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A Desperate Search

Driven by his wife's dying wish to find their firstborn son, John Baxter sets about the search. His prayer? That Elizabeth's wish would be fulfilled before the upcoming Baxter family reunion. One strange turn follows another, but when the answers finally come, they shake John to his core. Will he agree to walk away and keep the secret of a lifetime, or will he let the truth come to light, no matter the cost?

A Tragic Loss

Dayne Matthews is questioning his adoptive parents' faith when he receives crushing news. He was ready to take on the responsibility of having a family, but now the future is drastically altered and Dayne is desperate for answers. Wisdom and comfort come from visits with a long-lost friend and then from Katy Hart, the girl Dayne can't seem to forget. But will he find the strength he needs to face a future laced with loss, and will that strength lead him to the greatest love of all?

A Terrible Storm

As the Baxters come together, the reunion is overshadowed by a miracle in their midst. But just as quickly, tragedy comes to Bloomington. Ashley is eight months pregnant and in the early stages of labor when a tornado rips through the community, leaving one family missing. What will Dayne do when he hears about the storm? Will he finally find peace in a God he has been running from all his life?

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Kristy says

I LOVED THE ENDING.

Honeypie says

This may be a fictional story, but nothing is fictional about the power of the Holy Spirit. I love, love the street ministry scene. Surreal, but I believe it happens.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment. Each one heard their own language being spoken!

Acts 2:4,6

Taryn Spearey says

This was an amazing 3rd book! John Baxter is determined to find his first-born son, the one he and Elizabeth gave up a long time ago. He tries to go through Dayne's agent, who decides that it's not worth it.

There is going to be a Baxter family reunion, and John originally plans to tell his kids about Dayne then, but, due to a sudden tornado heads their way, John decides to hold off in telling his kids.

What made me so happy towards the end of the book is when Dayne finally got the nerve up and fired his agent. His agent was my least favorite character. Dayne also finally turns his life over to the Lord; that also made me really happy.

Ashley and Landon have their new baby, and Cole is so happy to have a baby brother. Loved this book!!

Traci says

Many ways to be found. Another in this series that I cannot put down and have a hard time waiting for our library to send the next one of! Fast, clean and emotional read.

Stephanie Dulac says

it really don't get better then the baxter family ♥♥♥♥ cant wait to read family:)

Anne Marie says

John Baxter is finally able to reunite with his firstborn son, Dayne Matthews. It was a long journey to get to this point. John decides to hire his own private investigator to find his firstborn. He knows Elizabeth would want John to do this. Since Ashley found out about “the secret”, John has to try. The investigator finds some startling news. Not only who Dayne is, the big movie star, but he’s been to Bloomington twice before. The first visit is the time Elizabeth passed away, and the second time was to film the movie Dream On. The investigator gives John the phone number of Dayne’s agent, whom John calls. But the agent is no help...he tells John that Dayne never visited Elizabeth in the hospital and Dayne has no time to reconnect with his biological family, and doesn’t want to meet them. Also, it would seem that John just wants to contact Dayne for his money. John is devastated. He decides to try one last time to contact Dayne. He sends a letter and photo album of family pictures to Dayne’s director from the Dream On movie. But unfortunately, the director will be gone for a few weeks and Dayne goes to Mexico City to visit his friend from boarding school who is now a missionary, Bob Asher. During the visit, through many talks and a street mission miracle, Dayne finds God.

Weeks later, when Dayne’s director calls him about the package he received, Dayne rushes to his office, then finds a quiet place on Pepperdine University to open and read what’s inside. Dayne is shocked at what his agent told John Baxter. He immediately arranged a flight to Bloomington to meet John and fires his agent. The next day, Dayne and John meet. Dayne explains how he started to search for his biological family, starting from the time he saw the picture of the Baxter family on Luke Baxter’s desk in the law office. The meeting is nothing but miraculous.

Dayne and Katy Hart are still friends. It was a rocky time when Dayne found out during the start of the crazed fan trial with Katy that his ex-live-in girlfriend, Kelly Parker, was pregnant. Dayne made a special trip to Bloomington to tell Katy in person about the pregnancy, and that he was going to do the right thing by getting back with Kelly and being a good father. Katy is devastated, but she knows that Dayne is doing the right thing. Katy continues to think about Dayne and even tries to go out on a blind date...let’s just say she’ll be laughing about the date for a long time! In the meantime, Dayne sees Kelly for the first time in a while at the movie premiere. She apparently got back together with another actor from the movie, and strangely, does not look pregnant. When Kelly and Dayne are alone, Kelly tells him that she had an abortion. Dayne is devastated, and makes another special trip to Bloomington to tell Katy. Katy wants Dayne to find God, which he eventually will.

Ashley and Landon have their baby, Devin, but under life-threatening circumstances. Ashley is in labor during a tornado which damages the Baxter home, but destroys others, including a home belonging to a CKT family, the Reeds. The birth also happens during the Baxter family reunion. So the entire family can meet the newest member!

