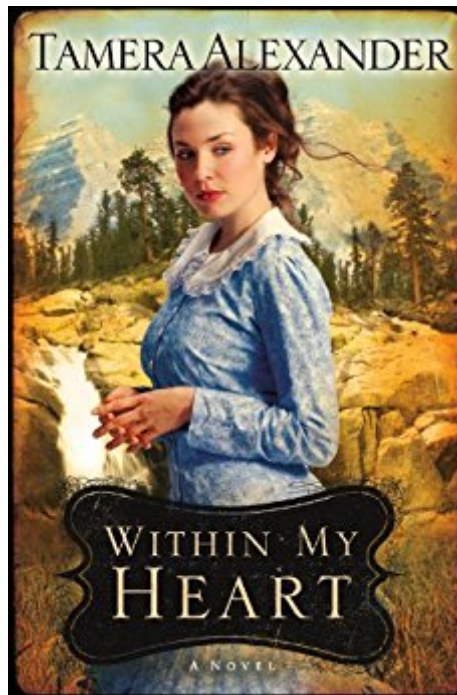




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Synopsis

From the USA Today bestselling author of *From a Distance* and *Beyond This Moment* comes an unforgettable story about faith in the face of fear, about tarnished hopes and second chances, and ultimately about the resilient courage and tenacity of hearts broken--and mended--by love. Determined to fulfill her late husband's dream, Rachel Boyd struggles to keep her ranch afloat with the help of her two young sons. But some days it feels as though her every effort is sabotaged. When faced with a loss she cannot afford, she's forced to trust Rand Brookston, the one man in Timber Ridge she wishes to avoid. And with good reason. He's a physician, just like her father, which tells her everything she needs to know about him. Or so she thinks . . . Dr. Rand Brookston ventured west with the dream of bringing modern medicine to the wilds of the Colorado Rockies, but the townspeople have been slow to trust him. Just as slow in coming is Rand's dream to build the town a proper clinic. When a patient's life is threatened, Rand makes a choice--one that sends ripples through the town of Timber Ridge. And through Rachel Boyd's stubborn heart.

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Customer Reviews

I assume you have read the general description of the storyline. This is a clean, Christian romance. I'll be honest, I shed some tears. This is not a fluffy light read. It is beautifully written with depth and emotion. Alongside the tears were silent nods of personal understanding, smiles and, more than one satisfied sigh. By the time I read the last word I knew I would be reading it again in the future. It is not just the storyline that is well done but the writing itself at times seems almost poetic with beautiful description. It is well edited which also enhances the smooth flow. The Christian thread is not hidden, nor is it harshly shoved at you. It flows naturally within the lives of the characters. There are no cliffhangers or obvious hooks to drag you into purchasing another book (I hate that). There are characters and hints of events from the past and room for more in the future but neither cause this story to feel incomplete. I have no reservations in recommending this book.

This is the third book in the Timber Ridge Reflections series. The first two books are *From a Distance* and *Beyond this Moment*. Rand is the town's doctor and has been through a lot. He's had his eye on Rachel Boyd for a long time, but she's made it clear that she doesn't want to have anything to do with him. When one of their friends begins to have heart troubles, they need to team up to try and make him better. Rachel's husband died and she's unwilling to risk her heart again. She looks at Rand through glasses that are tainted by memories of her father. While it's unfair, the more time she spends with him, the more she has to admit that he may not have as much in common with her father as she believed. These two both have fears they keep close. Rand is deathly afraid of the dark, and with good reason I might add, and Rachel doesn't want to go through the pain of losing a spouse again. They're going to have to overcome their fears to be together, especially Rachel. The first book, *From a Distance*, was about Daniel and Elizabeth. They both pop up in this book, as well as the characters from the second book, *Beyond This Moment*. James and Molly are the main characters in that one and show up a lot as well, especially James since he's Rachel's brother. You can read these out of order, but there are hints of things that have happened in the other books that I didn't remember.

I have read all of Tamera Alexandra's books - (that I know of) and have enjoyed most of them thoroughly. This book, *Within My Heart*, which is the third in her series *Timber Ridge Reflections*, is

my favorite out of the 3. I really loved the first one, and only just liked the second one, so it took me a while to decide to invest my time (and money) on the third one. I was not disappointed. Within My Heart has depth. Both in the characters and in the main story line - as well as a few other side story lines that make this book a rich and satisfying read. It is a very emotional book. About love and death - and trusting God to have the best plan for you - instead of holding so tight to your own plans, desires, and fears. Tamera Alexandra is a very gifted writer who has the ability to weave different people's situations into one book - and makes you feel like you know these people. I highly recommend Within My Heart. But you should read the other two in the series first, From a Distance, and Beyond This Moment because many of the characters are tied together from the very start. Reading the other two first will give clarity to some of the situations that play out right to the end of book number 3. Very well done - and worth your time to read.

Within My Heart is a well-told story about one woman's quest to save her ranch after the death of her husband. Raising her two sons alone only complicates matters, especially when the younger continues to get into trouble. Then, she meets the man of her future, but she doesn't see it like the reader does, because...he's a doctor? Ordinarily, any woman would be happy to meet up with a handsome doctor, but our protagonist is leery of all doctors because her father was one and mistreated (not in a medical sense) everyone in sight. This book was a fun read, complete with the details I love in historical fiction...i.e. - what was it like to live during this time? what were the triumphs? the hardships? I definitely recommend this book

Tamara is such a good writer. Loved this series. I love her Characters. She makes them so real. They just walk off the pages.

Tamera Alexander and Lauraine Snelling are now my two favorite authors! I really loved Tamera's Timber Ridge 3 book series and I hope that by popular demand she'll add 3 more! She does not depict her women characters as dumb (example: not knowing that when they've missed their "monthlies" and they have morning sickness that they're with child.) Some of the Christian historical romance books do that as well as portray the woman as dumb in regard to a kindling romance. I'm now reading book 1 of Tamera's Fountain Creek series and I can't put this one down either. She's a gifted writer and her stories are balanced throughout her books, giving me a steady dose of anticipation, interest, and inspiration. Both of these authors have brought me back from a long period of extreme spiritual dryness and have truly changed my life in a positive way. They're books

are so heartwarming and inspiring without being "preachy." I find myself praying along with the characters. I'm grateful for how I'm allowing God to work in my life again through the beautifully written words of these two women.

excellent book, love the series and getting to know the characters

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