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**Bestselling Author Tracie Peterson Launches Exciting New Series Set in 1890s Montana**

Emily Carver wants a home where she can put down roots instead of following her gold-hungry father from one mining camp to another. She also longs for tenderness and love, both of which are missing in her life. Yet when she realizes she's losing her heart to the intriguing new man in camp, she fiercely fights her feelings, afraid that love will only result in disappointment and heartache.

Caeden Thibault, a young geologist, comes to Montana to catalog minerals indigenous to the state. He's a serious and guarded young man trying to escape the pain of his past. He has avoided all romantic entanglements, fearing he might become like his abusive father. But something about Emily Carver has caught his attention, something he never expected. . . .

Will these two broken souls allow God to bring healing and hope to their hurting hearts?

## A Treasure Concealed Details

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## **From Reader Review A Treasure Concealed for online ebook**

### **Lori says**

Come to the wilds of Montana and meet Emily Carver and her mother Nyola and Henry Carver

I loved this book and felt like I was there with the Carvers and their friends. I could actually hear the river gurgling as it ran by the Carvers' claim. I could see the trees and imagine anything else that was there.

Emily is a giver. She is also a caretaker. I loved this about her on both accounts. Little by little her faith has also been growing especially since her mother passed on. It will take every ounce of faith throughout the story that she has.

There are bad men everywhere even back in Emily's time. They want what everyone else has been working hard for. They especially like to pick on Henry Carver. They thought they could run him out but they were in for a surprise!!! Mr. Singleton is definitely one that loves to take from people.

Caeden is my hero in more ways than one!! Caeden is a geologist who was sent by Washington to study the area and the land. Washington wanted to know more about this area. He is also a giver!! I was surprised by this because usually most men are takers. I've always imagined him tall, dark and handsome!!!

I'm so glad that Caeden didn't turn out like his parents like he was afraid that he would. I think he turned out just fine with God's help and a lot of determination. I believe that God sent Caeden to watch out for the Carvers especially Emily. There are also children who grow up without parents who turn out to be alright too.

Nyola is sort of my favorite character. I loved the insight that she has!! It's like she knows the future and what is going to happen before it does. I didn't like the way she died though. I can't imagine the horrible way she died. NO one deserves that!!!

Then we have Mr. Arnold and his daughter Catherine. I didn't like him but Catherine was ok. I didn't like Mr. Arnold because he was all bluster and liked to spend money that wasn't there.

Catherine didn't want to marry Caeden at all because she didn't love him. She loved someone else something her father didn't understand.

See, back then all the rich and well to do families wanted to marry their children to a prospective family so that their own families could do well in times of trouble. Catherine didn't want to be a part of this. Mr. Arnold didn't want to listen. People like him have to learn the hard way!!!

Jake is a pretty cool guy too. I love how he watches out for Emily and her father while Caeden is gone to do what he has to do.

This book is action packed and full of entertainment. It's like watching a western movie on TV!! Only better!!

This book was given in exchange for an honest review from Bethany House publishers

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### **Dana Kamstra says**

A bit of honesty first: I wasn't sure if I wanted to pick this book up. The last couple of times I've picked up new novels by Tracie Peterson, I found myself disappointed. The story just didn't sing or come alive. And I ended up putting the novel down around the halfway point. But this one? Well, I enjoyed it so much.

A Treasure Concealed takes readers to a rough country of gold mining camps in Montana. There are some rough characters and then there are the type of neighbors that really do look out for one another. The characters in this book are wonderful. The main characters have shining personalities, side characters are

distinctive in their own rights, and the bad guys are turly slimey. The setting is picturesque and easy to imagine and the plot is intriguing.

But, I'm only giving it four stars. I did have a couple of issues with the story. First of all, as for the romance storyline, I wish there was just a bit more. We know the characters are spending time together, but we don't see it. So when love starts to show up, it's believable, but I felt like I missed out on some of those sweet moments.

