and he loved her too. What she needed more than anything was a desire to be loved. Then when her mom took sick, something terrible happened. She was able to leave and start a new life as a Harvey girl.

There she goes on a path of self discovery, friendship, and possibility of love. What would people do when they found out where she grew up? Would they shun her and fire her. Or would they love her. This is a charming story with a very strong message, I feel will touch the hearts of so many who have been hurt in the way Dinah has. If her heart can be mended so can Yours.

Alice says

What an inspirational and heartwarming story! Though not everyone will relate to Dinah's background or circumstances, all will be able to understand her pain and yearning for truth and peace- we've all been there (some are now!). Others may relate even closer to Dinah, and if so, this story is definitely for you.

Each major character in this story is looking for guidance and direction, but they have fear rooted in their circumstances and/or past.

Dinah's awakening to the knowledge of a God who loves her and desires a closer relationship with her despite her past sins and lineage was touching to see and the reminder that no matter what is going on in our lives God will never leave us or forsake us was a comfort.

Ruthie needed to learn to surrender her will to the Lord and have patience as she waited to discover His plans for her life- and once they were made known to her, to accept them with joy and grow in doing His will.

Content referenced in the back cover synopsis regarding Dinah's "horrible decision" was handled well and without much detail; however, I would not recommend the story for younger girls. Most of the characters in this story- major and minor- were lovable and fun! Kim's novels always leave me encouraged, strengthened, and satisfied.

To find out more about Kim Vogel Sawyer and her charming novels, visit her website:
<http://kimvogelsawyer.com/>

You can also try out the story here: <http://waterbrookmultnomah.com/wp-con...>

For information on the publisher, author, and novel, click here: <http://waterbrookmultnomah.com/catalo...>

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Jazmine says

This is going to sound terrible I know, but this one was just too Jesus-y for me. I knew that it was Christian fiction coming in but I don't want to beat over the head with it. Sorry, just not for me. I'll stick with Karen Witemeyer.

Hallie Szott says

<http://pagebypagebookbybook.blogspot...>

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Born to an unloving prostitute, seventeen-year-old Dinah Hubley only knows an unfulfilling life within the walls of a dark and dirty Chicago brothel. Unwilling to forfeit her future to prostitution, Dinah escapes her unfortunate childhood home to pursue her dream of becoming a well-respected waitress and accepts a position as a chambermaid in the Clifton Hotel in Florence, Kansas. The Clifton offers a life Dinah never found in Chicago and she diligently works to prove that, upon her eighteenth birthday, she is worthy enough to become a waitress. Yet, despite her hard and honest work, Dinah continues to feel the looming shadow of her shameful past. As memories and nightmares persistently leave her feeling hopeless and worthless, will Dinah ever be able to find the reprieve she so desperately needs?

After reading Kim Vogel Sawyer's *Echoes of Mercy*, the opportunity to read and review her *Through the Deep Waters* seemed too good to pass up. And after finishing the novel, I can say Sawyer does not disappoint. Again, with her genuine characters and well-researched historical backdrop, she creates a truly captivating story. Brimming with the truth of grace, worth and forgiveness, I found this novel reminiscent of Francine River's *Redeeming Love* in many ways, while still remaining uniquely enjoyable. *Through the Deep Waters* is definitely worth reading and I absolutely appreciate receiving a copy of it from WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group, with the opportunity to read and honestly review it.

Alyssa says

{About the Book }

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raised amidst the secrets held in every dark, grimy room of her home. Anxious to escape, Dinah pursues her dream of becoming a Harvey Girl, waiting tables along the railroad in an upscale hotel. But when she finds out she isn't old enough, her only option is to accept a job as a chambermaid at the Clifton Hotel in Florence, Kansas. Eager to put everything behind her, Dinah feels more worthless than ever, based on a single horrible decision she made to survive.

