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She'd once loved a bookmobile driver. Memories of that time with him poured in so rapidly she caught her breath. It'd been long ago, but her heart remembered. At first she remembered the love she'd felt back then, but the good memories didn't last long. She'd gone to the bookmobile as usual that last day, but nothing was to be the same again. She went to Brian with love and exciting news. She left alone. Not just without him, but alone in the world and apart from God.

Is it ever too late to find happiness? No, says Sidney W. Frost in his inspirational Christian novel, *Where Love Once Lived*. Brian Donelson returns to his hometown after a thirty-year absence to win back his beloved Karen. But Karen, who has grown closer to God than he has, harbors a secret that keeps her away from Brian at all costs. While driving the local bookmobile, Brian struggles to earn her trust, even as he grapples with secrets of his own. With God's help, can these two find happiness? Beautifully written and told with wit and grace, *Where Love Once Lived* is a moving love story filled with the glory of God.

Where Love Once Lived Details

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Chris says

Great book from a new Author. Shows the bumpy road to true love and how our secrets hurt us. And how Our Lord wants us to return to him

Emiliya Ahmadova says

Where Love Once Lived by Sidney W. Frost is an interesting Christian love story. This story shows how some people throw away their happiness because of wrong choices and keep living their lives regretting what was lost. Some wonder what their lives could have been if they had not made a mistake. Sometimes those mistakes keep haunting people or make them feel guilty. This is what happened with the main characters, Karen and Brian.

They were in love with each other and thought that they were meant to be together. Then, something horrible happens that changes their lives. From the beginning to the end the reader keeps wondering if these lovely people would unite. Would they finally find a happy ending? I must say the plot of the book is romantic and keeps the reader's attention. The story itself gives a hope to those who keep searching for a love. It shows when it comes to love, age does not matter. I would recommend this book to anyone who would like to read a well-written Christian book.

Laura says

A secret admirer keeps sending flowers to Karen Williams at her place of work every Tuesday. She's an elementary school teacher, and the children are just as excited as she when they arrive. No one knows who the sender is, not even the deliverer.

One day, a bookmobile arrives at her school, something that hasn't happened in some time. As Karen's class goes out to the bookmobile, Karen is in for the shock of her life—Brian Donelson, her old boyfriend who had dumped her unceremoniously thirty years ago, was the driver. And the sender of the flowers. He thought the bookmobile would bring romantic memories for Karen, but only left her with heartache and anger.

Sidney weaves a calamitous story of these two loves. Secrets rule in their lives throughout most of the story. Sidney delicately describes the lives of these two loves that have gone separate ways over the past thirty years.

Sidney genuinely understands the issues that abound and does a fabulous job of emanating the hurts and pains of the two loves. The humor and shenanigans of Liz, his librarian on the bookmobile, lifts your spirits as you struggle through the lives of Brian and Karen.

Woven throughout the story is God's grace and mercy. Karen had drawn closer to God, while Brian blamed God. God is bigger than both their problems, and answers when they cry out to Him. His answers come in

surprising, yet intimate ways.

This was one really good read. I have to admit that I didn't think it would be. I was the one who got a big surprise. An intriguing, gentle, and delightful read. An author you won't want to miss! Looking forward to your next book!

Thanks to Sidney W. Frost for providing this book in exchange for my honest review.

TWJ Magazine says

After hundreds of books and movie reviews behind me, I've developed some strong opinions. I write reviews for those wanting input on a book, movie or product choice rather than for those who merely want me to say a few good words. Yet I try to find the best in the book to point out. It's a tricky balance sometimes. And my absolute loves may not appeal to the average reader. I tend to love books that make me laugh or honestly cry, books that are almost works of art with words being the artist's medium. I generally avoid romance, Amish fiction and sci-fi because I find them too formulaic for the most part.

Where Love Once Lived is a novel that is very likely "the" story on the author's heart and I know how much time, sweat, tears and blood go into writing one of those stories. I have a few of those sitting on my computer hard drives. Mr. Frost is articulate and able to tell a winding tale that centers on two people torn apart by circumstances and their own immaturity. Karen and Brian were college sweethearts, but, after things got too hot and heavy, the relationship was broken as were their hearts.

Thirty years later Brian returns "home" after his divorce and finds that Karen has divorced as well. They each have secrets that they go through great emotional turmoil to protect. Struggling to forgive themselves and each other fills the pages of this novel, a very real issue that many readers will relate to.