The second issue was the big finale of the book. Everything was in place. The tension was high and I knew something was going to happen... and it did, and then it was over--quickly. The final moments of the book just came and went to quickly. Things were resolved much too easily. I didn't even have time to fear for the characters before it seemed like things were done.

But despite those two problems, they felt minor in the overall scope of the book. I still enjoyed it immensely, and I'm planning to pick up the next book of this series.

\*\*I received a copy of this book from Bethany House in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are my own.\*\*

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### **`Candle says**

Montana, a beautiful state and the setting for a wonderful story by Tracie Peterson. Her book is aptly named for the more you read, the more you find to keep you turning pages. Her descriptive opening reveals the heroine, Emily Carver; and we are at once, intrigued to find out more about how she survives in a mostly male environment. She and her parents live near a small mining settlement where her Dad continues to chase his dreams of finding a gold treasure. Her mother is dying of an unknown illness; and Emily finds pleasure in the few friends she has, her animals, and her garden. Enter our hero, Caeden Thibault, a geologist on assignment for the government. Emily's dad invites him home for a meal and a place to stay and sends him up to the cabin, where he walks in on Emily, having just finished her bath and clad only in her underlings. From this unceremonious beginning, they begin a fragile but budding relationship complicated by the pronouncement by Emily's Mom, that Caeden is the man God means for her daughter. This is a thoroughly entrancing read, peopled with interesting characters, and a plot with many twists and turns. You will find there is more than one treasure to be discovered. I recommend this book as worth your time to find "A Treasure Concealed". I received this book through Bethany House's Blogger Review program for an honest review.

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### **Debbie Lester says**

Tracie Peterson brings readers the first book in her new Sapphire Brides series, A Treasure Concealed. Peterson is well known in the Christian fiction genre, but her books are also full of historical detail and romance. Readers looking for a novel steeped in history, yet fortified with faith and grace will love this one. Peterson once again shows her versatility and amazing knack for detail and description. A great new effort from a trusted favorite.

What I liked:

There are a couple of things that I look for when it comes to a Tracie Peterson novel. First, I know I am going to get a story that is historically accurate and very detailed. Peterson does her homework when it comes to every detail of her story. She brings the Montana gold fields to life in her latest book, *A Treasure Concealed*. I had no problem imagining the claims and the people who were drawn to gold mining. Peterson makes them come alive. Her books are always on point when it comes to the historical aspects.

I also know that when I pick up a Tracie Peterson novel, that the characters will be both believable and realistic. Peterson does a great job with characterization. Emily was a great heroine in this one. She has been dragged around from gold town to gold town most of her life at her fathers insistence. Her mothers health has suffered and she is feeling the strain of wanting a home of her own. She is strong in faith and knows what she wants. I found myself very engaged in her story. Peterson also does a great job with the hero, Caeden. Caeden has no intention of turning into the man his father was, and he holds women at a distance until he meets Emily. Both are great characters who Peterson brings to life so well.

As always with Peterson's books, the reader gets a message of faith in one form or another. Peterson never comes across as preachy or too overdone. Her characters live out their faith in such a way that it seems an integral and necessary part of the story. Peterson is very skilled at getting her message across to the reader in a way that will make them think about things in a deeper way.

What I didn't like:

There was definitely a bit of action in this one and I thought Peterson did a great job in the build up to the end. I wasn't sure how everything was going to play out and I wasn't exactly positive the author could pull it all off in the amount of time given for the story. Rest assured there is no cliff hanger ending in this one. But the resolution of the story comes very quickly and seemed a bit trite in some ways. It was a little too easy to suit me. Conflict is necessary in a good novel and readers get that here, but the ending was a bit rushed.

Bottom Line:

I liked this one a lot. It was a typical Tracie Peterson novel. Full of history, a bit of romance, some action and a story that had a deeper meaning than just your average fluff romance. I loved the characters and the way that Peterson was able to bring out what was deep within them. The Montana gold mining communities came to life here and readers looking for a great historical romance, and a good clean read, will love it. The ending was a bit rushed for my tastes, but everything does get resolved in a believable way.

