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Dear Friends,

I hope your spring has been as happy as mine. The exciting part of mine started with the launch party for *Tomorrow's Garden* in the middle of April. This launch was a little different from the earlier ones, because I invited the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens to have a Barnes & Noble bookfair to benefit the Children's Village that same day. As you can see, the Gardens had an impressive display, and thanks to generous support from the community, it was a successful event for them.



It was a lot of fun for me, too, because it was an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new readers and tell people how a trip to the Gardens helped inspire the title for *Tomorrow's Garden*.

B&N always does a great job with launches, providing cake and punch, but this one had extra touches because of one special friend. Suzanne Dawson brought a gorgeous bouquet of flowers and insisted on making tea sandwiches and other goodies for the attendees. What made her generosity extraordinary was the fact that she had pneumonia and was supposed to be on bed rest that week. The picture in the other column is of Suzanne cutting the cake.

I am deeply grateful to Suzanne and to all of you who've bought my books and told your friends about them. The result is that *Tomorrow's Garden* was on Amazon's Top 100 list for Christian Fiction for over two months. As you can imagine, I was thrilled.

Large Print

In other good news, Thorndike Press, which published large print versions of both *Paper Roses* and *Scattered Petals*, will release *Tomorrow's Garden* in large print later this year. I don't have the pub date yet, but I'll let you know when it's decided.

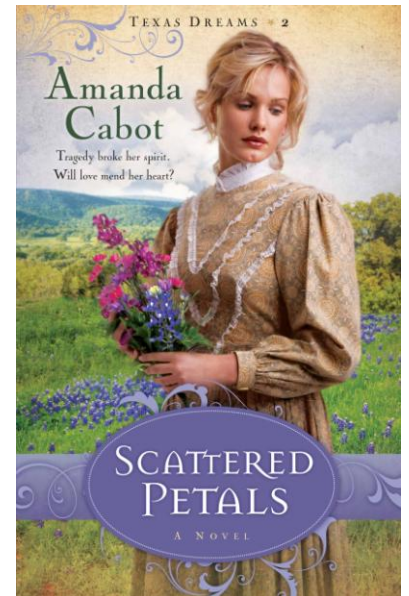


Contest Finalist

The good news continues. In early May I learned that *Scattered Petals* was a finalist for the Booksellers Best Award. This is one of my favorite contests, because the judges are booksellers and librarians – people whose careers revolve around books. I'm honored to be one of four finalists in the inspirational category. The hard part, of course, is waiting to learn which book won. That'll be announced at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, I've seen the early cover art for *Summer of Promise*, the first of the Westward Winds books, and am delighted with it. It won't be finalized until early July, but as soon as it is, I'll post it on my web site and Facebook.

May your summer be relaxing, happy and filled with many good books.



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