{My Review }

5 Stars!!

Dinah Hubley, the seventeen year old daughter of a prostitute in Chicago, was raised in conditions no child should have to be involved in. Dinah escapes to fulfill her dreams of becoming a Harvey Girl. But when Dinah discovers she is too young to become a Harvey Girl, she accepts a job as a chambermaid at the Clifton Hotel. Dinah feels worthless, more so than she ever has before. However, she finds out in God's eyes she is a beautiful child of God.

Kim Vogel Sawyer has done it again. A novel full of redemption and letting go of your past to fulfill the future God has for you! This is not by any means a light read, or something to read in an afternoon and then put it down and never think about it again. This book and it's message will stay with you. Highly recommended!!!

Carole Jarvis says

Reviewed at The Power of Words: <http://tinyurl.com/kqymry5>

Through the Deep Waters by Kim Vogel Sawyer is a surprisingly different type of read, one that I found very refreshing and fulfilling. The story is touching, romance tender and sweet, characterization rich, and the theme of redemption is strong. As I began reading, I thought this would be a typical historical romance, maybe even a little predictable - but the further I read, the more I discovered there was nothing typical or predictable about this book.

Through the Deep Waters opens in Florence, Kansas, during the year of 1883 and features the Clifton Hotel, the first hotel owned by Fred Harvey, the man credited with bringing culture to the West. The story is told from three points of view - those of Dinah, Amos, and Ruthie, Dinah's roommate - and that technique worked very well for me.

Character depth is one of this story's strong points. When it came to relationships, Dinah "kept her distance, fearful she'd accidentally share the secrets of her past and let everyone know just how different she really was." Amos and Dinah seem a little stilted or awkward at first, but it's easy to understand why as you get to know them. They reflect the brokenness with which many of us cope, some visibly obvious and others deeply buried. Kim deals with serious life issues head on while confronting sin honestly, in a way not often seen in today's Christian fiction, and I deeply appreciated that.

One of this story's main strengths is its spiritual overtones, and I think every reader will be touched in some way. The message of forgiveness is woven throughout every page, and I loved the way Ruthie shared her

faith and the resulting scene of redemption. Dinah's character reflects how mistaken self perception can easily blind us to the love around us. And then there's all the wonderful contrasts that Kim beautifully brought out: that we build barriers around ourselves, but God tears them down . . . we allow guilt and shame to condemn us, while God freely offers forgiveness and unconditional love . . . we focus on building earthly relationships to fulfill our wants, while God wants to show us that He is all we need.

Another strength is this story's conclusion, for *Through the Deep Waters* has one of the sweetest and most satisfying endings I've ever read. I wish there could be a sequel, for I'd like to see more of Amos and Dinah, as well as the development of some of the secondary characters. Highly recommended. 5 stars based on the way this book made me feel.

Thank you to Blogging for Books and WaterBrook Press for providing a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Rhonda says

"After easing onto the edge of the bed, Dinah clutched her hands together and whispered, 'You.' She swallowed. 'I know you're sick, Ma.' Tori's face pinched into a horrible grimace. 'I told her not to say nothin' to you. An'don't call me Ma.'"

Through the Deep Waters truly touched a deep cord in my heart as I read it. It reminded me of the woman caught in sin in the Bible and Jesus asked the one without sin to cast the first stone at her. Dinah's life was born out of a sin-filled and sad life....she is the unwanted, unloved daughter of a prostitute who gave up her innocence to allow her mother to live her final days in peace and with some dignity. Yet she is plagued with guilt and nightmares. She certainly suffers PTSD although it is not called by that name. She wants to make a better life for herself and finds work at the Clifton Hotel as a chambermaid. The work doesn't sound very glamorous but it is in fact a job with great respect and honor attached to it. Will she realize her dream of becoming one of the "Harvey Girls"? Will she be able to get over the guilt and the nightmares? And what will happen with the crippled chicken farmer, Amos, who finds he simply can not stop thinking about her? This novel is one of forgiveness and second chances. 5 Stars *****

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