



***The Heart's Choice*  
by Tracie Peterson and  
Kimberley Woodhouse**

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***Award-Winning Novelists Journey to  
Montana for Riveting New Historical  
Romance Series***

**Ada, Mich.**—*Booklist* referred to Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse as a “dynamic authorial duo.” They once again prove their mastery of the historical romance genre in *The Heart’s Choice*, the first book in The Jewels of Kalispell series. Set in Kalispell, Montana, *The Heart’s Choice* offers a romantic tale which culminates in a daring and intense race against time.

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As a young girl, Rebecca Whitman witnessed a wrongful conviction of a person she knew was blameless. This incident impacted and changed the tide of her life and made her determined to fight for and defend the innocent. As an adult, she has taken on the role of the first female court reporter in Montana. She is paid to record trials—but not to have an opinion. When a guiltless man is condemned, Rebecca’s investigative nature leaves her unsettled, and she will do everything in her power to right the wrong.

Mark Andrews arrived in Kalispell as a teen. His father, a well-respected man in the community, had built up a large and successful ranch and planned to have Mark take over operations when he returned from college. But Mark prefers to wrangle books not cattle. He has accepted the job as the librarian of the brand-new Carnegie library. He loves what he does and is intrigued when patron Rebecca Whitman seeks help with research in order to prove a man’s innocence.

Can Mark convince his dad that what he does is important and vital while also helping Rebecca find the evidence needed to free an innocent man before it is too late?

Escape to the lush Montana countryside for a heart-gripping story of mysteries solved and justice prevailing from the pens of bestselling authors Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse.



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**Tracie Peterson** ([www.traciepeterson.com](http://www.traciepeterson.com)) is the award-winning author of over 100 novels, both historical and contemporary. Her avid research resonates in her many bestselling series. Tracie and her family make their home in Montana.

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“The third in the Treasures of Nome series, with each installment featuring one of the three Powell sisters, this novel stands on its own as a sweet and appealing faith-based story.”

—*The Historical Novels Review*

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“A beautifully crafted novel in the Christian Historical Romance Fiction genre, *Ever Constant* by the writing team of Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse is as compelling a read as it is engagingly entertaining from cover to cover.”

—*Midwest Book Reviews*

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“In Tracie Peterson’s new novel, *Ever Constant*, Peterson tells of an early 1900 sickness that is running rampant in the outlying villages of Alaska.”

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“Readers will not be disappointed in this story. . . . The book contains an in-depth evaluation of what it means to put God first in one’s life and to rely on him.”

—*Compass Book Ratings*



**Sample Interview Questions for Tracie Peterson and  
Kimberley Woodhouse**  
*The Heart's Choice*

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**Can you please provide a brief summary of your novel, *The Heart's Choice*?**

They must uncover the truth before it's buried forever.

After witnessing a wrongful conviction as a young girl, Rebecca Whitman—the first female court reporter in Montana—is now determined to defend the innocent. During a murder trial, something doesn't sit well with her about the case, but no one except the handsome new Carnegie librarian will listen to her.

Mark Andrews's father sent him to college hoping he would take over the business side of the family ranch, but Mark would rather wrangle books than cows. When a patron seeks help with research in hopes of proving a man's innocence, Mark is immediately drawn to her and her cause.

In a race against time, will Rebecca and Mark find the evidence they need—and open their hearts to love—before it's too late?

***The Heart's Choice* is the first book in The Jewels of Kalispell series. What is the connecting element for all of the books in this series?**

We've used three fascinating historical landmarks in Kalispell. The Carnegie Library, which is now the Hockaday Museum; The Great Northern Railway Depot, which is now the Chamber of Commerce; and the McIntosh Opera House, which is still there, but needs renovation and is unopen to the public.

**What was the inspiration for *The Heart's Choice*?**

We have lots of inspirations for our books. Tracie and I have a blast when we brainstorm and research together. But for this book, two big ones stood out: One was the unique landmarks we used—in this case the brand new Carnegie Library. The second was to have our heroine be a court stenographer and love mysteries.

**Your female protagonist, Rebecca Whitman, witnessed a wrongful conviction as a young girl. How did this event impact her life?**

It made her want to fight for the underdog and always seek justice. So she ventures into the law by become a court stenographer. When she is working on a case in the courtroom in Kalispell, she becomes passionate that a man being tried for murder is actually innocent.

**Librarian Mark Andrew has failed to live up to his father's expectations. What were his father's plans for him and what route did he choose instead?**

Mark's father built a large ranch and longed for his son to continue the empire. But Mark's passion is with books and he is the director of the new library.

**How does Mark try to convince his father that what he does is important and vital?**

Mark and his dad have to learn some hard lessons in *The Heart's Choice*. The biggest being that loving someone means to support their dreams and passions.

**Rebecca Whitman and Mark Andrew work in completely different fields. How did their paths cross?**

Marvella Ashbury (the judge's wife who will be in each of the books in this series) is set on matchmaking the two although the young people don't make it easy in the beginning. But since they both share a love of books, Rebecca finds herself at the library seeking Mark's help. Especially when a man's life hangs in the balance.

***The Heart's Choice* is set in Montana. Why did you choose this location for the setting of your new novel?**

We both love Montana and, for a few short years, had the opportunity to live less than two miles apart in the Bitterroot Valley. Kalispell is one of our favorite places.

**How can readers connect with you?**

Traciepeterson.com and kimberleywoodhouse.com (all our social media links are there!)

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