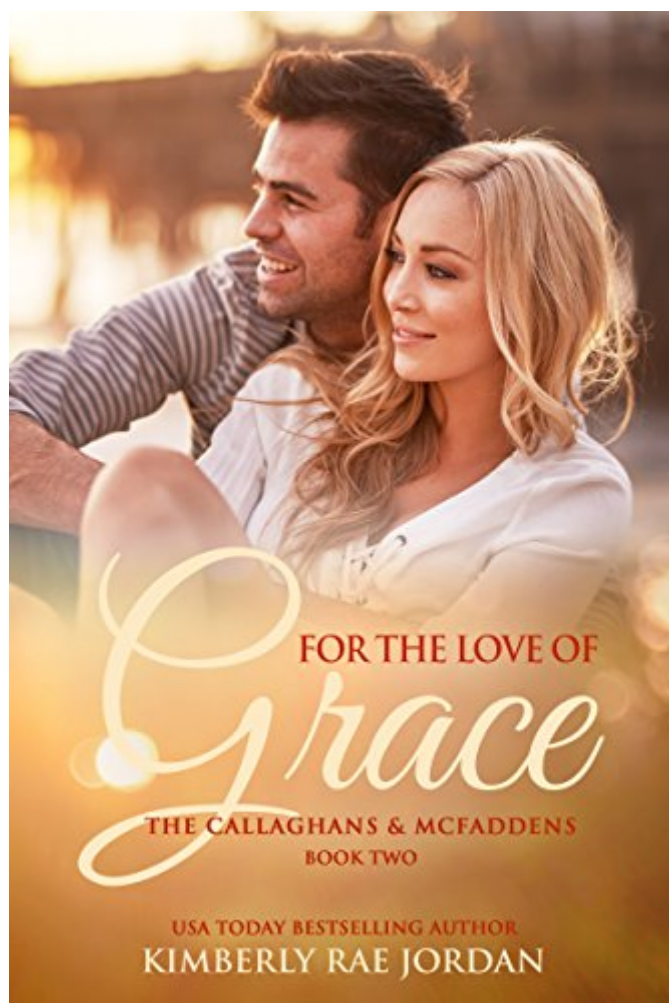


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For The Love Of Grace: A Christian Romance (The Callaghans & McFaddens Book 2)



Synopsis

This Christian romance novel of 80,000 words is the second book in The Callaghans & McFaddens series from author Kimberly Rae Jordan. *A HANDFUL OF FLOWERS* (ASIN: B01APAIXM6) is the prequel to this series. When Bennett McFadden fell in love with Grace Moore as a nineteen-year-old, he'd thought they had a future together. Unfortunately, everything changed when Grace's grandmother died and Grace pulled away from him and the future he had dreamed they'd have together. Several years later, Grace's husband passes away unexpectedly, and it reinforces her belief that anyone she allows to get too close to her dies. To prevent further heartache, Grace is once again determined to keep those she cares about at arm's length, but sometimes circumstances force a closeness that can't be avoided. Bennett hadn't like Grace's husband, Franklin, when they'd first met--for many reasons--but as the man had changed in recent months so had Bennett's level of respect for him. Franklin's death shocks them all, but once again the Callaghan-McFadden family rallies around Grace just as they had during the past losses she'd endured. As Bennett spends time helping Grace in the months following Franklin's death, he finds the feelings he'd once had for her coming to the surface again. Unfortunately, the fear that bound Grace's heart before has an even tighter grip on her now. Though she supports Makayla and Ethan as they prepare to say their vows, she knows that never again will she allow herself to be that vulnerable. Love can overcome fear, but only if Grace is willing to take a chance even while knowing that loss might follow. If you enjoy heartwarming Christian romance with a focus on love, faith and family, be sure to check out the other books and series by Kimberly Rae Jordan. Christian romance series by Kimberly Rae Jordan: *Black Thorpe Security* *The McKinleys* *The Callaghans & McFaddens* *Fostered by Love* *Home to Collingsworth* *Those Karlsson Boys* Other Christian romance books by Kimberly Rae Jordan: *Faith, Hope & Love* *Marrying Kate*

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Customer Reviews

Waiting for (standalone) Book 2 in the Handful Of Flowers Series was worth it. Here's another beautifully told story by author Kimberly Rae Jordan, this one is about Grace and Bennett. It shows clearly how we must *choose* love over fear. It also demonstrates very realistically the crippling effects of being afraid and the power that lies can have over a person if they believe a lie, e.g. that everyone they love gets hurt and/or even dies. If we don't share what's going on in their hearts/minds, it will likely take much longer to figure out a way out of the maze of fear and mixed emotions. How good it is to have friends who will speak the truth in love, like Tami and Bennett in this story, because the truth sets people like the heroine Grace free. Once a person (or character) chooses to believe the truth, the power of right believing, brings joy unspeakable and full of glory. We get to choose to live and to love. And the outcome will be beautiful, for everyone involved - like at the end of For the Love of Grace. Looking forward to the next book in this series, having really enjoyed the prequel, A Handful of Flowers, that tells the sweet story of Steve and Emily, and Book 1, A Change of Heart about Ethan Collins and Makayla McFadden.