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## **Natasha Marie says**

The brief summary I read before requesting this book to review sounded like a lot of other Christian romance books out there - pretty much just fluffy and sappy. But the setting - gold mining in Montana in the Old West - intrigued me, so I went for it. So I was surprised when I really, really liked this book!

I enjoyed the character development immensely. Emily is a likable young lady, selfless in caring for her invalid mother, and searching for gold with her father. She longs for a home of her own, one that she won't have to pack up and leave in search of gold. Although her parent's are both strong Christians, she struggles with her own faith, wondering if God really does care about her.

Caeden, thought quite well off financially, comes from a broken family. His father was never there for him,

and he hates the fact that his mother died unloved. Meeting Emily's family starts him down a path of discovery and faith.

I thought the Christian message was quite good throughout the story. The turning point for Emily was when she realized she was hanging onto her parent's faith, and hadn't accepted Christ for herself. I think a lot of us who were raised in a Christian home have a moment like that. Our salvation story isn't spectacular, but is simply the realization that we need Christ for ourselves. Caeden's turning point was when he realized he was not like his dad (abusive, greedy, and scheming), that he could use his wealth for good, and most importantly that he needed Christ.

There was still the oftentimes sappy romance...but that's not always a bad thing. :smile: Plus, it wasn't a "love at first sight" scenario. The characters grew to love each other, which is much more enjoyable for me. On the whole I found this to be a well written, charming, and encouraging read which I enjoyed for much. I look forward to reading the next book in this series!

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### **Pegg says**

Emily Carver wants what most young women in 1895 want, a husband and a home of her own. She's disenchanted with the life she's grown up in, following her father from mining camp to mining camp in search for a treasure of gold that never materializes. They barely survive in whatever shack or shanty they move into next.

Caeden Thibault wants to see the west and live off the land. He's disgusted with his father's money-grubbing ways. He's left New York behind and doesn't plan to go back. He has no intentions of marriage or home and no faith in a happily-ever-after.

Thrown together by circumstance, Emily and Caeden discover a lot about themselves and each other that they didn't expect. When claim jumpers show up, it'll take all their strength of wills to overcome the obstacles in their paths.

Not a bad story, but not one of Tracie Peterson's best. The problem with writing so many good books is, that readers want all of them to be that good! This one gets a little too preachy for my tastes, but the message is solid and the gospel is true.

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### **Kathleen Friesen says**

The history contained in *A Treasure Concealed* compelled me to do a little online research on Yogo sapphires. What a fascinating story! Author Tracie Peterson obviously dug deep (no pun intended) into the stories of the fabled gemstones to make this story feel so real.

Like the real-life miners of Yogo, Emily's father, Henry Carver, will not give up on the failed gold claim on which he staked his family's future, in spite of his wife's illness and his daughter's yearning for a real home. Henry believes he is following God's leading, and no one can convince him otherwise.

Several heart-breaking tragedies rip the Carvers from their shack and claim, while Caeden faces his own adversaries. Their trials and journeys toward peace make for a difficult but worthy story, and I award *A Treasure Concealed* four stars.

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### **Ann Valdez says**

Tracie Peterson does it again. She writes a book that is uplifting and inspiring with a great storyline. Escape to the Montana Territory where people have gone for the dream of wealth through gold mining. Emily Carver's dad thought that and even though his family has had nothing but poverty and continual moving, they have had the greatest treasure of family love. But now, Emily is older, her mother is dying, and she has a dream of marriage, children, and a home. How can that happen, though, when she disguises herself in baggy men's clothing and a hat to ward off women-hungry men from the mining camps? Enter Caeden Thibault, a geologist studying the area who was raised with the material wealth in a family of poverty of love. His dad was an alcohol, abusing, financially successful man and his mother was a loving God-fearing woman. Caeden feels his prayers were unanswered with his mother dying in the midst of this, and has left home and God. Now he meets this simple, beautiful woman who has so little in material goods, but who has everything in spirit of appreciation and goodness. Can they work through all of this especially since Caeden's dad arranged for him to marry a rich girl from back home?

