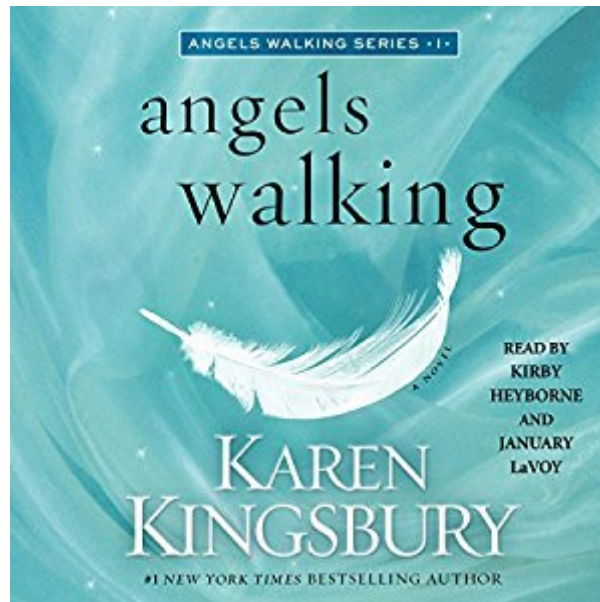


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Angels Walking: A Novel



Synopsis

From number-one New York Times best-selling author Karen Kingsbury comes the first in a brand-new series about second chances - a dramatic story about a washed-up baseball player, the love he left behind, and the miracles that might save them both. When former national baseball star Tyler Ames suffers a career-ending injury, all he can think about is putting his life back together the way it was before. He has lost everyone he loves on his way to the big leagues. Then just when things seem to be turning around, Tyler hits rock bottom. Across the country, Tyler's one true love Sami Dawson has moved on. A series of small miracles leads Tyler to a maintenance job at a retirement home and a friendship with Virginia Hutcheson, an old woman with Alzheimer's who strangely might have the answers he so desperately seeks. A Team of Angels Walking take on the mission to restore hope for Tyler, Sami, and Virginia. Can such small and seemingly insignificant actions of the unseen bring healing and redemption? And can the words of a stranger rekindle lost love? Every journey begins with a step. It is time for the mission to begin...

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Customer Reviews

This is the first in a new series from Kingsbury and it is a great beginning. The "angels walking" refers to angels on assignment on earth, walking among the people, subtly helping them to move in the direction God desires. This novel is about Tyler, a very talented pitcher in Little League and high school. His parents want him to go to college on a baseball scholarship but when he is drafted from high school, he takes that route. He leaves behind parents he has alienated and a

girlfriend, Sami, who fervently believes in him. Tyler gets in trouble working his way up through the minors. Then he suffers a career-ending injury not covered by team insurance. Homeless and nearly broke, he lands a job at a retirement home. It is exactly where God wants him to be. There he meets a woman with Alzheimer's. A woman who thinks he is her son. Her unconditional love changes Tyler's life. There is great interest in the supernatural now. Current novels usually cover the dark side. Kingsbury gives us a glimpse of the light side of the supernatural, the very real world of angels. Hebrews 13:2 tells us we might meet angels and be totally unaware of it. That's exactly what happens in this novel. Angels look like humans when they bring the right message at the right time. Kingsbury wants us to be more aware of God's fingerprint on our lives. Besides the importance of the action of angels, other issues are included. One is really living life. At one point Sami and her roommate go to the beach to boogie board the waves. "Look at you, Sami Dawson!" her roommate says. "You're learning to live!" Life is too short to settle for less than what God has in mind for us. Other issues include parental approval and perfection. Tyler's father really drove Tyler to excel in baseball. Tyler tried hard to be perfect on the mound to get his father's approval. It is quite a revelation when Tyler comes to realize he is loved even in his imperfection. This series is off to a great start. We are reminded of the reality of angels and their actions on our behalf. We are also reminded of the power and necessity of prayer. I highly recommend this novel. I received a complimentary galley of this novel from the publisher for the purpose of an independent and honest review.

Tyler Ames has given up those important to him, his parents and girlfriend, Sami. All in the hopes of making it to one of the big teams in baseball. Then an injury ends his career. Tyler hits rock bottom, but with the help of some special friends - all things fall into place. *Angels Walking* opens with an angels meeting in heaven. What a wonderful image that was! To have a mental picture of angels meeting in heaven, planning how they might help us on earth. *Angels Walking* is a story of grace, forgiveness and love through a series of miracles. The story is a great reminder of Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." A look at how the Lord uses angels even today, but do we recognize them? I write this review with tears in my eyes and my heart full. Kingsbury knows how to tell a story and pull at my heart strings. I love how she used many people and their kind acts to weave a tale of recovery for Tyler. Each Kingsbury book causes me to think. To examine my heart. I walk away from reading *Angels Walking* with a reminder to watch more closely for those "angels" in my life. *Angels Walking* is the first in a new series and will release on September 2, 2014. I'm already

eagerly anticipating the next in the series. I was provided with an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review. Thank you, Howard Books and NetGalley for the opportunity.

I've read most of Karen Kingsbury's novels - I've been one of her biggest fans - but this book was above and beyond anything she's ever written. It's the story that had me gripped in its clutches from page one. I read it straight through - cover to cover - in about 6 hours. I've thought about exactly what she said in the epilogue - if people are searching for the spiritual (as they seem to be), why is it always the spirit of darkness and never of light that we find in the popular stories? The spiritual forces are real and I loved imagining these two angels working to bring praise to their Heavenly Father by completing a mission for Him. I cried at many points as I was reading, when things moved me, but the part about how we don't have to be perfect because that's God's job - that was the most moving part. Such a powerful message and one I needed so desperately to hear right now.

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