Grace's life has been full of loss, and in the months after the death of her husband, she struggles to accept the discovery of her pregnancy or the possibility of rekindling love with Bennett, afraid that giving her heart to the baby or Bennett will mean losing them, too. (Though reviews are inherently subjective, I prefer to provide some organization to my opinions through the use of a personal rubric. The following notes may contain spoilers.) Plot and Setting: 3.8 -- Plot is mostly engaging. Has unique elements and no major holes, but a few shaky bits and/or a slight lack of focus. Plot

points in sub-plots are dropped or not resolved. Setting is clear and believable. Timeline may be a bit hard to follow. I liked the unusual angle of a romance that never really got started, but somehow lingered in the background until it's time to bring it forward again. I also liked the aspect of Grace struggling to grieve and release her fears, particularly in regards to her pregnancy and new baby. But it's not a particularly focused plot, and things resolve almost too easily. We are also left with unanswered questions. The trouble with Kelton is not resolved (and it's never clear what the actual problem was--did he go to Grace's grad with her, or to her prom, or did he betray a secret Bennett confided in him?), and then the epilogue includes some intentionally mysterious sorrows, which I assume will be covered in later books.

Characters: 3.6 -- Main characters are relatable, realistic, interesting, and dynamic. Some minor characters have depth, while others may be slightly stereotyped or simplified. Relationships between characters are not especially well developed, but what is there is generally good. I could appreciate Grace's fear of losing those she loves (though she takes it to extremes), and respected the way Bennett did his best to be a good friend and protector, regardless of his own feelings. It just felt like her fear of loss and his cautious protectiveness were their ONLY traits for much of the book, and then their relationship kind of appears out of nowhere. Most of the relationships here have long been established, so we don't see them really building, and there are so many minor characters that specific family/friend relationships don't necessarily stand out. It's not terrible, just a bit underwhelming.

Mechanics and Writing: 3.6 -- Scattered typos, punctuation issues, and word errors. (

I have enjoyed every single book by this author and this one was no exception. The characters in this book have been introduced in previous books. However, it would stand very well by itself. I guess that the thing that I appreciated the most about the characters in this book was that one of them was willing to tell hard truths about where the other was headed in a way that was loving but totally risked keeping any relationship with the other. Some people make the mistake of not letting others have time to grieve and others pull into grief and never let it go. This book dealt with those hard issues, but it never feels heavy or preachy. It is another winner by Kimberly Rae Jordan.

What a wonderful sweet clean romance story with lots of twists and turns. Kimberly has such a fantastic way of writing that right from the first page you are pulled into such a delightful story. It was heart melting to have a front row seat in all that the female character went through, I had tears and pulling of my heart strings as she learned to fully trust again. I just fell in love with Ben, what an incredible man he was. This book will have you laughing, teary eyed and sighing all the way

through. It was a pure pleasure reading this and can't wait for the next one to come out!

It had been awhile since I'd read the prequel and book 1 in this series, so I re-read them before reading book 2. I was glad I did, as I had the background and characters fresh in my mind for this one. Jordan has done a really good job with the characters and the plot. The characters grow and develop, and the plot keeps the reader's interest.

Absolutely loved this book. Feeling like you are a part of something greater and seeing how God can work in the lives of those who have had a rough past is amazing. Seeing how Grace was able to overcome and see the true meaning of love was wonderful. A great message with a very touching story. Never disappointed with a Kimberly Rae Jordan book. Looking forward to the next part in the series!

I so enjoyed Grace's story. The depth of grief and fear that was expressed gave so much understanding of her character. The message of love overcomes fear is so important and was so beautifully portrayed. This was a great story to this series and I can't wait for the next book.

Bennett is my favorite. So patient and understanding. He wins the gentleman's award for being the best. I got a little irritated with Grace at times. She just couldn't pull her head out of the sand. Highly recommend this series and any book this author writes.

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