It is a pleasure to read a book with goodness and pureness. Bethany House continues to publish top notch books, and this one ranks right up there with their others. They are one of my favorite publishers.

I received this book from Baker Publishing and this is my honest review.

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### **Aerykah says**

This book is quite good; I really enjoyed it. The narrator (Melissa Hurst) took some getting used to, but she wasn't bad. (I can be a bit picky when it comes to narrators...)

Since I don't have the time to write a nice, long review... I thought I would share a few things that I particularly enjoyed about this story:

- 1) The family dynamics and the contrast of Emily's and Caeden's upbringing.
- 2) The Christian truths and the faith of the characters.
- 3) The growth and development of the characters, especially Emily and Caeden.
- 4) The relatability (yes, that's a word) of Emily in particular.

I am definitely looking forward to reading the next book in this series! :)

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### **Brittany says**

What an enjoyable introduction to a new series! A Treasure Concealed was a book that kept me interested in turning pages to see how everything would work out. I loved the wide variety of characters that made up the small mining town in Montana Territory where Emily Carver and her parents called home.

I couldn't help but become attached to Emily and felt sorry for the hardships she had gone through growing up. Yet, I admired the way she put her all into anything she did and the attitude that she had about things.

Caeden Thibault was also a deep character. I enjoyed watching him open up to the Carvers. Where Emily had lived with much poverty, Caeden was raised in wealth, however, the emotional trauma of his upbringing made for a complicated character that I found very interesting to read about. I am looking forward to future books in the Sapphire Brides series.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at:  
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

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## **Chastity Ray says**

*A Treasure Concealed* by Tracie Peterson is the first in her Sapphire Brides Series. This series is set in the late 1800's and this particular one focuses on a small mining town in Montana. If you're a fan of historical fiction, or even if you've never read this genre, I hope you give it a try.

Emily Carver has known her share of struggles. Being a girl growing up in mining camps isn't easy but now that she is grown she finds it even more difficult. Choosing to hide her feminine form rather than fend off would be suitors makes a trip to town more cumbersome by the extra layers of clothing she puts on. She still lives with her parents, but what Emily truly longs for is a life of her own. She wants a house with a picket fence and rosebushes. A husband and kids to call her own. She fears because she is tied to the mining camp tending to her ailing mother, this is all her life will be. She's not bitter, she loves her mother with all her heart, she is her best friend and confident.

That's not to say she doesn't love her father too. She does but she doesn't share his need to strike it rich. They barely make enough money to scrape by, as do most miners, and they move often. She's actually amazed that they managed to stay in Montana for as long as they have. Her dad, Henry, isn't a bad guy. He fully believes the Lord has led him here and has unimagined riches in store. He hates to see his wife suffering. No doctor can tell him what's wrong, all they can agree on is it's bad. He ekes out enough gold on his claim for them to get by and he's content with what God has given him. He's beyond blessed to have a wife and daughter whom he loves and who love him back.

Caeden Thibault isn't as lucky. He had a drunk for a father and he watched his mother suffer under his father's abuse. He couldn't wait to turn 18 and get as far away from Albany and his father as he could. He now works as a geologist for the government. Traveling from town to town inspecting mining claims. He's not close to God and isn't sure how if God can be so wonderful, why he allowed his mother to suffer so.

I thoroughly enjoyed *A treasure Concealed*. It reminded me of watching old westerns with my mom when I was little. I was sucked in from the moment I started this book and wasn't able to put it down until I was finished. I felt like I was a part of Yogo City. I sympathized with Emily and her need for independence. She's fiercely loyal to her parents but she wants a life of her own. She often questioned God and why he allowed certain things or didn't allow certain things? She couldn't see what she had right in front of her. Extended family who looked out for each other when the going got rough. They showed God's love to each other everyday. Whether it was Jake bringing meat from a kill he made or Millie slipping an extra can of peaches in with her purchases when Emily came in the store. The people of Yogo city looked out for each other and took care of their own.



