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Without fortune or a future in England, a young woman travels to America in 1856 to find her mother's family. Will the handsome rogue she encounters help her chances of a new life--or destroy them?

## **Freedom's Price Details**

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### Dawn says

I really liked this book. There was more mystery in it than the others in the series. I enjoyed both Tom and Catherine's characters. I thought that they worked well together.

While this is the third book in the series, it stands alone. The majority of the book takes place in Louisiana. It's been a while since I read something that is set pre-Civil War era in Louisiana. I'd forgotten how much slave labor was used in the South. This book forces both of the main characters to look at their own views of slavery.

Still it was an entertaining read.

I received a copy for free from the publisher as part of the Revell Reads program. My thoughts and opinions are my own.

Recommended to fans of historical fiction, Karen Witemeyer, Jody Hedlund

Rating - 4 stars

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### Kav says

Captivating and enthralling and all things scrumptiously good. And...squeeeallll...there's a definite Gothic vibe to this historical romance. Sent chills up my spine in places. A derelict plantation with all kind of mysteries. Darkly sinister. An unprotected young woman trying to make connections with her past. And a truly despicable villain. Thankfully he is countered by the most gallant of heroes.

Tom Worthington. Be still my heart. Noble and daring and tormented by his past. I do so love a conflicted hero. Fireworks spark the first time he meets Catherine and she leads him on a merry chase. Impulsive and independent and determined to make a new life among her mother's people. Only it all goes horribly wrong. A real nail-biting page-turner with plenty of swoonworthy moments peppered throughout. A delicious conclusion to the Keys of Promise series.

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### Rachael says

Suspense and romance follow along on a journey from England to Key West to Louisiana. This is the most action-packed book of the series, with adventure on both land and sea, both natural disaster and man-made. It stands nicely on its own, with characters from the previous books only having minor supporting roles.

Catherine is the epitome of the fiery red-head. She's quite headstrong and proud; she's also incredibly gutsy to waltz into her estranged relations' plantation and expect to be instantly one of the family, complete with the authority inherent with the position. While her moxie can come in handy, it's also a definite flaw when it comes to common sense and her safety. I spent the latter half of the book shaking my head at her fool

stubbornness--it's clear which way the wind is blowing, and she walks right into it.

While I enjoyed the increase of danger, I didn't feel the emotional tug of the previous book. 3.5 stars

Thank you Revell for providing a free book; I was not required to write a positive review, and all opinions are my own.

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### **Melody says**

I was excited to be gifted a copy of this to finish out the series that I have really enjoyed. Its fun being transported back in time, and with the way Christine writes, I feel like I am right there on the ship at sea or at the plantation in New Orleans!

I really enjoyed getting to know these new characters, and visiting with old ones from the previous books who are near and dear to me.

Freedom most certainly comes with a price, but it's fight worth fighting to do the right thing.

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### **Brittany says**

Freedom's Price was an intriguing tale. The characters were interesting and carried flaws that sometimes influenced their decisions as they worked their way through the story. I really felt bad for both Catherine and Tom regarding things that had gone wrong for them in their lives due to the actions of others. This story was very much about seeing if there was a way for them to right the wrongs of the past.

The setting of the second half of the story, in Louisiana, contained a darkness swirling about it that really gave an eerie feeling and left me wondering how Tom and Catherine were going to push through. Would they be able to triumph? At what cost? Was it even possible to untangle the mystery surrounding Catherine's family plantation? There were quite a few twists and turns to keep this story moving.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog at:

<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

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### **Sam B says**

This is the 3rd and last installment of the Keys of Promise series. Honestly, having read the two previous ones, I believe this one is the best in this series.

In this book, Catherine leaves England after her father passes away in order to find her mother's family plantation in Louisiana. On the way there, an unfortunate incident brings her to Key West where she meets Tom, a wrecker. During her time in Key West, she also meets Elizabeth, Rourke and Prosperity. Sadly, when she finally gets to the plantation, everything is different from her mother's accounts.

