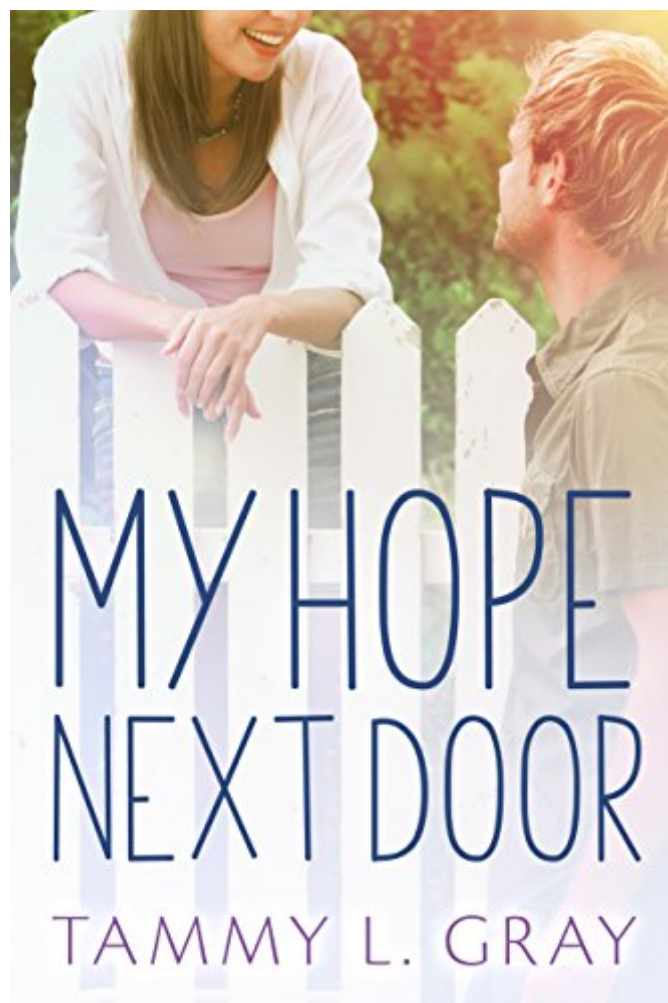


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# My Hope Next Door



## Synopsis

RITA Award winner, Romance with Religious or Spiritual Elements. Former bad girl Katie Stone can feel the weight of her reputation settle over her as she drives home for the first time in years. Feeling deeply guilty about her past mistakes, Katie wants to do the right thing for once. But the small town where she grew up is not nearly as forgiving as she'd hoped. Despite it all, she's determined to help her parents cope with her mother's recent illness, and Katie finds a surprise ally in the man next door. Asher Powell never minded being the son of a small-town pastor until a recent breakup leaves him wounded by lifelong members of his church. He remembers his new neighbor as a mean-spirited high school troublemaker, but he senses that her newfound faith and desire for forgiveness are sincere. Through an unexpected friendship, two people from different worlds find peace, hope, and a second chance they never dreamed was possible.

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## Customer Reviews

What an amazingly sweet story of love and redemption. This story shows the readers how facing your past mistakes and owning up to them, growing from them, asking for forgiveness of those that your mistakes hurt, and forgiving yourself can be a catalyst for moving forward to the life intended for you. Every teen has something in their past they would rather it not be there. Something that you hope you don't have to be judged on the rest of your life. And we all need someone to believe in the adult that we have become. The author does a superb job of showing the realities of this situation. It's not a quick "I'm sorry; great you're forgiven", snap of the fingers and everyone lives happily ever after. Life is messy and not everyone can move forward and forget. The humanness of these characters -- the main ones and the background players as well -- makes this a very relatable story. And when a story is relatable, as a reader you can picture yourself in the circumstances of the characters and can identify with them and their feelings. And when they get their happy ending, it gives you hope that you can change your circumstances too. And everyone is looking for hope. I have recommended this book to several friends. And I recommend it to you too. This author is great at her craft. You will walk away from this book changed.

I liked everything about this book. There were real emotions and situations. It wasn't a sweet story. It was a story more .Christians than not experience and are ashamed to elaborate. The redemption and healing was solid and not just a quick fix, one minute you are broken the next everything is fine. This walked you through the steps Katie had to go through to find wholeness from her broken past. But it also took Asher through his own woundedness to forgiveness. I recommend this to anyone looking for Christ in the real way.

Such an amazing story from Mrs. Gray!! She's done it again! I've read everything she's written and will continue to in the future!! I was given an ARC from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. (I already preordered this book in April and I'm so glad I did!) Katie Stone is the atypical prodigal daughter. She returns home after four years and after finding Jesus. Her story is the epitome of what it means to be a new Christian! To be fighting the past, trying to overcome temptation and create a new life that gives God glory. Asher Powell is the quintessential preacher's kid. He lived the life he was brought up in for 25 years. And with one single mistake, his world crashes in front of him. The people he knew all his life turned their backs on him. Katie and Asher find solace in each other. Their friendship is the definition of what God wants for us. The great thing about their friendship is how pure and honest it is. Their ability to be who they are and not be judged

is refreshing. More people need to be that way! It's my prayer that God will use this book to touch many hearts. Hearts like the people in Asher's church. Hearts like Cooper's, Laila and Chad's. Hearts like Katie's parents. And hearts like Asher and Katie. That there IS hope. Every day is a new day. To take one step, one task at a time. You will not be disappointed in this one!

*My hope next door* is a book about redemption, and forgiveness. The characters, Katie and Asher are so believable. This is a story about peer pressures that are so prevalent with all of us, particularly with teens and young adults. Drugs, and alcohol addiction is everywhere, and the effects of using are disastrous. The author has dealt with these issues with amazing clarity, and a deep understanding. This book will give you plenty of food for thought, and at the same time is a sweet, tender love story. Most of all it shows us how great God's love was for us when he died on the cross.

As her fans have come to expect, Tammy L. Gray takes readers through a can't-put-it-down novel filled with moving dialogue, realistic characters, and yet another unique storyline that keeps you engaged, experiencing the characters' emotions, failures, and victories right along with them, and even searching your own soul for applications and changes that the Lord might be wanting you to make in your own life. I LOVE books like this, and I love this author! I can't wait to read *My Unexpected Hope* to find out what happens with Laila!

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