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## New Fiction Line Combines Romance with Moments in History

*American Tapestries™ Line from Summerside Press Launches with October 2012 releases*

**Seattle:** This fall Summerside Press will be launching the new American Tapestries™ fiction line, delighting romance readers and history lovers alike. The debut releases in the series, *Queen of the Waves* by Janice Thompson and *Where the Trail Ends* by Melanie Dobson, will be available in stores on October 1.

Each American Tapestries™ novel sets a heart-stirring love story against the backdrop of an epic moment in American history. Whether they fought in her battles, built her cities or forged paths to new territories, a diverse tapestry of men and women shaped this great nation into the Land of Opportunity. Even then, as is true now, the search for romance was a major part of the American Dream.

Summerside hopes to build on the success they have found with the Love Finds You™ series, which has sold almost one million units during the past four years. American Tapestries™ has the appeal and ongoing potential of the popular Love Finds You™ line, but it is an epic series with longer books that have a more premium, literary feel.

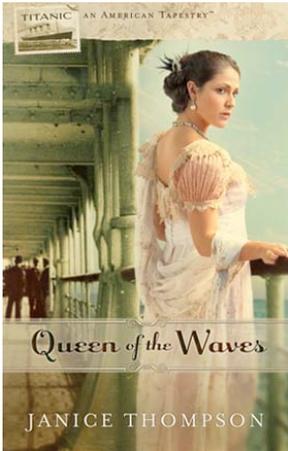
"While we were brainstorming ideas for the new series, we gave some thought to what our readers enjoyed most about the Love Finds You™ series," explains Rachel Meisel, Summerside's fiction editorial director. "One thing our readers all say is how they enjoy learning more about real places in America. We were inspired by that—readers like to learn something; they enjoy that element of real-life within the pages of fiction. Instead of actual towns playing a major role in the narrative, these stories are set during actual events in our nation's history."

The editorial team has also taken into account reader feedback via sources such as Facebook when deciding which historical events will be featured in upcoming releases. Some of the historical events that will be retold by some of the most beloved authors in Christian fiction include:

- Sinking of the Titanic
- Forging of the Oregon Trail
- Women's Suffrage Movement
- Battle of the Alamo
- Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad
- Signing of the Declaration of Independence
- Construction of the Biltmore House
- First Flight at Kitty Hawk
- Oklahoma Land Rush
- American Civil War
- Yukon Gold Rush

With two titles to be released each fall (October) and spring (April), Summerside invites lovers of historical romance not only to fall in love with this line, but to fall in love with America all over again.

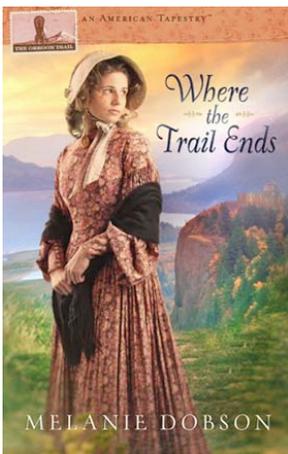
For updates on the series, visit <http://summersidepress.com/Products/AmericanTapestries>.  
About the October 2012 American Tapestries™ releases:



### **Queen of the Waves by Janice Thompson:**

*Queen of the Waves* tells the story of two families on opposite sides of the Atlantic that are shaken by the rise and fall of the *Titanic*, "queen of the ocean." To help her daughter escape an arranged marriage, Jacqueline Abingdon's mother secretly purchases a ticket for Jacque on the much-anticipated maiden voyage of the *Titanic*. But unbeknownst even to her mother, the pampered Jacque has concocted a second scheme. Another woman will board in her place, and Jacque will elope with the family gardener to a small village in the English countryside.

From a poor corner of London, Tessa Bowen has been granted the opportunity of a lifetime — a ticket to sail to America. But there's a catch: She must assume Jacqueline Abingdon's identity. For the first time in her life, Tessa stays in expensive quarters, dresses in luxurious gowns and dines with prestigious people. When a wealthy, young American man takes an interest in her, Tessa struggles to keep up the ruse while she finds herself falling for him. When tragedy strikes, the game is up, and Jacque's and Tessa's lives are forever changed.



### **Where the Trail Ends by Melanie Dobson:**

It's 1842, and for 2,000 miles along the trail to Oregon Country, eighteen-year-old Samantha Waldron and her family have faced tremendous challenges to reach the Willamette Valley before winter. They have weathered autumn storms, hunger, thirst and the dangers of a wild and unfamiliar country. After they lose their father along the trail, Samantha and her young brother, Micah, are rescued from the mighty Columbia River by British exporter Alexander Clarke.

Once the three of them arrive at Fort Vancouver, Samantha is overwhelmed with men vying for her affections; after all, few women made the journey, especially unmarried ones. However, the only man who intrigues her, Alex, is already promised to another. When his betrothed arrives unexpectedly from England to escort him home, Samantha becomes determined to create a home for herself and Micah in the fertile valley far away from the fort. But how will an unmarried woman support herself and her brother in the wilderness alone? When Micah disappears into the wilderness one rainy night, Samantha must rely on the man she has fallen in love with — the man she's trying desperately to forget — to rescue her brother again before it's too late.

## **Advance Praise**

### **Praise for *Queen of the Waves* by Janice Thompson:**

"I absolutely loved this novel. Janice Thompson captures the true heart of the voyage and makes us feel as if we are a part of the *Titanic*. She also makes sure God's love shines through this tragedy and shows that He has better things in store!"

~ Cathy Peeling, great-niece of Edward Smith, captain of the *Titanic*

"Janice Thompson has concocted a tale I couldn't put down. *Queen of the Waves* is a deft weaving of deceit confronted by truth, shame confounded by love, and guilt swallowed in forgiveness. Beautifully written, this is a very different take on *Titanic*'s many stories—one you won't want to miss, one you won't forget."

~ Cathy Gohlke, Christy-Award winning author

### **Praise for *Where the Trail Ends* by Melanie Dobson:**

"A lovely, well-paced novel with enchanting characters and surprising plot twists. This is not your typical Oregon Trail story—there is more love than loss and more hope than grief on this wagon train west. Melanie Dobson gives her readers the delight of what happens after people arrived in the Oregon territory, with the assurance that the end of the trail is really not the end after all."

~ Jane Kirkpatrick, bestselling author of *All Together in One Place*

"This book will have readers feeling like they are a part of the harrowing wagon train heading west on an exciting, amazing journey that they won't want to end. Dobson's characters face a variety of threats as they seek better lives."

~ *Romantic Times Book Review*

**Janice Thompson (author of *Queen of the Waves*) and Melanie Dobson (author of *Where the Trail Ends*) are available for interviews about their new releases and the exciting new American Tapestries line from Summerside Press. To request review copies, schedule an interview or request more information, please contact Audra Jennings, [audra@liffusegroup.com](mailto:audra@liffusegroup.com).**