Once again, it was so much fun seeing the characters from the previous novels, during Catherine's stop in

Key West. But for me the story only really began when she got to Louisiana, that is where the action takes place. I won't go into too much detail, to not spoil it for anyone, but let's just say that Catherine doesn't have it easy in this book. Fortunately for her, Tom wants to help and will do everything he can.

I want to thank the publisher for providing me with a complementary copy of this book. It did not affect my review!

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

Freedom's Price is the third book in this wonderful series, and I loved them all, and fun to be reunited with those we have come to care about.

This is Catherine Haynes and Tom Worthington's story, and one from England and the other from New England, end up together in Key West, coincidence? From Key West these two end up having with the same nightmarish person at the helm of their problems.

Throughout the book I loved how God persevered once turned to Him, and there sure are times when Evil rears its ugly head. This one is going to linger with you, and will be hard to leave the imprint of some of the injustice that was prevalent during this period of time.

Coincidence yes, how two previously unknowns arrive at the same place at the same time, and yet it seems so real that yes it could have happened.

What a great conclusion to a wonderful series that I wish there were more to come.

I received this book through Revell Reads Blogger Program, and was not required to give a positive review.

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### **CarolynB says**

This is book three of the Keys of Promise series by Ms. Johnson. I enjoyed each one, but I think this one-- Freedom's Price-- is my favorite. Catherine is a beautiful English lady who transplants herself to the American Gulf Coast. On her quest to possess her inheritance, she meets a few interesting people. There's just enough intrigue and romance to keep one turning page after page to a very satisfying conclusion. I received an advance copy of the book in exchange for an honest review. I loved it! Five stars!

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### **Janet Robel says**

This was really good! I enjoyed the amount of suspense there was in here. The setting and the characters were what made this book appealing.

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### **Hannah says**

4.5 stars

Oh, I really enjoyed this story, set in the Florida Keys and Louisiana in 1856. A young Englishwoman has to travel to her mother's family in Louisiana after her cousin sells her home out from under her at her father's death. The journey is interrupted by a storm which lands her in Key West, where she meets Elizabeth and

Prosperity from the previous books and gets to know Tom better.

The writing style is really smooth and easy to read, and I liked that both characters have a strong faith. The bad guy is really bad, so there are some dark themes related to that, but a self-sacrificing character is an excellent contrast.

Content: talk of violence and rape toward slave women; a beating (somewhat shown); an attempted rape (not graphic)

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### **Emily says**

To escape an arranged marriage, Catherine flees England for Louisiana, the home of her mother's estranged family. When her ship is severely damaged off the coast of Key West, Catherine becomes desperate to find another way to Louisiana before her meager funds run out. Meanwhile, she becomes friends with a handsome sea captain who is searching for the thief of his father's ship and who suspects Catherine may be the key to finding him.

Freedom's Price is a lovely Christian historical romance set several years before the American Civil War. As you may be able to tell from the title, slavery and freedom is a major theme. Catherine's home in Britain had banned slavery years before the book began, while slavery was still going strong in Key West and Louisiana. Many of the injustices and tragedies that plagued the slaves were portrayed and condemned in Freedom's Price. The lack of equality for women that restrained their freedom was also touched on while Catherine struggled with the control her male relatives and future husband had over her. Freedom definitely comes at a high price.

The setting was fascinating. I find myself wanting to research wrecking vessels, the painting of ships, and the illegal slave trade pre-Civil War. Fascinating stuff.

I had a few problems with the main characters, unfortunately. Catherine was so naive and stubborn. She wouldn't listen when people warned her (though they could have told her WHY) and assumed what she should not have. Meanwhile, Tom was so set on revenge he was careless of anything else. He told Catherine he was traveling with her for her sake, and he was, in part. But his bigger motives revolved around what her contacts could help him discover about the missing ship. Then he left her in harm's way while he could pursue his goals. It was selfish. He used her. And she was perfectly fine with it. Then they were all "happy couple," and I'm just here wondering why neither of them saw it. They did change during the story, but those character flaws were with them through most of the book. It was a bit frustrating.

Still I enjoyed the story as a whole. I would recommend it to fans of clean historical romance.

