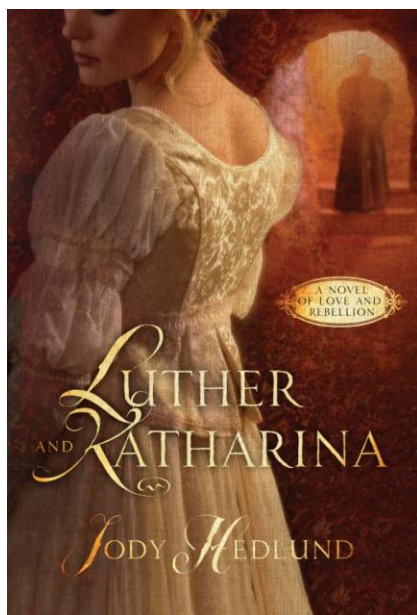


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Katharina von Bora: The Woman Behind Martin Luther *Giving Voice to One of History's Most Forgotten Women*



Travel back through the centuries to uncover a world fraught with danger as one heretical monk seeks to enlighten a Church darkened by corruption and greed. Plunge into the pages of history like never before as a young nun dares to break free from a life of punishment and isolation. Their troubled paths intersect and conceive one of history's most incredible, yet little-known love stories.

In ***Luther and Katharina: A Novel of Love and Rebellion*** (WaterBrook Press, October 6, 2015), award-winning historical romance author Jody Hedlund invites readers into the 16th century, on the precipice of the Reformation—a time of birth pains and bloodshed as Martin Luther labors to bring the truth of Scripture to life. With a keen sense of suspense, Hedlund delivers a breathtaking account of Martin Luther and the woman who would eventually capture his heart.

BACKGROUND INFO

Hedlund begins this epic with an immediately gripping image; a young woman, terrified but desperate for freedom dangles from the stone ledge of a window. Her name is Katharina von Bora and at 24 years old, she's spent most of her life behind the walls of the Marienthron convent. She hesitates, listening intently for any proof that her plan has been compromised, knowing the punishment that awaits her if she is discovered. Yet there is no turning back. The words of Martin Luther's writings echo in her mind and propel her forward into the unknown.

Not far away, an Augustinian monk, whose radical teachings have left him excommunicated from the Church, advocates the power of God's grace as the faith he loves falls even farther away from the Holy Scriptures.

In *Luther and Katharina*, Hedlund beckons readers into an unfamiliar world and compels them to journey alongside these two historical figures. In elegant detail, she reveals the woman in who Martin Luther met his match and learned the truth of Scripture, that "he who finds a wife finds a good thing."



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