

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

Educational Value: Readers learn about the Civil War from varying perspectives— including the Battle of Gettysburg, the bloodiest battle ever fought on American soil. They learn about the power of prayer, the vital role of medical professionals 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, people should be considered by their abilities, not their outer appearances, average people can do extraordinary things when they must, relationships take work but the work is worth it, putting differences aside between two people can help bring about the greater good.

Spiritual Messages: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, faith will help a person get through most anything, prayer is powerful, we must put our trust in God and in our faith.

Positive Role Models: Our protagonists Ruth and Ben—one who found faith again, and the other who never left the faith, President Abraham Lincoln, the men and women in the medical field who saved countless lives during the Civil War.

Violence/Gore: This is a story about the Civil War, but the violence and battles are downplayed to make this book ideal for middle school-age through adult. Medical procedures are referenced, but nothing in gory detail.

Sexuality: There is no sexuality in the book. Ruth and Ben are committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Language: No strong language.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: No references to those topics.

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 a young lady (their point of view switching every other chapter), both male and female readers, middle school-age and up, will enjoy this wholesome romance that depicts the perilous final year of the Civil War in Washington City.

Rating Scale: MODERATE

Light – For all readers

Moderate – Story includes subject matter for teens 13+

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