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## **Deanne Patterson says**

If you are looking for a book to just skim that you can't wait to get through then don't read this book! I was captivated right from the first chapter and that's really saying something since this is the first book I've read by this author. This book is full of intrigue and drama. Fantastic plot with surprises along the way leading up to a satisfying ending. I now have books 1 and 2 in this series and can't wait to read them!

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## **Kathryn Voss says**

Christine Johnson's latest installment in her Keys of Promise Series, Freedom's Price, was an enjoyable read. I was especially delighted to find my favorite characters from her previous books taking a supportive role in this book as well. Set in both historical Keys West and New Orleans, Johnson did an wonderful job of transporting me to a time and place quite different from my own.

Studded with strength of character, rich descriptions, and an intriguing plot, Johnson delivers an excellent story. Her characters do not grow or change overly much in the book, but the plot is varied and keeps you turning the pages to see what happens next. I loved the ending, however I won't give that away!

What I love most about Johnson's writing is her rich description. I felt as if I had entered her story and had a front row seat to her lively characters and their lives. My time spent reading her books was not wasted! I recommend this book to all lovers of historical fiction.

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## **Megan says**

"Freedom's Price" by Christine Johnson surprised me--in a good way! I am unfamiliar with Ms. Johnson's other work, but after reading "Freedom's Price", the third book in her "Keys of Promise" series, I now really want to go back and read the first two books! I always have lower expectations going into a book that I don't know much about, so I was very happy when I enjoyed this so much!

Even though this is the third book in a series, it can be read as a stand-alone. You do meet some characters from past books, and seeing tidbits of these character's stories left me intrigued and wanting more. The history in this book is great and I loved learning about this time period in the Southern United States in 1856. I find the story regarding the wreckers and wrecking licenses fascinating. I didn't know there are such things as "wrecking licenses" and have always have seen wrecking in other books as an illegal activity. There are also a lot of nautical and boat references and I can tell the author knows her way around a ship. It is fascinating to see the differences in the customs and social statuses between the British and Americans (our heroine, Catherine, is from Britain and travels to the Southern United States) and to see slavery from Catherine's viewpoint (as slavery is already outlawed in Great Britain). I always enjoy learning about history while reading an enjoyable story!

I also think the characters are very relatable and Catherine is a strong female protagonist. The story switches

back and forth between Catherine and Tom's (our hero) points of view. When Catherine is left alone due to hard circumstances, she doesn't take the easy way out by marrying for comfort and money. Instead, she decides to join her mother's family in America (she hasn't had contact with this family for many years and doesn't even know how they will receive her). I admire how she sacrifices the small amount of money she receives from her inheritance to give to her tenants, as they will be losing their jobs and she wants to make sure they are taken care of. Catherine and Tom both have a strong faith. I love how they pray and talk about trusting in God and His plan. Tom quotes Scripture when he's in a tough situation and doesn't know what to do, asking for God's direction. There's also some great verbal sparring between Catherine and Tom that keeps me smiling!

This story left me pleasantly surprised. I love the concept of a run-down plantation surrounded by mystery and secrets!

Link to purchase this book: <http://amzn.to/2sZFrKA>

Link to Christine Johnson's website: <http://www.christineelizabethjohnson....>

Content and Rating: I give this story 4 out of 5 stars. It is a clean read.

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### **Amy says**

Freedom's Price by author Christine Johnson is the third novel in the Keys of Promise series and it was full of action adventure. Englishwoman Catherine Haynes has picked up her life and has decided to move to her American mother's family home in New Orleans, Louisiana, after the loss of her father and the unappealing plans for her life her cousin intends to force upon her. Her trip though is not uneventful and brings to her acquaintance wrecker Tom Worthington.

I enjoyed reading about these two main characters and their lively banter between one another, each trying to ignore the romantic sparks. We get to see how beloved characters from previous books are faring as well. But what really got to me in this novel was Tom and just the way he was so self-sacrificial for Catherine. And I am glad that she noticed that endearing quality in him right off the bat.

This story was filled with family secrets, a mysterious plantation, evil villains, and very deep dark goings on. This novel moved at a quick pace as I was engrossed in the mystery and eerie atmosphere the author set her story in. I have enjoyed this entire series and am interested to see what is next for the author.

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