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Benjamin Church came to the grange hall expecting to meet someone else, but then the girl in a red dress looked across the dance floor and smiled...

Passing through Perfect is a heart-wrenching, Southern family saga that starts on the night Benjamin fell madly and completely in love with Delia. Once he tasted the sweetness of her kiss, he envisioned them spending the rest of their life together.

He didn't stop to consider her daddy was a learned Pastor and her mama a woman with a college degree; he only knew she set his heart to racing. When he touched his mouth to hers, he forgot the hardships of being a sharecropper, forgot what it was like to work from dawn 'til dark and forgot that nothing in Grinder's Corner ever really changed.

Benjamin's only thoughts were about lying together every night, sitting side by side on the front porch, and raising a family. Yes, he knew there'd be heartaches. Every couple had their share of heartaches, it was to be expected; but he never imagined such a tragedy would befall their family.

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Passing through Perfect Details

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Carolyn Injoy says

received a free kindle copy of Passing through Perfect: Memory House Collection (The Wyattsburg Series Book 3) by Bette Lee Crosby in a goodreads promotion. I gave this beautifully written novel five stars.

It is a painful book to read for a former southern resident. I lived with people who acted out of ignorance the same as some of the people in Bakerstown. In the town where I lived there were two water fountains in the county courthouse with signs above them, 'white' or 'colored'. When I was six my grandmother pulled me away by the hair when I drank from the 'colored' fountain & told me never to do that again. Many years later I returned to the courthouse & the two fountains were still there. The signs had been removed but the stone wall had faded so you could still see where the signs had been. I guess it takes a long time to heal ignorance & hate.

In this story, Otis Church, father of Benjamin talked about losing his wife. "When the heart of a man gets pulled loose he starts dying. I started dying a year ago, and I'm still working on it. I ain't going all at once; I'm going piece by piece. If you was to see me pushing the plow or chopping wood, you'd figure me a whole person—a heaving, hauling, hard of muscle and stinking of sweat man. But the truth is I ain't been whole since this same day last year."

Describing Sylvester Crane, the landowner where Otis leased the property he farmed: "'He ain't gonna be happy no way. Long as I been on this earth, I never seen that man smile. Not once.' Otis gave his head a worrisome shake. 'A body like him's got everything to be glad about & he ain't glad about nothing. Seems God ought to give second thought to how He's handing out blessings'."

Delia Finch met Benjamin at a dance. They met secretly & fell in love. Her father, George was a preacher but not a forgiving man. He drove her away when she wanted to marry Benjamin. Her mother, Mary, slipped her twelve dollars & her grandmother's wedding band.

Delia & Benjamin moved in with Otis on the farm. Their son Isaac gave them joy. But living on a farm in Grinder's Corner sometimes was difficult. "It's a lot of making do & doing without."

Her father disowned her in spite of his being a so-called man of God. He also kept her mother tightly under control & forbid her to visit her daughter & grandson.

After her Mama & later Otis died, "Delia wore her sorrow like a heavy grey cloak wrapped around her shoulders. She gave up visiting friends & moved through the days like a snail without purpose."

She finally reached the point where she realized, "I can't be thinking of how much I lost, I gotta be thinking about how much I still got."

Describing a situation that took place, Paul said, "That kind of hatred is a terrible thing. It corrupts people from the inside out. Boils on the skin are better than bigotry. At least you can lance the boil & get the poison out. With bigotry there's nothing you can do."

It was a poignantly haunting book that made memories resurface of injustices. It portrayed a time that was

difficult to look at, even after many years have passed. I highly recommend this page turning book.

Link to purchase: <http://www.amazon.com/Passing-through...>

Carole says

I received this book from the author for my honest review.

This is the second book I've read by Bette Lee Crosby. I think I enjoyed it even a little bit more than the first one I read, *Spare Change*.

Set in a time period I love, the 1940s, it is the tale of Benjamin, a man of honor and integrity. He returns from the war, to find the love of his life, Delia. Their love story is sweet, and I admired the way he treasured her. It's the way we, as women, all want to be loved.

