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[Excerpt from Chapter 1]
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USA Today Bestseller

"Pure reading pleasure."
~ Liz Curtis Higgs, *NYT* best-selling author of *Mine Is the Night*

"Deeply satisfying, both to my heart and my soul."
~ Christy Jordan, *Southern Plate*

"Beautiful. Powerful. Stirring. Written on my heart for all time."
~ Cindy Woodsmall, *NYT* best-selling author of Sisters of the Quilt series

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“Alexander writes a beautiful story of love, friendship and finding purpose. The passion the characters have for one another and their dreams will keep readers engaged to the very last word. Book one in the Belle Meade Plantation series reminds readers that their path in life may twist and turn in unexpected ways, but God still has a good plan for their lives.' (*RT Book Reviews, four stars*)

“Already a USA TODAY bestseller, this novel draws a fresh thread in this author's historical fiction tapestry. Tamera Alexander's painstaking research into the people, places and times of which she writes is evident on every page and she depicts the famous residents of post-bellum Nashville with great detail and even greater affection. Flitting among famous Southerners, Alexander's fictional protagonists are endearing and their romance sweet---with just the right amount of heat in their attraction. Both Ridley and Olivia grow in character over the course of the novel and readers will delight in seeing this Southern-bred Yankee and his Nashville belle reach their Happy Ever After.” (*usatoday.com, Serena Chase*)

From the Author
The setting of this novel, the Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville, TN, is a real antebellum estate that still welcomes visitors today. The Harding family, characters in *To Whisper Her Name*, lived at Belle Meade in the 1800s and many of the events included in this novel were taken from their personal history and then fleshed out in my imagination.

In addition to the Harding family, many of the former slaves who served at Belle Meade inspired characters of this story--Robert Green, Susanna Carter, and many others. In nearly every instance, I used the real names of the former slaves and the positions they held at Belle Meade. However, the characters' personalities and actions are of my creation and should be construed as such.

After two years of research and writing *To Whisper Her Name*, I invite you to join me on yet another journey into the postbellum world of Nashville, Tennessee. Thank you, faithful readers, for entrusting your time to me. It's a weighty investment that I treasure and will never take for granted.

Warmly,
Tamera

Visit my Amazon Author Page to watch 2-minute video vignettes filmed on location at Belle Meade Plantation.

From the Inside Flap
"*To Whisper Her Name* has everything a fine historical novel needs: characters we truly care about, struggles that really matter, splashes of humor to engage us, and period details that bring the past to vibrant life. Ridley and Olivia both arrive with heartaches and disappointments tucked in their traveling bags. Watching them unpack those memories and make room for the Lord's cleansing touch is pure reading pleasure."
~ Liz Curtis Higgs, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Mine Is the Night*

"To Whisper Her Name will grab you and not let go. It's a beautiful, powerful story with unforgettable characters who face the unthinkable with honor while a captivating romance blooms where seeds should never have been scattered."
~Cindy Woodsmall, New York Times best-selling author of Sisters of the Quilt series

"Tamera has taken 205 years of Belle Meade history and brought it to life in "To Whisper Her Name." The mansion becomes vibrant again with family, the grounds alive with guests and staff, and the thoroughbreds once again are saddled and ready to take the reader on a rollicking ride!"
~ Alton Kelley, Executive Director, Belle Meade Plantation, Nashville, TN

"To Whisper Her Name has everything I love in a Tamera Alexander book: great sense of place, multi-layered characters, and a romantic plot that kept me up way too late. This post-Civil war novel is a terrific story by one of the top authors out there."
~Colleen Coble, author of *Tidewater Inn* and the Mercy Falls series

"Rich in history, romance, and human drama, *To Whisper Her Name* is a book to be savored, like a sumptuous Southern banquet. Tamera Alexander's skills as a master storyteller have never been more evident."
~ Robin Lee Hatcher, bestselling author of *Beloved* and *Betrayal*

To Whisper Her Name is another compelling novel from the pen of Tamera Alexander, revealing that though times have changed, human emotions and relationships never will. A cast of characters you'll fall in love with, and a beautiful story of redemption and hope.
--Deborah Raney, author of *The Face of the Earth* and the Hanover Falls Novels

"To Whisper Her Name draws you in on a journey to redemption and love between two people who have suffered deeply from others' judgment. This is a story of love but mostly of God's grace and His ever present

hand in restoring the lives of those who seek him. A romance so deeply satisfying, both to my heart and to my soul."
~Christy Jordan, *Southern Plate: Classic Comfort Food That Makes Everyone Feel Like Family*

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