Mr. Frost has created an extras cast of characters who go along for the emotional roller coaster ride with Brian and Karen. One character shares Mr. Frost's love of opera, and another is the heavy but loveable librarian who helps Brian run the Bookmobile which was purchased in an attempt to win Karen's heart.

Struggles and trials plague the love-crossed couple. Karen has a crisis at work, and in the midst of that she takes in a former student who is pregnant with nowhere else to turn. Brian finds himself at the mercy of stock holders. A marriage between characters causes drama in his circle of friends. Brian discovers secrets about his parents and his marriage that force him to consider running far away to another place where he had once found happiness. Can this couple finally find true love and restoration? Will they find the emotional maturity and the spiritual hope they need to embrace another relationship regardless of their past failures? Only the reader will know.

Where Love Once Lived may appeal to readers who like the romance novel plots wherein the characters begin to grow closer to each other until an obstacle or multiple obstacles rip them apart...the idea that love is an endless series of ocean waves drawing the characters back to shore against the odds of them being cast adrift alone. Some inspirational readers may find something to like if they are not sensitive to sex outside of marriage and divorce. If so, the subject matter may be too much for them, however, the consequences of both are some of the struggles this couple faces. Those looking for a strong Gospel message may be disappointed, but others who like light religion and the message of God's love, forgiveness and patience may find what they are looking for here. Literary fiction lovers will probably want to avoid it. This novel falls more toward

the weight and formula of romance versus love story, so keep that in mind as well.

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Diane Craver says

A fantastic and enjoyable book!

Where Love Once Lived is a story of the worst kind of deception that changes the life path of not only the two main characters, Brian and Karen, but of several other characters. I couldn't stop turning the pages to see how God would work in Brian's life as he tries to erase the heartache he caused Karen in the past. The characters became so real to me that I felt deeply troubled about what had happened to both of them as young lovers.

Having Brian buy and drive the bookmobile was a clever and unique device to use in the book. Brian thinks that the bookmobile and returning to the place where he and Karen were college sweethearts would remind her of former romantic times. Instead she becomes upset with Brian. She can't forget how he had hurt her deeply thirty years ago when he dumped her with no explanation. Frost includes a group of college friends (named the Combine) which works very well in the story. It's interesting how they are all together again, and Karen agrees to go with Brian to see all of them.

The scenes between Brian and his best friend Phil's father, George McCullough, are heartwarming. As Brian struggles with getting his faith and Karen back, he seems to receive the best advice and understanding from the elder McCullough.

I highly recommend Sid Frost's Where Love Once Lived, and I look forward to reading more books by this talented author.

Barbara Derksen says

Romance from a man's point of view at it's best is an appropriate description for "Where Love Once Lived" by Sid Frost. The story weaves around the lives of Karen and Brian, a couple who are now in their mid fifties but were, at one time, college sweethearts. Mistakes were made and a marriage that should have been, never was.

With the help from an abundance of well-meaning people, Brian pursues his only love but secrets keep coming between them. I enjoyed the secondary involvement of Liz, the librarian, and the members of the Combine who are convinced this is a marriage destined to happen.

I found this to be a romantic read that kept me involved as I rooted for Brian to succeed. I am not usually

drawn to romantic stories but this one is a recommended read, not mushy but romance at it's finest.

Poonam says

An interesting and enjoyable story!! Just enjoyed reading each and every moment of Brian and Karen ' s life. An emotional story .Wished the epilogue was more longer. Loved all of other characters especially Brian's close friends and their families . Looking forward to reading more books by this author.

Jan Marie Newby says

Most of the books that I read, and there are many (just ask my long-suffering husband), by male authors are books about mystery and suspense, filled with breath-taking action and adventure. Therefore, when I heard about this book, written by a male author, and learned it was not the usual fare but was, instead, a love story, I wondered how a love story might be presented by a male author. I was very interested to see if it would be very different from a love story written from a female perspective. Mr. Frost has written a truly touching, heartfelt, and romantic story. He has done an excellent job of portraying the love from the viewpoint of the male figure. In Brian, Mr. Frost has molded a character who portrays the attributes that Christ demands of a husband in Ephesians 5:25-33 (KJV) when He says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church..."

