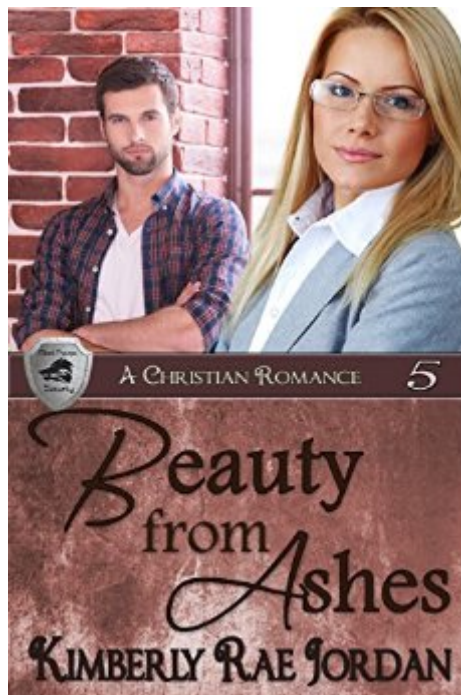


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Synopsis

BEAUTY FROM ASHES is book five of the Christian romance series, BLACKTHORPE SECURITY by Kimberly Rae Jordan. Follow the lives of the men and women working for BlackThorpe Security as they face the challenges of life, faith and love. The BlackThorpe Security series is a spin-off from the Christian romance series, The McKinleys. If you haven't read those yet, check out book one which is currently available for FREE - THIS TIME WITH LOVE: A Christian Romance - and meet some of the characters who will continue to appear in the BlackThorpe Security series. Adrienne Thorpe has watched as both her twin brother and her sister have had love enter their lives in the past few months. With one already married and the other in a serious relationship, she has had to watch them live out her dream. Though she has dated plenty over the years, Adrienne hasn't found the man she wants to spend the rest of her life with. Does she just have impossibly high standards? Or is it the small voice in her head telling her that no man would really love her that keeps her from letting anyone get close enough to touch her heart? From the moment Connor Mackenzie learns that his sister Rebecca is married to Alex Thorpe, he knows his past has come back to haunt him. After over a decade of working in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, he had plans to retire so he could move closer to his sister and nephew. Doing that now will mean being in almost constant contact with the woman who, as a teenager, he had rejected most cruelly. Has she been able to get over their hurt-filled past? Or will he be forced to reconsider where he spends his time post-retirement? At a time when she is struggling to rearrange the plans and dreams she has for her life, the last thing Adrienne needs is the person she'd loved and lost in high school stepping back into her life. Connor is grateful that Adrienne seems willing - albeit rather reluctantly - to accept his presence in her life because of Alex and Rebecca.. As he spends time around her, Connor realizes that the reason she's lingered in his thoughts over the years isn't just because of regret. Will Adrienne be able to see the genuine regret Connor has for their past and give him a second chance to be the man he should have been the first time around? Or will her hurt blind her to the realization of her dreams and the possibility that God has plans for her and Connor? Stayed tuned for the sixth (and final!) Christian romance book in the BlackThorpe Security series coming late fall 2016. If you enjoy heartwarming Christian romance with a focus on love, faith and family, be sure to check out these other books and series by Kimberly Rae Jordan. Other Christian romance series by Kimberly Rae Jordan: The McKinleys Home to Collingsworth Those Karlsson Boys Other Christian romance books by Kimberly Rae Jordan: Faith, Hope & Love Marrying Kate

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Customer Reviews

Given the moment of cruelty that Connor used to ruin his high school relationship with Adrienne, they approach each other with caution when brought back into each other's lives by their married siblings. (Though reviews are inherently subjective, I prefer to provide some organization to my opinions through the use of a personal rubric. The following notes may contain spoilers.) Plot and Setting: 4 -- Plot has unique elements and no major holes, but a few shaky bits and/or a slight lack of focus. I like the ideas behind the story, and it kept my interest, but the pacing (especially in Adrienne and Connor's relationship) felt a bit off. Also, Connor's whole rescue mission didn't quite work for me, and I don't feel like the flower deliveries/ Kelsey's boyfriend plots were truly resolved. Setting is clear and believable. Timeline may be a bit hard to follow. Months passing were actually much clearer than in the previous books, until the last chapter and epilogue. Conflict with the starting date: Connor was to arrive Dec 23 (book 4), but here he seems to arrive Dec 22. Characters: 5 -- Relatable, realistic, interesting, dynamic characters. Both Adrienne and Connor have been shaped by their brief high school friendship and its harsh ending more than they even realize. They

each have fears and insecurities that stem from that moment, and it takes confronting that history to free them to finally move forward. Interesting tension between Connor's intentions of not hurting Adrienne further and what she's actually hoping for from him. Even minor characters have depth, as do the relationships between characters. Lots of good, complex family dynamics, and some work relationships, too.

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