

Content Guide
A Love Such as Heaven Intended
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Themes: Finding common ground through a shared Catholic faith, putting other people's lives before our own, seeking inner strength to make it through difficult times, yielding to God's plan in our lives, becoming the person that God wants us to be.

Educational Value: Readers learn about the Civil War from varying perspectives, tenets of the Catholic faith, signs that a person is being trafficked, the power of prayer, the vital role of priests during the Civil War, and the value of love, humor and forgiveness in relationships.

Positive Messages: We're stronger and more resilient than we think we are, average people can do extraordinary things during trying circumstances, relationships take work but it's worth it, we can put aside our differences to help bring about the greater good.

Spiritual Messages: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, prayer is powerful, we must put our trust in God and in our faith. Regardless of past circumstances, we can strive to be the best person we can be each and every day.

Positive Role Models: Our protagonists Josephine and Michael are practicing Catholics who never give up their faith. Other good roles models are Hubert and Bernadette, Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, and the religious sisters of Immaculate Conception Church.

Violence/Gore: This is a story about the Civil War, but the violence and battles are downplayed to make this book ideal for high school-age through adult. There is reference to human trafficking and some abuse at the hands of a trafficker, but again, the violence is downplayed.

Sexuality: A young girl has been caught up in the world of human trafficking and is carrying her trafficker's child. The topic is handled delicately, nothing is portrayed in graphic detail.

Language: No strong language.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: A brief story was relayed of a young girl who had been drugged, but nothing in graphic detail.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW This book is based on a true story from the Civil War. Because it's written from the perspective of a young man and young lady protagonists (every other chapter), both male and female readers, high school-age and up, will enjoy this wholesome romance that depicts a broad picture of the Civil War.

Rating Scale: ADVANCED

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.