There are heartaches and loss along the way, and Benjamin, and his son, Isaac travel north to meet a kind, generous, loving family, the Klaussens.

This is a good, heart warming story I will reccomend to my friends. I look forward to more from this author!

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

I read this book last week and then watched The Golden Globes Sunday night and though I have not seen the movie *Selma* yet, I thought all three of these things tied together nicely. With what has been happening around the country civil rights are still a huge issue even after all these years since that march from Selma to Montgomery. Rap singer Common said this in his speech as the Golden Globes when he won the award for Best Musical Score,

The first day I stepped on the set of *Selma*, I began to think this was bigger than a movie. As I got to know people of the civil rights movement, I realized: I am the hopeful black woman who was denied her right to vote; I am the caring white supporter, killed on the front lines of freedom; I am the unarmed black kid who maybe needed a hand but was instead given a bullet; I am the two fallen police officers murdered in the line of duty. *Selma* has awakened my humanity.

Bette Lee Crosby's *Passing through Perfect* takes us to Alabama when people of color entered only through the back door of white people's houses and had separate bathrooms and water fountains. A time when colored people were not allowed in most stores. We have come past those times or have we. We have elected an African American President, but a portion of the country, including some members of Congress that do not support him because his father was a black man. We still have people who are being judged by the color of their skin by the police, by employers, by their neighbors. They are also judged by their economic status no matter what color their skin is. People living in poverty are considered lazy and living for government handouts.

All these things are in Crosby's book. Benjamin and Delia are both black. Benjamin is a farmer and a

veteran. Delia's father is a preacher. He believes Benjamin is not good enough from his daughter. Love doesn't matter. Delia has to make a huge sacrifice to be with the man she loves. Then she sees the other side of life for people of color. Not every town in like her home town of Twin Pines. Grinder's Corner is so small that they need to go to a bigger city for supplies and there are only a few places she and Benjamin are even allowed to enter. Even when Benjamin heads North and reaches Wyattsille everyone is not thrilled by his arrival. It even pits neighbor against neighbor.

Crosby has written a powerful and moving story. Every story I have read by this author has stayed with long past the final word. There are spots that bring a smile and several that may cause you to shed a tear. Her characters are so engaging you immediately feel invested in their lives and you hope and pray they have better days ahead.

I also hope and pray that people today that are being judged and held back have better days ahead. That there will be income equality, a stronger middle class, less people living in poverty, great education everyone can afford and that we all have equal rights. We have come so far in so many ways but have taken great steps backward in others. I wonder what historical novels written about 2014 will say about equality. This book has really made me think about what future generations may have to say. What stories will a future Bette Lee Crosby write?

Kathy says

Passing Through Perfect is a historical fiction novel that is very well written. I honestly don't read a lot from this genre but this one was worth my time to read and I ended up enjoying the story.

Set in Alabama in the 1940s and 50s Passing Through Perfect is book three in the author's Wyattsille Series but reads just fine as a stand alone.

I connected with the characters in this story and rooted for them as they went through their trials and struggles. The story focuses on Benjamin Church a poor farmer who falls in love with the beautiful Delia. It chronicles the struggles they encounter as they face bigotry and discrimination from some along with friendship and acceptance from others. It is a heartwarming tale that shows both the good and bad found in mankind.

I wouldn't have picked this title up on my own. I have been interacting with the author for quite sometime and she finally convinced me I would enjoy this novel if I would just give it a chance. She was right.

Rating: 4.5 Stars - Highly Recommend to those who enjoy historical fiction

Content: some moderate language, a few crude comments and implied sex (basically just says they made love for the first time)

Source: Ebook Review copy from author

Jackie Lane says

I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I cannot say enough about this author. This is by far my favorite book she has written. The intense emotional journey that Benjamin Church goes on is gripping and compelling. You can feel Bette's southern flair for writing in each of her books, but rooted in Alabama during a time of racial inequality, this book will grab a hold of you and make you feel like you are a character in the book. An excellent addition to the Wyattsburg series by one of my favorite storytellers. Kudos on my favorite book so far this year.

