

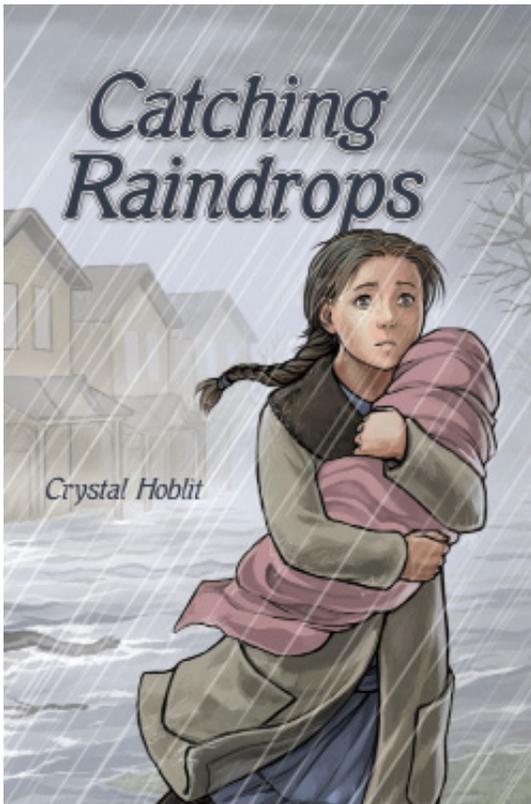


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NEW BOOK SHARES FICTIONAL ACCOUNT OF DEVASTATING 1913 OHIO FLOOD AUTHOR SHARES STORY THROUGH THE EYES OF 12-YEAR-OLD MAGGIE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Heavy rains in March of 1913 created what is still known as the greatest natural disaster in Ohio history. Dayton flood levies broke putting downtown under 20 feet of water, gas lines ruptured sparking a series of fires and in the end at least 428 people were killed. A century after this devastating natural disaster author Crystal Hoblit is transporting readers back in time through the pages of her new book, *Catching Raindrops* (Ambassador International; November 2012; \$ 9.99, paperback).

The book shares the disaster through the eyes of 12-year-old Maggie, visiting family in Dayton when the flood strikes. Maggie endures heart-wrenching tragedy and harrowing danger as she attempts to escape the devastation. “I’ve lived in Ohio my whole life,” explains author Crystal Hoblit. “I’ve always been intrigued by this event in Ohio history and I wanted to teach a new generation about what happened through this piece of historical fiction.” *Catching Raindrops* also includes important life lessons about living each day to the fullest. “We should cherish every moment and always believe that God is there around us,” says Hoblit.

Crystal Hoblit lives in the flat, but lovely area of southwest Ohio. *Catching Raindrops* is her first novel, a project she has been working on for five years.

To learn more about the author Crystal Hoblit and *Catching Raindrops*, visit [Facebook.com/CrystalHoblit](https://www.facebook.com/CrystalHoblit). For interview requests please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the author:

1. What led you to write the *Catching Raindrops*?
2. When did you first learn about the Flood of 1913?
3. Why did you want to make this the setting for your first novel?
4. What lessons does the main character Maggie learn during this disaster?
5. Why do you think it's important for people to know about this historical event?
6. What age group is your book geared towards?

Reviews

“Having lived in this area all of my life, I knew very little of the story. Now in a simple, easy to read book, Crystal has brought the story to life. I will never see the town in the same way. A wonderful book written for the 8-13 year old audience. Make no mistake though, I enjoyed reading it as a 20 something.”

- Amazon Review by jkstam08

“This is a well done work by an accomplished and rising author. Crystal Hoblit has the character to bring the characters to life. This book would make a great gift at any season.”

- Amazon Review by Bruce

“My 13 year old son read this book in one sitting and loved it. The story is fast moving and compelling enough that I didn't want to put it down either. An excellent first effort by Ms. Hoblit!”

- Amazon Review by Miniver Cheevy

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CRYSTAL HOBLIT *Author of "Catching Raindrops"*



Crystal Hoblit lives in the flat but lovely country of southwest Ohio. She is married to an awesome husband, enjoys gardening, cooking, going barefoot and frolicking with their black lab. "My soul purpose and desire is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in everything I do," she says.

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