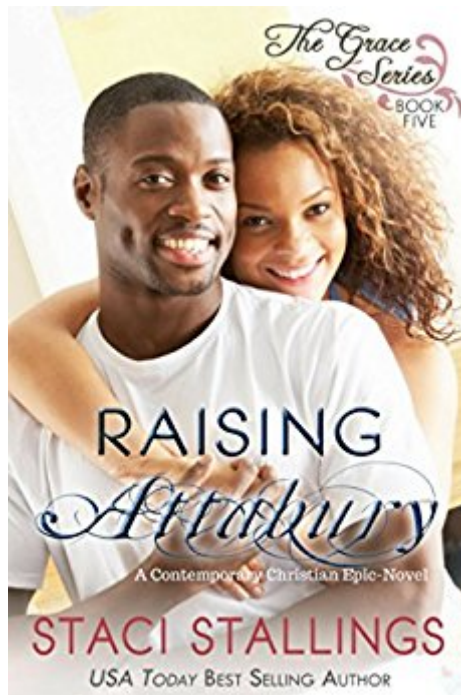




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Raising Attabury: A Contemporary Christian Epic-Novel (The Grace Series Book 5)



Synopsis

Dani Richardson is living the dream. A corporate lawyer pursuing the case that could make her whole career, married to the man of her dreams with a beautiful child to boot, Dani knows this is the life she's always wanted. What she can't quite figure out is why she is so desperately, quietly miserable. When Dani and her husband Eric decide to buy and renovate the old Attabury house in Ridgemount, North Carolina, Dani has no idea that God might have other plans when it comes to her life and her marriage. Will Dani be able to hold it all together long enough to get the impossible project done, or has she finally met her match? Eric Richardson has built a life for himself and his family to be proud of. Coming up from a family drenched in grief and turmoil, he has painstakingly engineered their way into the good life. But when his wife Dani decides to buy and renovate an old, broken-down house that might as well be demolished and used for kindling, Eric is plunged into a way of life he never knew existed. Now as Dani battles ghosts and shadows old and new, Eric must decide if staying with her is even worth the gut-wrenching ride, or if it's time to call it quits and admit the life he thought he was building is doomed to failure. Can God's love really save a broken, desperate marriage? Find out in "Raising Attabury." The fifth and final novel in the epic Grace Series, "Raising Attabury" takes the reader on a decidedly different type of romantic journey that's less about discovery as it is about rediscovery. This novel, written by USA Today Best Selling Christian novelist, Staci Stallings, explores Christian themes of forgiveness, hurt, healing and hope. It is the story of the every-marriage, the one that's just going through the motions, trying to stay together and wondering if it's even worth the effort. In these pages, you will find hope. You will find real life. You will find peace as you read of characters who do not have perfect lives, who make mistakes, and who ultimately experience the life God truly has in store for each of us if we can find the courage to surrender to His plan for our lives.

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Customer Reviews

Raising Attabury is the final book in the Grace Series and I am sorry to see it end. Each book in the series is a great read-I had a hard time putting them down after I started. Raising Attabury is about a married couple who has let the fire go out in their marriage and each wonders if their relationship is worth holding on to. They purchase an old house that is literally about to fall in and remodel it.

During their interactions with the people working on the makeover, each is drawn into the circle of friends and family in Ridgemount and through them they develop a deeper relationship with God.

This novel shows how God can restore broken relationships, and not just between Eric and Dani, but Dani and her grandmother, the beloved Mrs. P. It was fun seeing the continued relationships between the characters in the previous books in the series. There are also wonderful spiritual lessons. I actually recommended these books to a new pastor's wife.

The last novel in the Grace series by Staci Stalling is, in a sense, the best of all the books. It tells us the story of a family which is very successful by earthly standards and a failure by human standards. The family meets the characters of the previous novels and hence get familiar with the simple Christian life Staci Stalling paints with such mastery. As usual the way is not easy and the characters are not perfect humans (as in most books nowadays) but normal, that is selfish, insecure, etc., human beings. Their struggle towards becoming decent people and acting towards themselves and others with kindness shows the reader a path that many of us can walk, although this is the road less travelled. All in all, this is an excellent book which teaches us how to become

better people and live a more fulfilling life. It can be read by non-Christians as well in the way CS Lewis books can be read by everyone because he never pushes his views on the reader.

This book is THE BEST from this author....page after page resonated with me and a friend who I had encouraged to read it.As Christians life sometimes isn't perfect and this couple's story reminds us of this....This series of books have taught me several things:1. Trusting God's will and purpose and not leaning onto your own understanding2. Being intentional in your words and deeds3. Putting God at the centre of your heart...trusting Him with the other "priorities" of family, career etc. They will sort themselves out according to His will.4. Letting go of self.....best read ever...It doesn't get better or more REAL than this.Ideal for the happy and the struggling couple as well as for the singleton...it clears the vision of those who look at life through "rose coloured lenses".I would recommend getting the entire series.. .this one is worth the wait and is the icing on the cake!!!But don't worry if you just want to dive in and read this one...it is AWESOME as a standalone too....

Anything written by Ms. Stallings is amazing, but Raising Attabury held truths I needed at this point in time. Hope, healing, releasing the responsibility for another's happiness, restructuring life and so much more were all themes that spoke to my personal journey. This series is so good the tendency will be to devour each story quickly, racing to see what happens next. However, Raising Attabury is worth a thoughtful perusal. I fully plan to go back to the story of Sage and Luke (Mirror, Mirror) so I might read this series one after the other and absorb the impact to a greater degree. Bravo, Ms. Stallings, for taking ordinary life and shining holy light on it so that we might leave encouraged with new appreciation for God and His plan in our lives.

I absolutely loved the entire Grace series. I have never taken so many notes from a novel as I did with Staci Stallings' Grace series. Every novel from Mirror Mirror, When I am Weak, A Love Like This, A Moment Like This to Raising Attabury, I was captivated. I enjoyed all the lessons and sermons from Pastor Steve. My heart was truly blessed by these characters in watching the development of their faith in God. I absolutely fell in love with Luke, Caleb and Eric, not to mention Jace Mrs. P. and Rachel. I can not stop talking about these novels. Already downloaded The 9-12 Project and can't wait for The Shift Paradigm. Thank you Staci for sharing your heart with us.

Superb is a word I rarely use, but the perfect word to describe this book. If I could give this series, this book in particular a dozen more stars, I would! I have absolutely devoured each

one, unable to put them down as I would read them. I really loved Eric and Dani's story~ the struggle and the beauty of reconciliation as only God could provide. The deep friendships of these people were amazing examples of the kind of love that impact lives in a real and amazing way! I felt like I'm saying goodbye to close friends as I finished the last pages of Raising Attabury. Thank you Staci for sharing your gift with us, your readers!

Dani and Eric have grown apart and their marriage is floundering. When Dani wants to buy a house that is falling apart Eric reluctantly agrees. Their Adventure *À l'Âge* leads to a turn in their lives they don't expect. My only issue is with the author's repetitive use of certain phrases, such as "put his hand at his beltline.". It makes me think she can't come up with other descriptions.

You won't be disappointed in this series Staci brings so much into her characters and I believe that God is blessing her stories because he is lifted up in them and they speak to each of us, I feel Our Lord Jesus is speaking Loud and Clear giving us examples through her characters or should I say His Characters Be Blessed

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