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Mercy's Fight



Synopsis

He feared no one...but himself. Recovering from a past shaped by violence, Matt Holloway has sworn to live a different life than his parents did. Matt has found a purpose that keeps his lingering pain and fear at bay: helping others to heal. Yet the nightmares continue to haunt him. Grace has lived a life of luxury, sheltered by her family's money and connections. When a betrayal forces her to question everything, she leaves her family and accepts an ambitious position in a career for which she may not be ready. When the two first meet, they cannot deny their instant, intense attraction. While Grace is willing to take another risk with her heart, Matt remains chained by his past and struggles to trust their future together. Fighting to save the children they've pledged to help, Matt and Grace must learn to overcome the pain in their past and find their true courage. Want more of Matt and Grace? Be sure to check out Tammy's new release, *Sell Out*.

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Customer Reviews

The eagerly awaited 4th book by T.L. Gray was everything I expected it to be. We'd already met Matt

Holloway in Splintered Oak, and in Mercy's Fight we get to know him deeply. Matt has worked hard to become a confident, stable, hard working man who wants nothing more than to take his tortured past and allow God to use it. He runs the office of the anger management counselor that helped him get his life back on track and volunteers as a big brother at a local youth center. His life is ordered, controlled, and for reasons he's not willing to admit to anyone, he's a confirmed bachelor, and determined to stay that way....Until Grace comes along. Grace Covington is his exact opposite. Though born and raised in the high society of the New York elite, she's determined to break free and stand on her own feet, Trusting God to help her make her way on her own merit, she moves states away, refusing to rely on her parents money or influence. Her determination is sorely needed when she takes over as the new director of a youth center in the heart of a tough, inner city neighborhood. Dangers she's never even imagined suddenly become very, very real. Sparks fly when Matt's stubbornness and grit collide with Grace's strength and apparent naivete. Matt's casual confidence is completely swoon worthy when he catches her checking him out, but seconds later his bitter disdain for her heritage makes you want to slap him! Grace takes everything he dishes out and gives back as good as she gets, and it's her refusal to be intimidated or backed down by him or the uncomfortable and often dangerous situations she's thrown into that makes you fall in love with her. In what is becoming classic T.L. Gray style, Mercy's Fight manages to be squeaky clean, yet tells a story that is gritty and rough. The banter and the obvious attraction between the characters is masterfully written and keeps the pages turning, while the story and circumstances engage you in the lives of each character. I would recommend this book to all readers 15+. Though the story deals with some tough subject matter like gang and domestic violence, and drug distribution, there is no language, sexual situations, or descriptive violence. I received a free, advanced reader copy for an honest review

“God never said He would erase our shortfalls, but would use them for His Glory. The magnitude of His mercy rocked me to the core. He wanted all of me, had great plans to use me for His purpose, mistakes and all.” Mercy’s Fight is the story of Matt and Grace, two people who struggle to overcome the betrayals and pains of their past. As they begin and form a relationship with the other, past problems as well as new problems are obstacles they must overcome. If you have read Splintered Oak by Tammy L. Gray and had the opportunity to see Matt, then when reading his story you see a completely different man. Or should I say, you see the man behind the smiles and jokes. Matt has had to overcome a lot from his childhood, and reading his story shows just how merciful God truly is. Matt is a strong and relatable character that I

am happy to learn more of. I have to say, Grace is a pretty strong woman to come from a place of comfort and security to a place where her safety, or lack thereof, is in jeopardy the majority of the time. (It was about time she started checking her locks) Grace is a character I enjoyed reading about, and I loved seeing why she chose to make the decisions she did in order to help those in need. If I had to pick, I would say my favorite main character is Matt. He had to deal with so many obstacles psychological and physical just to be the man God wanted him to be. It was a tough and miraculous journey he overcame. My favorite side character has to be Marcus. Kid has spunk and a BIG mouth to go along with it. But not only is he strong enough to endure all that is going on around him, he allows for Matt to be the friend and mentor he needs. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone struggling with abuse of any kind. To show how God can help one overcome an obstacle such as that. This would also be a good book for those lacking knowledge on what children in rough neighborhoods go through and how to be empathetic towards them. This is a story of mercy, faith, trust, and freedom from guilt. It is a great read that can make one cry, laugh, angry, and finally, happy! SPOILER ALERT RINGING LOUD AND PROUD!! My favorite part of the book is when Grace's husband comes back. I jumped from my bed and shouted "no!" Until he showed up, I completely forgot all about the cheating fiancé. It was a shocker, to say the least, when he appeared all suave out and everything! Another favorite of mine in the book is when Sam asked why Grace thought Matt did not hit him. Her thought was "You're alive." That part just made my day!

Matt is a phenomenal character. He has had to come so far, and he has forced himself to be as strong as he can, both physically and emotionally. But the past keeps creeping back up on him, trying to drag him down. His hardcore, street-wise strength is the perfect foil for Grace, who appears to be aptly named. Her character is strong also, but it is a hopeful, joyful strength. Grace has come to Asheville from a privileged life in New York. Up until she caught her fiancé cheating on her, with her best friend, it doesn't appear that she has ever had to deal with a single unpleasant thing. She is loved and confident, but somehow, not at all snobbish. Normally you would think someone so good would be annoying, but Grace is one of the most likeable characters I've ever come across. I love books that combine the message of Christianity with a gripping story line. This is the first book I have read by Tammy L. Gray, but it won't be the last. I am so glad I started this book when I had time to read it through completely because I did not want to put it down.

I loved this story more than the first in the series. The first one was great, but such a roller coaster for my emotions, that I put off reading this one for more than a year. Inside glad that I finally read it. A high society princess leaves her gilded world to make a difference in the lives of children in an inner city youth center. She meets a bad boy turned good and both of their world views are changed. I love Aunt Mave and think she should be a worker at the center. A great read that left me excited to read Ms. Gray's next book.

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