



IN THESE HILLS

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USA Today Bestselling Author, Tamera Alexander, Taps Family Legacy in Latest Release

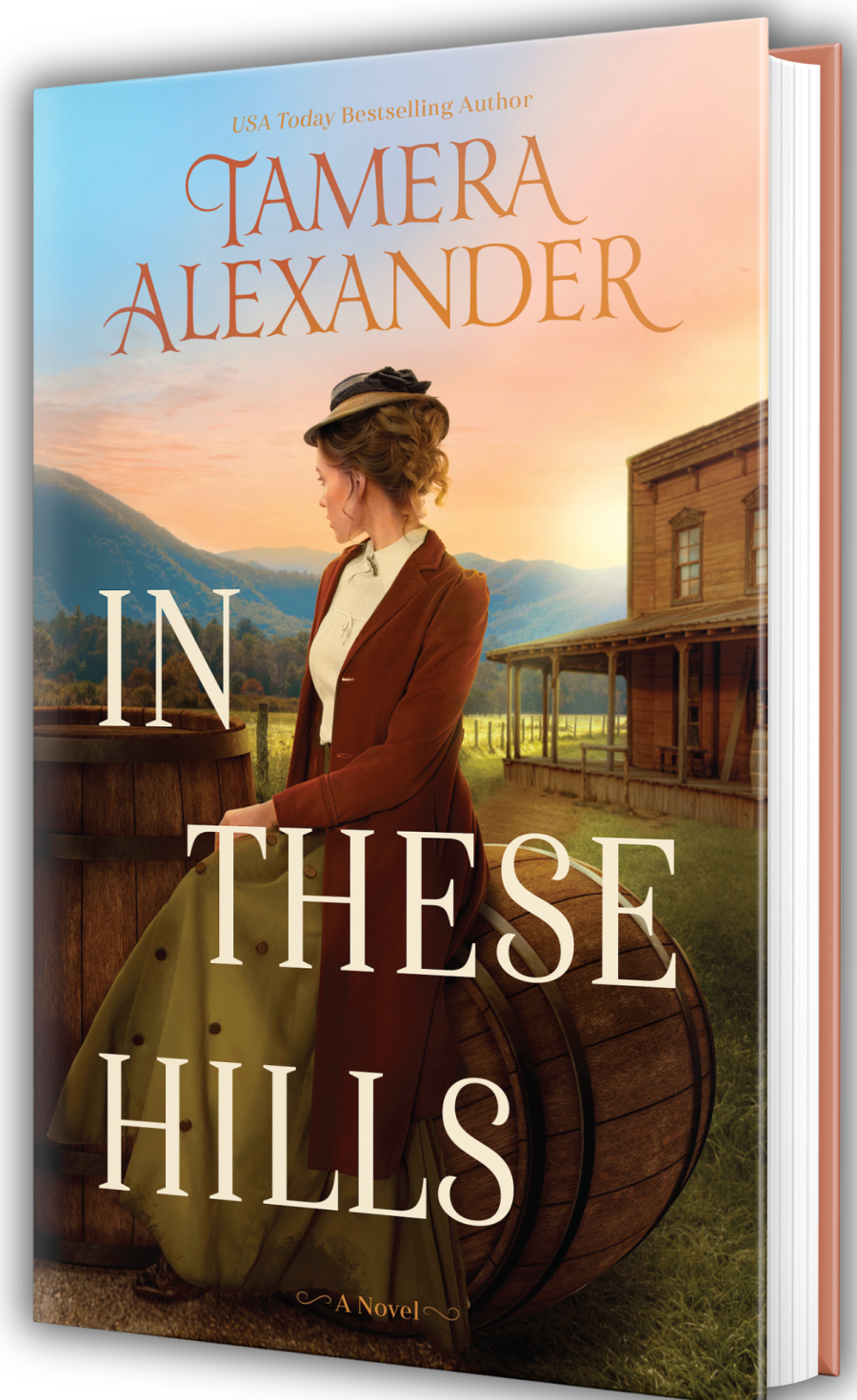
Jack Daniel's Distillery in Tennessee foothills shapes the world of In These Hills

CAROL STREAM, IL —A young suffragist on the run finds more than refuge in the hills and hollers of Tennessee in this gripping historical romance from *USA Today* bestselling author **Tamera Alexander**.

1905. Josephine Dunham is running for her life. After a women's suffrage rally in Atlanta turns deadly, she buys a one-way ticket on the first train out and lands in rural Tennessee in the tiny speck of a town called Lynchburg, with a population of 400.

Desperate to disappear, Josephine is grateful for Miss Mary's willingness to take her in, even temporarily, but Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House turns out to be anything but a haven. Josephine soon realizes the only job matching her skills is at Jack Daniels Distillery, an irony not lost on a suffragist committed to prohibition.

As the distillery gains national recognition, Josephine's secrets resurface. In a place where whiskey making takes time, but justice is too often hurried, Josephine must decide what—and who—she's willing to risk everything for, and whether faith will hold when the cost is high, and time is running out.



"In These Hills is a powerful, deeply satisfying novel of courage, forgiveness, and grace that reminds us that passion must be tempered by wisdom—and that true wisdom is forged through life, faith, and God's gentle leading. From the harrowing opening to a richly rewarding epilogue, the story brims with unforgettable characters, beautifully rendered dialect, compelling chemistry between the hero and heroine, and memorable themes that resonate deeply."

