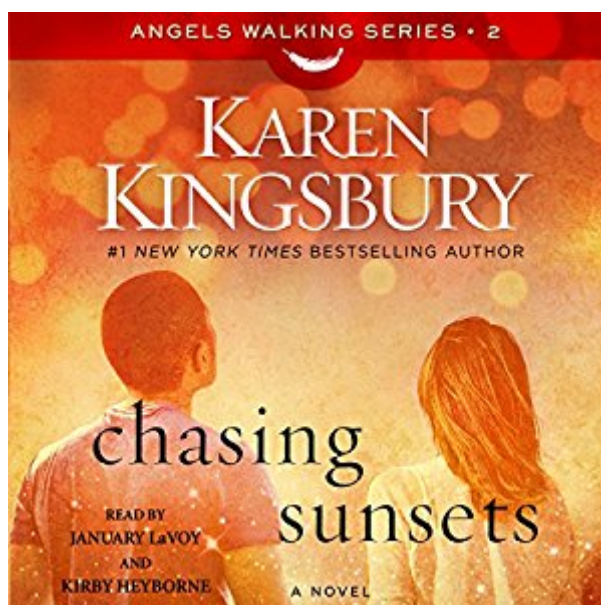


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Chasing Sunsets: A Novel



Synopsis

From number-one New York Times best-selling author Karen Kingsbury comes the second novel in a brand-new series about divine intervention and second chances - the dramatic story of a woman desperate to find deeper meaning in her life. Mary Catherine grew up in a comfortable life despite an array of health issues, including a congenital heart condition (which she quietly obsesses over). She loves her parents, who are quite wealthy, but the lifestyle never appealed to her. Instead she pursues meaning through an abundance of charity work, always giving away a part of herself in service of others. After her project with a local youth center comes to an end, Mary Catherine decides to travel to Uganda on a mission to meet the two children she sponsors - and to find out if her donations are actually helping. Accompanied by Tyler, Sami, and Marcus Dillinger, Mary Catherine arrives in Africa only to find a makeshift orphanage with 17 children and no one to care for them. They return home with heavy hearts, and Mary Catherine knows there is more work to be done. Intent on returning to Africa, Mary Catherine quits her job and leaves a budding romance behind to fulfill her desire to help others. Inspirational and moving, *Chasing Sunsets* is the story of one woman's deep longings of the soul and the sacrifices she's willing to make in search of healing.

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Customer Reviews

The highly anticipated second book in the Angels Walking series *CHASING SUNSETS* by Karen Kingsbury is one you do not want to miss out on. The prologue takes place at the town meeting in Heaven, where Orlon needs two volunteers to continue the angel walking mission on earth. Angels

Jag and Aspyn step up to the plate to take on the mission and you immediately fall in love with these two. The story centers mainly around Mary Catherine and her love for God and others. Within the pages, Karen brings every day issues to light...gang related violence, the issues of young people being drawn into such violence thinking they have no way out, but with the help of the heavenly angels and the love and concern of Mary Catherine, Marcus, Tyler, and Sami, these young people are shown that God loves them. As the story continues, Mary Catherine finds herself falling for Marcus, but she has made a promise to stay single and when devastating health issues are revealed, she knows that promise must prevail. Marcus, himself, has fallen hard for Mary Catherine and doesn't understand her distance towards him. She tells him they can only be friends, but will she be able to let him go? Jag and Aspyn's mission is not an easy one and at times they doubt themselves and their earthly feelings come out, but with the love of Jesus and prayers from their heavenly friends, they continue on. The unexpected happens within these pages and miracles come to light and you find yourself praying along with these characters. Very moving, yet inspirational read. I always look for a message when I read a Karen Kingsbury book and from CHASING SUNSETS there were several within the pages.....believe in miracles, trust God in every part of your life and know that He only wants what is best for you and He's in control. Do I believe in angels walking on this earth? Most definitely!!! I encourage you to pick up CHASING SUNSETS and get lost in a story of love, miracles, and angels walking among us!!! Looking forward to Book 3.

My favorite author. Her stories are so engaging and inspirational. From the minute you start reading her books, you become immersed in the characters' lives. The characters stay with you long after you've finished reading the book. I've never read an author's work who accomplishes that as well as Karen Kingsbury. As an example, I find myself wondering about the Baxters from her series of Baxter books, and think about how they are doing...and they are fictional characters! I tell my friends that I "devour" her books. I've been known to read one of her books in one night. They flow so beautifully, and you get so involved in the story that you can't wait to see how it ends...in fact, you often don't WANT it to end. I look forward to her next installment of the Angels Walking series, and for any stand-alone books that she has stored in that wonderful, Christian mind of hers. I just love her! I hope we are blessed with many more years of her stories in print. I will be waiting for them.

I've been a fan from way back, but the last few years of Karen Kingsbury novels have been a huge disappointment. Not this one--it was engaging, it had likable characters that I cared about, and it was inspiring. Even though I have been/am a bit over her characters always being celebrities--star

athletes, Hollywood actors, etc.--in this particular book, the fact that a main character was a star athlete was incidental to the main plot line. I also appreciated that she paid good attention to detail in this one--that's been a weakness before. For example, in the first "Angels Walking," she described the ballpark that the San Francisco Giants play in as "Giants Stadium." It would take about 10 seconds on Google to find out that it's AT & T Park, one of the top sports venues in the world. But in this one, she was precise about landmarks in LA and knew that the Dodgers go to spring training the first couple weeks of February, that pitchers and catchers report first, that they train in Glendale, Arizona, and that they play at Camelback Ranch. I have lived in LA and I go to spring training in Arizona every year. I've been to that ballpark. She did her homework this time, and maybe it's a small thing, but I respect her more for it now. Nice job--looking forward to the next one. I like the angels, too!

Most of Karen's books are self contained, meaning they have a beginning and an end in the same book. This one however, is a cliff hanger. You will need to wait until the next book in the series comes out to learn how it ends, maybe. In typical "Karen" fashion, once you start reading this book, you won't be able to put it down, or you will be searching for times when you can pick it up and start reading again. Personally, I love her books.

Most of the characters in this book were led by constant prayer. Even Lexy prayed and also her imprisoned Mother prayed. What a testament to GOD'S love for us. I hope Karen Kingsbury will keep these books coming. Our country and the world need them more than ever.

The Angels Walking series was a great faith based series of books. I enjoy getting to know characters and then following them through other stories. I would recommend this series to anybody that enjoys faith based reading.

I couldn't put this book down. There were so many things for the angels to deal with. I could understand why Jag wanted to kill Dwayne. There were wonderful things happening to Lexi. That was beautiful and so glad she got a letter from her mom. My biggest frustration was Mary Catherine. I felt she was being selfish. She should have let Marcus make the decision as to how he wanted to spend his time. I guarantee he would have picked to stay by her side as long as he had time. Imagine how he'll feel if she dies on her own without giving him the opportunity to be with her. I can't wait for the next book and I pray for a miracle for MC and Marcus. Can't wait for fall!

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