



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH TRACIE PETERSON

1. This is book three in your *SAPPHIRE BRIDES* series. What is this book about?

All three books in this series are independent of each other, but all three deal with Montana's Yogo sapphires. *A Love Transformed* is set during World War I and deals with a young widow and her children coming home to Montana and the love she left behind. It's a story of second chances and of love once lost being found again.

2. Was there any special research you did for this story?

There was continuous research on the Yogos as well as Montana during the First World War. I set the story on a sheep farm, so I also sought the advice of friends who grew up on a Montana sheep farm. It was very interesting to learn about it after having studied so much about cattle ranching.

3. What made you want to tell this particular story?

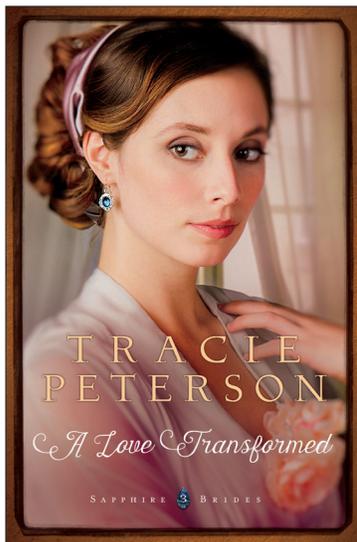
I think one thing that came to mind is how many of us would love to redo things from the past. Seldom do we get a second chance to make things right. I wanted to give the reader a story that showed this from a couple of angles—the heroine and hero's romance for one and the hero's past mistakes for another. Our God is a God of second chances.

4. Is the focus of second chances also then the spiritual focus for the story?

Yes, in part. I don't know anyone who doesn't wish they could go back in time and make different choices for certain things. My hero in this story made some very bad choices and hung out with the wrong crowd. It ruined his reputation and made him deeply ashamed of who he was so that he no longer feels worthy of the heroine. So part of the spiritual focus is learning to forgive yourself, once you've repented and sought God's forgiveness.

5. Is there anything else about this story you'd like to share?

I hope that this book will touch the lives of readers who have struggled to forgive themselves for mistakes they've made, and to try again. I hope they will see the value in giving second chances, as well as receiving them. And most of all, I hope that the reader will be drawn closer to God through the story.



A Love Transformed

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