Francine Rivers,
New York Times bestselling author

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A POIGNANT TALE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, SACRIFICE, AND GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN THE TENNESSEE HILLS

- **Award-Winning Author of Nearly 20 Novels** — Tamera Alexander is a USA Today bestselling author and Christy Award Hall of Fame inductee, with accolades including Christy Awards, RITA Awards, Library Journal's Top Christian Fiction, and American Christian Fiction Writer's Carol Award, as well as multiple Publishers Weekly starred reviews
- **Born from Family Heritage** — Drawing from her own family connection to Jack Daniels, Tamera's characters are inspired by real people from the town of Lynchburg, including her great-great-grandfather, who was employed by the distillery
- **Clean Romance in a Rich Southern Setting** — Tamera Alexander blends small-town Tennessee warmth with a clean, swoon-worthy enemies-to-lovers storyline
- **Suffering as a Spiritual Forge** — Highlights that God uses challenges to mold character and strengthen trust, even without instant relief
- **Grace Through Struggle** — A heartfelt portrayal of overcoming hardship, offering oneself forgiveness, and finding meaning in life's surprising twists and turns
- **Sisterhood that Inspires and Empowers** — Highlights the beauty of women walking the creative journey together —exchanging inspiration, sharpening their craft, and building lifelong bonds that go beyond the page



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Tamera Alexander is a USA Today bestselling novelist and one of today's most beloved authors of inspirational historical romance and women's contemporary fiction. While being Gram Tam is her current favorite role, she'll never turn down a stroll through an old cemetery or browsing through antique shops.

Her works have been awarded numerous industry-leading honors—among them the Christy Award, the RITA Award, the Carol Award, and Library Journal's top honors—and have earned the distinction of Publisher's Weekly Starred Reviews. In 2020 she was inducted into the Christy Award Hall of Fame which recognizes authors for their legacy and contribution to Christian fiction. Her deeply drawn characters and thought-provoking plots have earned her devoted readers worldwide.

Tamera and her husband love living in Nashville, Tennessee, and treasure the time spent with their grown children and grandchildren. They live a short distance from the Southern mansions that serve as the backdrop for many of her critically acclaimed novels. Tamera views her writing as a way to grow closer to the Lord Jesus Christ—and her deepest desire is that those who read her novels will take steps closer to Him as well.

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"As soon as I started reading In These Hills I couldn't stop... This is a tender romance with rich, spiritual depth. A must-read."

Lynn Austin,
Award-winning author of *The Lumber Baron's Wife*

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What drew you to write a story in Lynchburg, Tennessee?
2. We sometimes forget the danger the suffragists experienced. How did this conflict impact the story?
3. You used to work in marketing. How has that experience helped your writing career?
4. Faith and resilience often anchor your stories. What spiritual thread runs through *In These Hills*, and how do you hope readers will see God's presence in the midst of uncertainty?
5. You had the opportunity to write from the locations in your book. Describe this experience.
6. You work with wonderful communities of authors such as Francine Rivers and Lynn Austin. How does engaging with these groups enhance your writing? How can new writers start building their own writing community to encourage and challenge their skills?
7. What is your most important piece of advice for those who are writing historical fiction?
8. You mention in your author bio that you enjoy walking through old cemeteries and antique shops. What attracts you to study and write about history?
9. Historical fiction requires balancing fact with imagination. In this novel, where did you feel the most creative freedom — and where did history require you to stay carefully tethered to the record?
10. You have won several awards (such as the Christy Award, the Carol Award, and Library Journal's top honors). What helps you hold yourself to a standard of excellence in your writing?
11. Your book has enemies-to-lovers and opposites-attract elements in the story. What is your favorite romance trope?
12. Your family has a history in Lynchburg. What did you learn about your heritage while writing this book?



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Tamera's Awards

USA Today Bestselling Novelist

Christy Award

Inductee to Christy Award Hall of Fame

RITA Award

Carol Award

Library Journal's Top Honors

Publishers Weekly Starred Reviews

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FROM THE BOOK

"It was self-defense, Sarah. And that's the truth!"

"Finny, you know good as me that won't be matterin' a whit. Not to the mayor and not to any of the other men in charge. What his son did to you won't even be bandied about. Only what you did to him."

Police whistles sounded, drawing their attention toward the street.

"You have to go, Finny. Now."

"Go? Go where?"

"As far away from Atlanta as you can get."

"But Sarah, my life is here. You're here. The other women, my students. Without all of you, I—"

"You're not goin' to have a life if you stay here. You'll not only be goin' to jail, you'll never be gettin' out. Not with how things are right now. Remember what they did to your dear Todd. You know I'm speakin' the truth." Doubt crept into her eyes. "Maybe what we're fightin' for is too much. Maybe—"

Sarah, who rarely showed her more tender emotions, struggled to contain tears, and for the first time since they'd met at a suffrage rally nearly two years earlier, Josephine read fear and disillusionment in her friend's expression.

"Maybe it's never goin' to happen, Finny. At least not in our—"

"No." Josephine looked her in the eyes. "Don't ever say that. We have to remember . . . Failure is impossible."

With a tepid nod, Sarah rose and pulled Josephine to her feet... "You just killed the mayor's son, Finny! In self-defense, I know, I was here. I seen it. But a woman's testimony counts for nothin', do you hear me? Nothin'. So if you want to live, you will run!"

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