

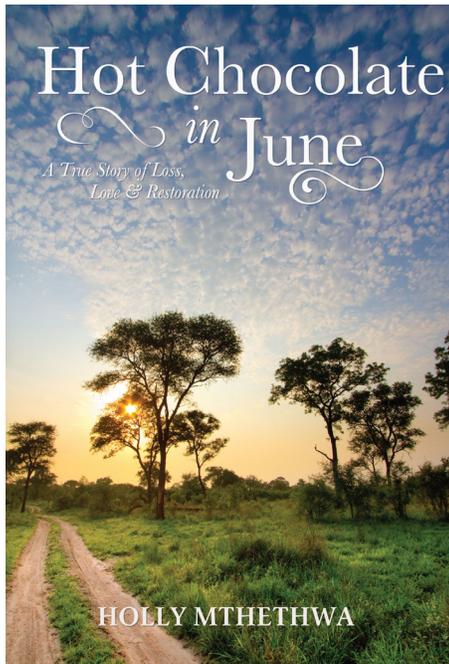


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## ACCOUNTANT-TURNED-ADVENTURER FINDS FAITH AND LOVE IN SOUTH AFRICA *HOT CHOCOLATE IN JUNE* IS A TRUE STORY OF HOW GOD MENDS WOUNDS AND WRITES ADVENTURES IN THE LIFE OF A NEBRASKA NATIVE



**For immediate release:** Under-qualified and overly-ambitious, Holly left her family and friends behind in Nebraska to search for that radical life, that all-for-Jesus-or-nothing-at-all life. In *Hot Chocolate in June* (Ambassador International; May 2014; \$14.99, paperback) Holly Mthethwa explains how her desire to escape depression after the untimely death of her father took her to remote mountain villages and chaotic city streets in India and South Africa.

Using humor and honesty, Holly recounts adventure after adventure including the thrill of falling in love. During an extended stay at a Johannesburg orphanage, Holly met Oscar, a handsome South African rugby player that seemed to have everything she was looking for in a husband—except that he didn't look like anyone she'd ever dated before. This small town, Midwestern girl wasn't supposed to fall in love with a black man.

Despite the pair's instant connection, Holly returned to normal life in America. "I wanted to board a plane and head back to South Africa to hold abandoned babies, to hold the hand of my precious man," writes Holly. "Instead, I boarded into my black suit, held my computer bag in one hand, clenched my coffee mug in the other, and headed down the career path of an audit associate." Thankfully Holly's story doesn't end there. *Hot Chocolate in June* is the true story of God's undeniable ability to mend emotional wounds, overcome racial and culture differences, and write amazing adventures.

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### **Suggested Interview Questions for the author:**

1. What led you to write *Hot Chocolate in June*?
2. How did writing this book change you?
3. What message do you want readers to walk away with?
4. What was your favorite chapter to write?
5. Which chapter was the most difficult to write?
6. What's been the reaction of your friends and family who have read the book?
7. What do you think your dad would say about this book?
8. Do you think you'll ever live in South Africa again?



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