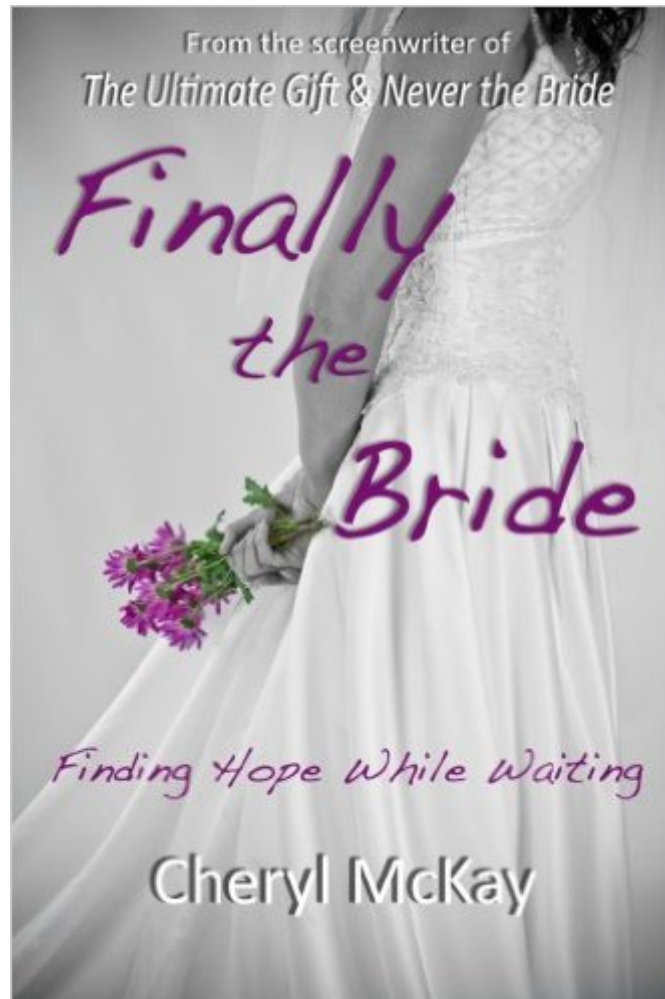


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Finally The Bride: Finding Hope While Waiting



Synopsis

Why Would God Care About My Love Life? From the woman behind the screenplay and novel, *Never the Bride*, comes a roller coaster of a love story with God. Cheryl McKay pulls no punches about what it's really like to be single, with your age creeping up, and no end in sight to the wait for love and marriage. It seems that many years ago, God asked Cheryl to surrender the pen she was using to write her love story. All He wanted was *carte blanche*. No problem, right? Cheryl tentatively conceded--that is, until it became apparent that the Almighty had no intention of conforming to her writing schedule, much less the tick of her biological clock. In fact, He blew every deadline she ever attempted to set. As romance seemed to pass Cheryl by, she couldn't help but question: Could God really be trusted to bring her the love of her life? Written during a long wait, this book opens up Cheryl's painfully honest, personal journals. She explores what it's like to enlist in God's Marriage Boot Camp, and how to survive singlehood year after solitary year. She wrestles with her Creator over multiple best friends that never see her "that way." Then there are those lists of what she wanted--you know, the ones she revised a billion times then laminated for safekeeping. She watches, bewildered, as much younger women find love that seems to elude her. Through it all, she falls head over heels for a God who proves Himself to be as resistant to her controls as He is faithful beyond her wildest dreams. Are you still waiting? Have you lost hope? Venture to victory with a woman who knows just how hard it is to wait for the day when you are Finally the Bride. This book includes a collection of real-life, God-written love stories by such authors as SQuire Rushnell & Louise DuArt (*God Winks Series, Couples Who Pray*), and Victorya Michaels Rogers (*Finding a Man Worth Keeping*) and a chapter on how to pray for your future husband. Praise for *Finally the Bride*: "With courageous transparency, Cheryl invites us to share her journey of faith as she waits on God to write her love story. Not just a book for singles, every Christian can grow and be blessed by the truths Cheryl has learned."--Mark & Patti Virkler (*4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*) "Starved for a soul mate? Follow McKay's breadcrumbs along this very personal journey of faith. This is no light confection of a book. Frankly witty and achingly raw, it is written out of first-hand experience by a woman who choked down one rejection after another, year after bewildering year."--Susan Rohrer (*THE HOLY SPIRIT: Amazing Power for Everyday People*) "Cheryl is a gifted writer who brings a great perspective to anyone seeking to find the right spouse or have a great marriage."--Crystal Stovall (*A Groom Worth Waiting For*) & Jim Stovall (*The Ultimate Gift*) "Cheryl's willingness to be vulnerable and share the personal, sometimes painful, lessons of faith, learned as a single Christian woman wrestling with God's timing and perfect plan for her life, brings such hope and encouragement to those in their own season of waiting."--Christa Sands (*Learning to Trust*

