



**Counted With the Stars**

OUT FROM EGYPT #1

by Connilyn Cossette

Trade Paper ISBN: 978-0-7642-1437-0

\$14.99; 352 pp.

Ebook ISBN: 978-1-4412-2941-0

Release Date: April 2016

**“Her engrossing tale draws on the Book of Exodus and pays exquisite attention to the ancient setting, creating an exotic yet foreboding atmosphere. Biblical fiction buffs, especially those who follow Angela Hunt, Jill Eileen Smith, and Rebecca Kanner, are sure to be swept away by this promising new author.”**

**—Library Journal**

**Media Contacts**

FICTION PUBLICIST: **Amy Green**

952-829-2596

agreen@bethanyhouse.com

CANADIAN MEDIA: **Ellen Graf-Martin**

519-342-3703

ellen@grafmartin.com

Please send tear sheets to:

Amy Green

Bethany House Publishers

11400 Hampshire Ave. S. #200

Bloomington, MN 55438

**BETHANYHOUSE**

A DIVISION OF BAKER PUBLISHING GROUP

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## A Moving Biblical Fiction Debut Brings the Exodus to Life

*Counted With the Stars* by Connilyn Cossette  
**OUT FROM EGYPT #1**

Minneapolis, MN—Bethany House, the leader in biblical fiction, is excited to introduce a new author who will appeal to fans of Lynn Austin and Angela Hunt. Connilyn Cossette’s *Counted With the Stars* explores the well-known story of the plagues and the Exodus from the point of view of a young Egyptian, giving the familiar story new depth of meaning for readers.

Cossette was the recipient of several pre-publication awards for *Counted With the Stars*, including a semifinalist for the ACFW Genesis Contest in historical fiction. Her debut novel has already garnered praise from *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*, calling it “engrossing” and “exquisite.” Readers intrigued by recent films centering on Old Testament events will find her fictional account of the Exodus compelling, leaving them anticipating the rest of the series that will tell the story of God’s mighty deeds in ancient Israel.

*Sold into slavery by her father and forsaken by the man she was supposed to marry, young Egyptian Kiya must serve a mistress who takes pleasure in her humiliation. When terrifying plagues strike Egypt, Kiya is in the middle of it all.*

*Choosing to flee with the Hebrews, Kiya finds herself reliant on a strange God and drawn to a man who despises her people. With everything she’s ever known swept away and now facing the trials of the desert, will she turn back toward Egypt or surrender her life and her future to Yahweh?*

**“Telling the story from the perspective of a Gentile who traveled alongside the escaping Hebrews, Cossette flips the script on the usual telling of the biblical tale in this promising debut work. Readers will smell the fear on Passover night, feel the wonder of the Red Sea crossing, and sympathize with the starving and thirsting of those escaping in the wilderness. The smart attention to detail and strongly developed characters also bode well for future installments of this OUT FROM EGYPT series.”**

**—Publishers Weekly**

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**



When she is not homeschooling her two sweet kids (with a full pot of coffee at hand), **Connilyn Cossette** is scribbling notes on spare paper, mumbling about her imaginary friends, and reading obscure, out-of-print history books. There is nothing she likes better than digging into the rich, ancient world of the Bible and uncovering buried gems of grace that point toward Jesus. Her novel *Counted With the Stars* won the 2013 Frasier Contest and was a semifinalist in the 2013 ACFW Genesis Contest. Although a Pacific Northwest native, she now lives near Dallas, Texas. Connect with her at [connilyncossette.com](http://connilyncossette.com).

Available at your local bookstore, [bethanyhouse.com](http://bethanyhouse.com) or by calling 1-800-877-2665.