This is not a story about the love of a young person who is discovering love for the first time. It is about a love that is seasoned, a love that endures the test of time and still burns just as brightly, if not more so, as it did in its youth. For anyone who has ever doubted the power of love, I recommend that you read this moving story of two people who made mistakes and consequently lost that first love and their subsequent journey to recover it. In a very realistic and heartfelt manner, we see how each of the lovers dealt with those mistakes. One drew closer to God while the other turned away. Through it all, God remained constant and steadfast, never-changing, never failing. This is truly a story that demonstrates the truth of the scripture in 1 Corinthians 13:4 (KJV) that says, "Charity suffereth long, and is kind..." Since Cruden's Bible Concordance tells us that the word charity is also translated to mean love, then we could substitute the word love in this scripture to read that "Love suffereth long, and is kind..." Indeed, the love that Brian and Karen share and the love that Christ displays to them most definitely fit this description.

But, will love be enough to overcome all of the past mistakes? Will love endure when the secrets that both Karen and Brian have hidden from each other are revealed? Will it be enough to surmount all of the obstacles that stand in the way? Can love break down the barricades of hurt and bitterness that have been allowed to fester and flourish? Is it strong enough to bring about healing and forgiveness? For the answers to these and many other questions, you will have to read the book.

I received a copy of this book from the author for review purposes. I was not obligated to provide a positive review and all opinions expressed are my own.

Lila says

Good story line, including real struggles with believing in God--enough so that people could relate and be inspired to grow in their own faith.

Margaret Boehm says

Easy reading for a light novel. Very well written.

Judy says

Where Love Once Lived - A Second Chance At Love?

If you are a romantic you will love this book. I enjoyed all the different characters that are in this book. Some are quite lively and spunky.

The main characters are Brian Donelson and Karen Williams. They had once dated in college 30 years ago and had always expected to marry. Because of some obstacles that occurred in both Brian and Karen's life, marriage never took place. Instead, both went their separate ways and both ended up marrying other people.

After his divorce Brian enlisted help from a friend who still lived in Karen's home town to see if Karen was married. Brian had plans to enter Karen's life and pick up where they left off. Would Brian succeed? Would Karen even want him back?

Both Brian and Karen are harboring secrets from each other. Will they reveal their secrets or will they end up going their separate ways instead of taking the risk of hurting each other? Both are torn.

Author Sidney W. Frost did an excellent job of showing God's forgiveness. This book was also filled with examples of God's kindness, patience, and redemption.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I hope to read more books by this author. I wish to thank the author for sending me this book to read and review. The opinions expressed are mine alone.

Mary says

Just the fact that the story takes place in a bookmobile in Austin, Texas piqued my interest.

Betsie says

This was shockingly better than I expected for a free Christian book. I enjoyed every moment of it even though the author chased a few rabbits from time to time ;)

JB says

Highly recommended....
You won't be disappointed!!!

Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says

Where Love Once Lived is a love lost between a Bookmobile driver and his college sweetheart. Brian broke his engagement with Karen, never explaining why, and left town. Now 30 years later he shows up at the school she teaches as a Bookmobile driver again. Karen is furious and now realizes who has been sending her flowers at school each Tuesday for months. She certainly doesn't want a relationship with him after leaving her stranded 3 decades earlier. Brian is so in love with Karen, he is doing everything he can to charm her back into his life. As the story unfolds and it seems like Karen might be a little interested in him, Brian is faced with many obstacles that make it almost impossible for things to turn out like he wants with Karen. A lawsuit is filed with his business he sold earlier in California. His ex-wife wants more money, and wants to sue him as well. If this isn't enough, his daughter Amy shows up in Texas with news that threatens to rip his world apart. Seems his ex will do anything she can to hurt him.

What is going on with his business and his ex? And what is the big secret that could turn his world upside down? And Karen has her secrets too, will she come clean and tell Brian all? Well, read the book and find out!

This is a story much like things happen today. People make wrong choices, and have to pay for those choices for the rest of their lives. Brian was blessed to have a second chance with Karen, but his mistake cost him 30 years of unhappiness. But the true happiness was not Karen giving him the second chance, it was Brian returning to the Lord, and letting Him lead in his life.

This is a wonderful love story, well written by the author. All of the events happening in the story kept me wanting to keep reading to see what would happen next. And of course I wanted to get to the end to see if Brian and Karen would get back together. I also liked the biblical content in the book too, how the author stressed happiness only comes through faith in the Lord. I hadn't read any reviews on the book, so it was all a surprise to me!

Thank you to the author, Sidney W. Frost for providing me a copy of this book to read and review. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to read a good, clean love story. It will be worth your read