Again)"She encourages the single person who believes they are to be married, to live life fully in the waiting--to enjoy the time with God and learn what it means to be fully committed to Him, before being committed to a different 'him.'"--Caroline Way (Confessions From a Farmer's Wife)***Key Topics:Singles, waiting, hope, discouragement, The List, Finding the One, prayer, husband search, future husband, dating, true love, Marriage Boot Camp, God written love story, heartbreaks, surrender, rejection, God's promises, Never the Bride, Power Prayers for your future husband, How to pray for your future husband

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Customer Reviews

Yes this is a book about singleness but it's more than that. It's Cheryl's story. (Yes. Cheryl. First names now because I feel as they we are kindred spirits now after reading this book!) The book is broken up into her story and what she has learned and her thoughts on single life. The first half of the book features excerpts from her journals, lists she made, and practical advice from her own life. The second half of the book is written later and shares her story to finding the guy of her dreams. It also features a surprise chapter by her husband and some fun stories from others. I laughed and I cried through this book. Cheryl has a way of telling a story that makes you feel like she is telling it to you over tea on the back porch. The book is never preachy and is full of light bulb moments where you say...Me too. I am so glad I am not alone! Cheryl shares her own very personal story through her journal entries and funny stories that will have you cringing and laughing and saying...me too! From the beginning you get a glimpse of her heart and you can see a woman who loves God and yet wants that earthly mate too. How many of us single gals can relate to that? It took me

months to read this book because God used it to do a big work in my heart dealing with my singleness. You see I was losing hope and losing it fast. I was tired of waiting and tired of trusting. Cheryl's authentic vulnerability helped me open my heart and He began to work within it. The way Cheryl invites you into her innermost heart moments with Him... and you see how deeply she loves Him and He loves her...it is moving. Through out the book you are challenged and encouraged in your own relationship with God.

I have read a LOT of relationship books over the years and I have found the most comfort in those books written from a Christian perspective. Let's face it: because times have changed there are lots of women (and men!) who just can't seem to meet the right person. If you are a God-fearing, church going, sold-out for Christ, Bible-reading, Rosary-praying, no-sex-outside-of-marriage committed Christian (whew!) it ain't easy. It isn't IMPOSSIBLE but it isn't easy. I have intermittently given up over the years but then something pulls me back from the abyss. Oddly enough, I had just finished my quiet time with God when I went onto .com because I was thinking about getting another book--not a how-to book on dating or finding a man or anything like that. Rather, I was looking for a book about WAITING. After all, that's the season I'm in and have been in for a while. I was seriously considering purchasing two other books when this book showed up in my visual field. It was FREE and it had amazing reviews. Nuff said. I downloaded the book on Friday night. But Sunday afternoon, I was finished. What an amazingly true account of what it's like to be a single Christian woman who feels totally forgotten by everyone, even God on occasion. The author was extremely candid and shared her personal struggles. I could definitely relate to her dialogue with God. In the end, the author met the man God was preparing for her. The book ends with her husband sharing his *own* struggles as a single Christian man also in a prolonged waiting phase. He describes his emotional journey during their courtship and what God revealed to him along the way. I say this book changed my life because I believe this was a message from God to me. The author talks a lot about "signs" in the book.

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