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## NORTH CAROLINA BLOGGER AND SINGER RELEASES A HEART-WARMING TALE ENCOURAGING THE IDEA OF FOSTERING AND ADOPTION, A CAUSE NEAR TO HER HEART



**For immediate release:** Local debut author Heather Norman Smith grew up in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She enjoyed writing stories and poems throughout childhood, but the responsibilities of being an adult distracted her from the desire to write for many years. Now, her first novel, *Grace & Lavender* (Ambassador International, March 1, 2019, \$14.99), is being released. Smith says, “I wanted to illustrate how God adopts believers into His family by His grace, and I wanted to encourage the idea of fostering and adoption, a cause near to my heart.”

**About the Book:** Recently retired Colleen Hill is always busy, constantly on a quest to make life more interesting. When the ladies’ group at her church partners with the local children’s home, Colleen jumps in as usual, volunteering to share her passion for cooking with a troubled teenager named Grace. But Colleen must balance the new project with her pursuit of becoming a contestant on a television game show, along with all the other ideas her brain continually spins out. Colleen’s daughter Melody is quite different. She lives a calm, simple life and is content with who she is. That is, until an unexpected opportunity to work with Grace, too, pushes her to reevaluate life and dare to take on bigger dreams. The path starts with a newly-found interest in soap-making and leads her to responsibilities she didn’t even know she wanted. *Grace & Lavender* is a book for all audiences, a heart-warming story that reminds us to seek God’s purpose for our lives.

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PAGES: 176  
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**About the Author:** Heather lives in the Piedmont of North Carolina with her husband, Alex; their three children, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Daniel; and several pets. Along with Christian fiction writing, she is a blogger of inspirational devotions and Bible study topics. Heather also enjoys singing about Jesus and writing songs. She would love to have you visit her at [www.heathernormansmith.com](http://www.heathernormansmith.com).

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Grace & Lavender*, please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com).

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

1. What made you want to write a book?
2. What other writing do you do or have you done?
3. Are you like any of the characters in your book?
4. Do you have a favorite verse of scripture to share?
5. Who influences you?
6. What is your family like?
7. Is there a message you hope readers will get?
8. How do you find time to write?
9. The main character's home state is very important to her. Why is that?
10. Who do you think will enjoy reading your book?



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