Reagan Soper says

boy, this book was super intense and super exciting and just everything anybody would ever want in a book. finishing the book, I was super happy with all the progress made in it by many of the characters. for example, dayne and his adventure to Mexico, john Baxter finding his firstborn ((and talking to him!! eek!!!)) Ashley's baby boy being born, and the relationship with dayne and Katy. although I do wish that the dayty (yes, I just made that up) relationship would move faster because everyone knows that they are going to end up with each other and they obviously love each other as well. anyway, I'm glad Kelly Parker is done (hopefully) with dayne. but this is a fantastic book and a for sure read! 5 stars! ??

Jodi says

This was a intense book. Normally I can read throughout the day while my family is watching tv, but this time I had to focus to really understand all that was happening. Dayne is finally coming to terms with his past and discovering how to fill the emptiness in his life. He has done well in the entertainment business but never really felt happy. Ever since he met Katy Hart he has been looking for a simpler life one that is more normal. He has been thinking about the Baxter family alot and wondering what his life would have been like if he had grown up in that family. He goes to Mexico City to see his missionary friend from boarding school. He gets saved and now all he can think about is leaving acting and moving to Indiana. John and the Baxter family are still healing from Elizabeth's death. Ashley found a letter to the firstborn and latter learned her parents dark secret. John is dating again but not telling the kids yet. Alot his happening with the Baxter family and it is exciting to read.

Valerie May Rabak says

Loved Dayne's jouney!!!! Karen does such a great job of showing how awesome our God really is! Yes, it's "just a book" but God does work in such beautiful ways. I love suspense that she weaves in, too! I have never read so much; 10 books in the last year. Thanks Karen for sharing your gift!!!

Denise says

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Melanie says

Found is the 3rd book in the Firstborn series. The 8th book in the Baxter series.

Dayne Matthews is still in love with Katy Hart, but Kelly Parker has other plans for Dayne. Kelly Parker calls and drops a bomb on Dayne that he was not expecting. Katy is still in love with Dayne but knows there is no way that they can be together.

Ashley keeps asking her Dad if he has found their older brother. John had hired a PI to find him and the PI did, but they had not expected to find that his son would be the celebrity that he is.

The Baxters are planning their summer family reunion. All the siblings are coming in for it. On the night that John Baxter is ready to tell them that they have an older brother, a huge tornado hits Bloomington. All the Baxters were in the basement and Ashley goes into labor. By the time the tornado is over, Ashley is in bad shape.

Katy and the Flanigans were in the basement during the tornado. Afterwards, they find out that the Reed family was missing and their house was flattened.

One of my favorite parts of the book. Dayne goes to Mexico to meet up with an old friend from boarding school days. Bob is speaking on the street and Dayne is hearing every word. It moves him to the point where he goes forward and accepts God into his heart. After it is all over, Bob's wife, Rosa, told Dayne that he was surprised he was able to make out what he was saying. She said she didn't think he was able to speak Spanish. Dayne was shocked b/c he heard every word that Bob spoke and he spoke it all in English. God is the God of miracles!!

In the end, Dayne finds out that his biological Dad does want to be a part of his life. His agent lied to John Baxter every time he called him. Thankfully God moved things into His timeline for things to fall into place for John and Dayne to finally meet each other.

I am very much enjoying the Baxter series. I can't wait to continue the series would Family. Karen is truly a gifted writer that God has granted a wonderful talent of writing.

Vasilka says

I wish I could give this book more than 5 stars, I loved it. And I cried sooo much during this book. I also stayed up till after 12 every night this week because I was THAT addicted to this book! I love Karen Kingsbury's books!

Stefanie says

Found, the third book in the Firstborn series, continues the story of Dayne, Katy Hart and the beloved Baxter family.

These characters become a part of you. You are right there with them in their pain and sorrow, in their joys and triumphs. It's heartwarming to read and the emotions I experienced while reading this third installment were so real. I love the Baxter family and to see their story unraveling alongside Dayne and Katy's stories is so wonderful.

I highly recommend any of Karen Kingsbury's books, as I've said many times before, but the all the series she writes about the Baxter family and the families tied to them are extra special!

Laura Cannon says

Excellent book! Hard topics, adoption and abortion, pain of making wrong choices. God can take a mess and make it a message! Her. 29:11

Sharon Hart says

Anticipation...ready to read the 4th out of 5 in this series...

Kathy Bass says

So Awesome!

I have now read 8 books in the Baxter Family series and can't wait to start #9. This book had a lot of unexpected events, but some of the ones you expected to happen finally did. Love this series and this family!!

Sara Fite says

This one would have been 5 stars if it weren't for the length of time it took for John to actually contact Dayne. The whole situation frustrated me and I felt like it was drawn out a little too long. However, the rest of this book is AMAZING. I couldn't put it down and couldn't wait to read the next one.

Kimberly says

Finally!!!!!! I skipped a few parts because there was a lot of reviewing of past characters but know authors do this often. Once again another book More Tears LOL I really can't put the books down because I want to see what happens and I am so invested in the characters.

Love the way she shows how God works through all situations.

Lynn says

I am so engrossed in the lives of the Baxter family, their friends & Dayne that I can not wait to begin the next book in this series!! Highly addicting!!

Sherri says

Another 5 stars

Another great update on the Baxter family and the oldest sibling. I can't wait to read the next book to see how things work out for all of them.