I hope if you're in the mood to read something new you will give *A Treasure Concealed* a try. It's a great book full of awesome characters who make their way into your heart and feel like family.

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### **Dona says**

Tracie Peterson's books are always a great read and heart warming with every day reminders of how God works in man different ways for many different people.

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### **SeekerOfGrace says**

It has been a long time since I had the pleasure of jumping into a Tracie Peterson book, and the opportunity to review her latest novel was a great reminder that I need to catch up her Christian historical fiction! *A Treasure Concealed* is the first novel of three in the new *Sapphire Brides* series. Set in the Montana gold mining days, Peterson provides a beautiful historical backdrop for the novel. The historical setting of Yogo City, Montana is often grounded in real people and events, I learned upon doing further web research to satisfy my intrigue.

Emily Carver is the young heroine, daughter of an invalid mother and a hopelessly optimistic father who believes the next big gold strike is around the corner. Meanwhile, they barely manage to eke out an existence during the hard Montana winters. Emily disguises herself for protection due to the dangers of being a young woman in a rough miner's world, and she dreams of a life far away from the dead end mines. Her dreams become brighter when a government worker named Caiden is sent their way to study the geology of the area, but this is not a simple romance novel. Of course Peterson brings the characters through their own journeys of faith, trials, action, suspense, and deadly danger.

I really enjoyed the dialogue as well as the character development. The characters faced real obstacles to their faith as both Emily & Caiden struggled with overcoming baggage from their fathers. I found their journeys to be inspirational. I also particularly enjoyed the thread of sapphires throughout the book. I'm intrigued to see how Peterson continues the theme through the remaining books in the series. I cannot wait to read them!

Note: I received this book for free from Bethany House in exchange for my honest review. I give it 5 stars!

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### **Missy says**

I have to say, I really like Tracie Peterson. I don't think I have read one of her books and not liked it. The characters in this book are so likeable, except for a couple. I loved Emily, she was a dutiful daughter, but also longed for her own independence, and love. Caeden was the complete opposite of Emily, privileged, dutiful to his mother, detested his father, and vowed never to make a woman feel the way his father did -- until he met Emily. As my dad says, "God works in mysterious ways". You can't help but love these two

characters and see how they overcome those trials of if God really loves them because of the hardships they have had to endure. I had never heard of Yogo sapphires before and I love how Ms. Peterson brings that little bit of history into her books. After reading about them, the first finder of the Yogo sapphires was a pretty familiar name. I would definitely recommend this to other readers, I have ordered the next two books and can't wait to continue on this trilogy.

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## **Amanda Tero says**

This is my second Tracie Peterson book to read, and I really enjoyed it. Of course, I have a little infatuation with things mining and old West, so the whole theme of the book drew me in.

The POV goes between Emily Carver and Caeden Thibault, both who are trying to understand how God works, basically, how their mothers had strong faith in God even though their lives were not ideal. I thought Peterson did an excellent job with explaining that God is not unjust because of circumstances He allows (brought on by wicked men).

There was a beautiful salvation message in this book, and I really think I can say that the spiritual plot of this book was strong. I'm finding that I like a lot of quotes in Peterson's books.

However, this book wasn't without a few things that made me cringe. For example, why do authors always add moments of "almost unacceptable" that were "unavoidable?" Besides that, there were illusions to men desiring to mistreat women, but it wasn't vulgar. Younger readers may not want to read this book because of that, though. There is romance in this book, but I didn't feel like the story was only wrapped around their emotions (there were moments in the story that hung only on the romance, but overall, the book wasn't just about that).

Quotes I liked:

"A house and little fence will not be what makes you happy. Don't be deceived and throw away the good things you have in search for something that doesn't exist."

"God never is the One to walk away, Caeden. Only we can do that."

"If God knows all, then how can He be disappointed?"

"Trust comes in knowing [God] better."

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