

# Fiction

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continues to pursue her. Her enemies come in many forms, from men in black cloaks to police and FBI agents in helicopters and cars. Her quest requires her to find not only the prophet but also the "treasure" her grandfather has hidden for him.

*Powers* is a supernatural thriller filled with menace, intrigue, and relentless action. The mysterious forces that are out to destroy Mari and those around her keep the reader on edge as the full implications of her grandfather's final words and actions gradually come to light. Fans of the Christy Award-winning author of *Shade* should love it.

—Joseph Bentz

## Saving Cicadas

Nicole Seitz / Thomas Nelson

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Fiction author Nicole Seitz has written yet another delectable story that's brimming over with comical family foibles that simultaneously stands in stark contrast to the life and

death seriousness of her subject matter. Single mom Priscilla Macy learns she's pregnant again and is rightly distraught as she already has her hands full with her 17-year-old special-needs daughter, Rainey Dae, and 8-year-old daughter, Janie. On a sudden whim, Priscilla quits her job and takes the girls, along with her pernicious mom, Mona, on a road trip. Where they land is anyone's guess, but the greater surprise comes in not so much the location but in what spiritual insights the group discovers en route.

Seitz's ability to capture emotion and the spirit of things is indeed otherworldly, and her readers will find this latest offering mesmerizing.

—Michele Howe

## Ransomed

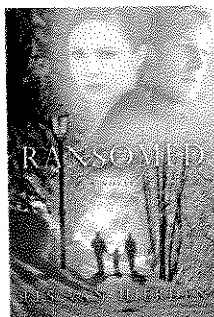
Els Van Heerden / WinePress

Publishing

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The combined stories of Karina Svetlana, David Valensky, Vanessa Williams, and Jared Williams are told in Els Van

Hierden's new book, *Ransomed*. Karina's a non-believer with a grudge against practically everyone. David's an American pastor who runs a local children's shelter and takes Karina on as a personal project. Vanessa and Jared are Canadians looking to adopt a Russian infant from the orphanage where Karina works. The first child, Alexander, is denied adoption due to fetal alcohol syndrome, leaving the Williams devastated at the loss of the little boy. But God answers their prayers when little Yuri becomes the son they've always wanted. Meanwhile, Karina and David encounter problem after problem as their relationship is misinterpreted and causes David to resign. Immediately after, David's mother falls ill, and he rushes back to the states to be at her side. It's only in David's absence that Karina humbles herself and discovers God's love for her. It's a touching story of forgiveness, faith, and the harshness of post-communist Russian life.

—Kelsey Shade

## Desert Fire

Shannon VanRoekel / Kregel

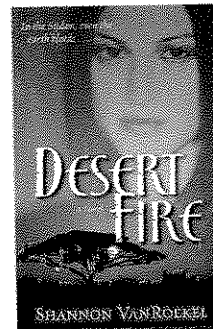
Publications

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This heroic story of spiritual discovery captivates readers from the first page to the



last. Two agnostics, a feminist journalist and a male lawyer, leave the comforts of Vancouver, B.C. and go to Khartoum and Darfur, Sudan, where they're changed forever. From the palaces of power to the tragedy of refugee camps, VanRoekel portrays the victory of faith over the brutality and suffering of genocidal war. Vivid descriptions of inhumane atrocities contrast with the life-changing faith of Christians who serve the starving, displaced victims of political injustice. Ripped from today's headlines, this informative, action-packed story changes the reader's view of suffering and inspires us to pray and work for godly change.

—John Bernstein

## Healing Sands

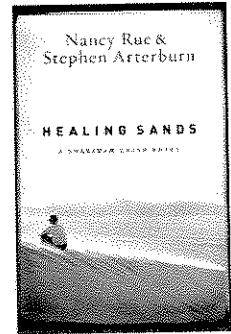
Nancy Rue & Stephen Arterburn / Thomas Nelson

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Newspaper photographer Ryan Alexander-Coe arrives at the crime scene where some hot-headed teen mowed down another boy with



a pickup truck. Gifted at finding shots that tell the story, Ryan captures the tragedy while waiting for a picture of the guilty teen still sitting in the vehicle. When police finally talk the truck driver into climbing out, the young man on the other end of the lens turns out to be her son, Jake.

Ryan's tightly controlled life unravels. She knows her son couldn't do this horrible thing, yet Jake won't explain. Ryan seeks counseling, and she's assigned to Dr. Sullivan Crisp, founder of the Healing Choice Clinics. Sully struggles with his own turmoil. He draws close to finding the woman he blames for his wife and child's death, but he puts off contact avoiding the conflict. Then he finds himself jailed for her murder.

Rue and Arterburn's latest "Sullivan Crisp" novel weaves two unrelated mysteries together, but each reinforces the need to surrender to God. Adult and teen readers will learn that healing requires surrender.

—Kim Peterson