

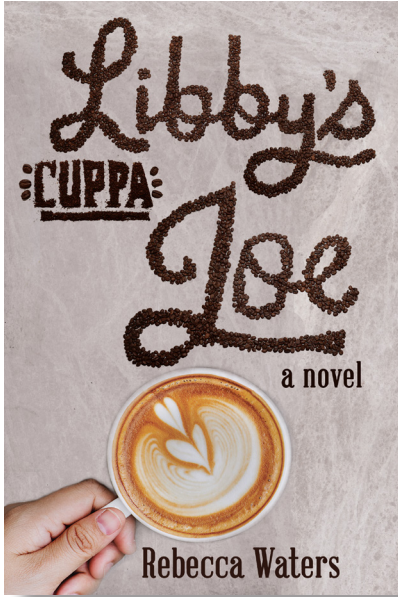


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CONTEMPORARY FICTION ADDRESSES SECOND CHANCES, FORGIVENESS AND NOT LIVING ON BORROWED FAITH



For immediate release: While vacationing with her daughter in Wisconsin, Rebecca Waters happened upon a young unwed mother who was trying to make a go of a small bookstore. After striking up a conversation with her, Waters learned the young woman was selling out. Her business was failing and now she had a baby to think about. She looked so tired and sad. After leaving, Waters and her daughter looked at each other with the same thought on their lips: “She can’t forgive herself.” As they travelled on Waters found herself wishing she could go back and hold that young woman in her arms and help her. The seed was planted in her heart and spilled out as Sonja’s story on paper several years later in *Libby’s Cuppa Joe* (Ambassador International; March 8, 2019; \$14.99). It is Waters’ hope that women facing any crisis will think about the truths Sonja learns and seek a relationship with God.

About the Book

Can grace and love be found amongst coffee grounds?

Sonja Parker is about to find out.

Excited to leave her stale life in the big city behind, Sonja takes the money her grandmother left her and purchases Libby’s Cuppa Joe, a thriving coffee shop in a small community in Wisconsin’s Door County. Sonja may have business sense, but is she ready to face the world on her own?

Sonja soon discovers owning a business requires more than offering a good cup of coffee. She must make major repairs to the building as well as major repairs to her heart. Do the former owners, Libby and Joe hold the answer? As Sonja seeks to make Libby’s Cuppa Joe a viable business, can she also find herself and the God she has abandoned?

Libby’s Cuppa Joe is a riveting tale of second chances, forgiveness, and not living on borrowed faith.

About the Author

Rebecca Waters has been a writer most of her life. Her first published work was a story in the school newspaper she wrote in second grade. For many years Rebecca used her stories as illustrations in church settings and to entertain her own three daughters. Her professional writing included educational articles and research. Following her retirement as a professor of education from Cincinnati Christian University, Rebecca turned her pen to the world of fiction. She has also published several articles in *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, *The Lookout Magazine*, and *Home Health Aide Digest*. Her first novel, *Breathing on Her Own*, was released in 2014.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Libby’s Cuppa Joe*, please contact publicity director Liz Burgdorf at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. Where did you come up with the idea for *Libby's Cuppa Joe*?
2. What is one thing you hope your readers can walk away with after reading *Libby's Cuppa Joe*?
3. There is a secondary story about the previous owners of the coffee shop that emerges in *Libby's Cuppa Joe*. How did that come about?
4. How long have you been writing and what led you to become an author?
5. How did you go about researching and creating your setting in Door County?
6. What was your biggest challenge in crafting *Libby's Cuppa Joe*?
7. What have you learned about yourself through your writing?
8. You write both fiction and nonfiction. Is that difficult to do? How do you make that transition?
9. Why Christian fiction?
10. What do you do when you're not writing?

Endorsement:

"*Libby's Cuppa Joe* by Rebecca Waters is a sweet read in every way. You'll love the setting—I know I do!—and the characters, and the way they watch out for one another. A great community. Imagine my joy to discover that the author who was invited to speak at an event in this fictional story was me! The real me. I'm honored. Readers will enjoy the sweet romance and the sweet treats. Few places can beat Door County for cozy settings in which to read, and cozy settings to write about."

—CYNTHIA RUCHTI,
speaker and author of more than two dozen books, including the novel *Miles From Where We Started*

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