

Welcome Back to Sweetwater Crossing

“Cabot is becoming a must-buy. Her sensitivity and realistic portrayal of characters often on the margins of history really shine in this new historical series.”

—*Library Journal*, starred review of *After the Shadows*

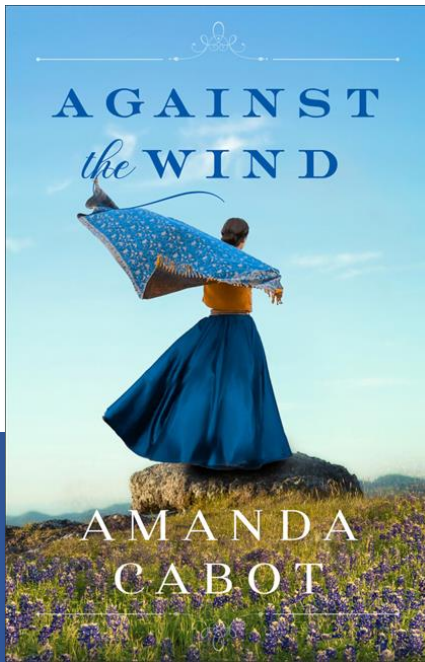
Ada, Mich.— With more than 350,000 copies sold, bestselling author Amanda Cabot has become well known for her historical romance novels. In her newest work, *Against the Wind*, book 2 in the Secrets of Sweetwater Crossing series, Cabot returns readers to the Texas Hill country for a skillfully woven tale of faith, romance, and a dash of intrigue.

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Doctor-in-training Louisa Vaughn has no intention of spending more than a few days in Sweetwater Crossing, but when she finds an injured man on the side of the road, she can’t abandon him. She’ll stay and serve as both the town doctor and the midwife until the man’s broken leg heals. But someone is determined to thwart her dreams of healing others.

Josh Porter is eager to step into his rightful role as head of the family business, if only he can prove himself to his grandfather. But his accident and the enforced stay in Sweetwater Crossing destroy his plans and leave him no option but to ponder different ideas. Maybe, just maybe, the right person to help make his dreams a reality is Louisa Vaughn.

As the two work together, can they fulfill their dreams while also uncovering who is behind the threats? And is there any future for them together when neither of them plans to stay in Sweetwater Crossing?



Against the Wind by Amanda Cabot

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PRAISE for Amanda Cabot's Other Novels

"This great historical romance with a mystery turns into so much more! Amanda Cabot never disappoints."

—*Interviews & Reviews on After the Shadows*

"Cabot skillfully links diverse plotlines in a tightly woven narrative, putting forth an uplifting message about the value of all human life that's moving without detracting from the plot's suspense. Readers will eagerly await the series' next installment."

—*Publishers Weekly on After the Shadows*

"I've loved this entire series, and each year I get to spend a few days in Mesquite Springs with my favorite characters. What a great conclusion to the Mesquite Springs series!"

—*Write-Read-Life on The Spark of Love*

"Amanda Cabot's *The Spark of Love* is a pretty faith-based romance with a sweet and resourceful heroine and a solid hero. *The Spark of Love* is a nice, simple, and enjoyable romance."

—*All About Romance on The Spark of Love*

"*The Spark of Love* will have a very special attraction and appeal for dedicated fans of historical Christian romance and history novels."

—*Midwest Book Reviews on The Spark of Love*



Sample Interview Questions for Author *Against the Wind*

Please provide a brief summary of your novel, *Against the Wind*?

When a female doctor-in-training saves a handsome stranger's life, little does she know that he'll bring both love and danger into her life.

***Against the Wind* is the second book in the Secrets of Sweetwater Crossing series.**

What is the connecting element for all of the books in the series?

There are two connecting elements: the relationships among the three Vaughn sisters, who are members of a blended family, and the mystery behind the man who built Finley House, their decidedly out-of-place home.

Sweetwater Crossing is set in the Texas hill country. Why did you choose this location and time period for your series?

Not only have I loved the Hill Country from the first time I visited it, but judging from the fan mail I've received, it also appeals to readers. There's so much history, not to mention natural beauty. As for the timeframe, I enjoy writing about the late 19th century because it's far enough in the past to feel historical, but late enough that people had conveniences like trains and telegraphs.

What do you hope readers will gain from reading *Against the Wind*?

Of course I hope they'll enjoy the romance between Louisa and Josh, but I also hope the story of forging a new path when faced with obstacles will resonate with them.

***Against the Wind* combines historical details with just the right touch of romance. But there is also an element of intrigue. Can you provide a hint of the danger that threatens your main protagonist, Louisa Vaughn?**

I don't want to give away too much of the story, so let's just say that after Louisa makes some decisions that don't please everyone in town, more than one person is determined to show her the error of her ways.

Louisa Vaughn had no plans to stay in Sweetwater Crossing. What event led to her extended stay?

When she finds a man lying by the side of the road suffering from dehydration and a badly broken leg, she cannot abandon him. Instead she takes him to Sweetwater Crossing and agrees to stay until she can remove the cast.

Your male protagonist, Josh Porter, is also a temporary visitor to Sweetwater Crossing. Can you provide some information on his backstory?

Josh's grandfather has challenged his two grandsons to find a way to expand their family business (what he refers to as America's answer to Fortnum & Mason), declaring that whoever develops the best proposal will gain control of the company. Unfortunately, Josh's plans are stolen along with his horse, leaving him with nothing. Nothing, that is, until he sees new possibilities in Sweetwater Crossing.

What do you love about writing historical novels?

It's so much fun traveling back to what most people consider to be simpler times and creating characters and situations that are decidedly not simple.

How can readers connect with you?

I love hearing from readers and invite them to visit my website, www.amandacabot.com. I call it my one-stop-shopping site, because it includes information about my books, links to my social media accounts, the signup link for my monthly newsletter, contact information, and resources for writers.

Where can readers purchase a copy of *Against the Wind*?

It's available at all the usual online sites and should also be available in brick and mortar bookstores.

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BOOK: *Against the Wind* (available October 2023, Revell)