If you have not yet taken the time to read her books, I would highly recommend them.

5 STARS

Freda Mans-Labianca says

I have a new favorite writer!

Just like reading John Steinbeck's, East of Eden, or Harper Lee's, To Kill A Mockingbird, this story is a tale of epic proportions!

It's about Benjamin. Benjamin has such a life, but it's full of perseverance, and an admirable one in the end. Or rather, his life wasn't admirable, Benjamin himself was.

I got choked up so many times throughout this book. There were even a couple times I had to put the Kindle down and come back later. It was a couple of tough moments to read. I couldn't imagine if it was someone's life, and having to live it. Oh no.

And see, that's the thing. That magic thing. Bette Lee Crosby creates characters and stories that feel so real, so alive, that you can't help but become emotionally invested.

I hadn't read anything of hers before, and yes, this is book 3 in a series. It is very easily read as a standalone. I didn't feel I missed a thing. I can't wait to read more from her too. I'm hooked!

Sherry Fundin says

I would like to start with the cover. Bette Lee Crosby's cover gives you a glimpse of the story inside. Her sweet, southern charm comes through the pages and wraps around me with loving arms. Passing Through Perfect brought forth so many emotions that I kept my tissues at my side. That is not unusual for a Bette Lee novel. With each novel in the Wyattsburg series I say it is the best, but the best one is the next one.

The story includes chapters of the characters thoughts and feelings – Benjamin, Delia, Camella, Sidney and Martha's. We get an up close and personal invitation to share their lives. The characters had me crying for them, yelling for them, wanting to protect and shelter them from all the harsh realities of life.

The story takes place in Grinders Corner, a small town in Alabama.

Benjamin Church came home from war, to see nothing had changed. Benjamin had thought of being a mechanic. He had learned to repair almost anything mechanical during his time in the service. This is a time in history where the shift was from working for yourself to working for someone else. But, he knew he would be a farmer like his father and his father before him. He is a sharecroppers son and the world did not look kindly on blacks in 1946.

The landowner, Sylvester Crane, is a sorry excuse for a human being.

Benamen's dad struggles after the loss of his wife. Sometimes when a mate dies, the other person is not far behind. Do they lose their will to live?

Everything in Grinders Corner is the same for Benjamin, until he lays eyes on Delia.

Delia is a preachers daughter. Her father heads the New Unity Church. She has a zest for life and it was love at first sight for Benjamin. I guess we can see where this is going. He courted her in the proper manner, with courtesy and respect. Ben's love is strong, gentle and true.

The preacher had a holier than thou attitude and looked down his nose at Benjamin. He didn't think Benjamin was good enough for his Delia. Don't a lot of parents think that way, even if their child is grown? Our kids are always our kids and we want the best for them. On the other hand, as kids, our parents are our heroes.

"You made your bed, now lie in it." Have you ever heard those words?

Bette's descriptions of the simplest things brings the times and people to life, their sorrow and pain, their joy and happiness. I can picture Benjamin standing in front of the deputy with his weather beaten straw hat in hand and his eyes looking down at the floor.

Bette talks about the sun and heat of the south. If you have not experienced it, you will find it hard to feel the intensity of the suns rays as they beat down on you, the thickness of the muggy air as you struggle to draw breath and the fact that you are soaked to the skin shortly after stepping outside. The heat builds during the day and it is not unusual for there to be afternoon rain.

In the 1940s, bigotry and racial hatred was in your face. Go to the back door. For Whites Only. No Coloreds.

I know it's coming and I ruefully wait for the hammer to fall. And it does. Tragically.

People sometimes find themselves not really living, just getting through. There is heartwrenching sorrow and despair. Overriding guilt. Life isn't fair! Is the grass greener on the other side?

"It ain't the preaching that makes a man godly, its the doing."

I get to page 91 and tears form in my eyes, but I will not let them fall. SO SAD. We all handle grief and loss in our own way. I am reading through teary eyes, but I can't stop. With Bette's writing, I knew this would break my heart, but she will not leave me feeling lost. She will help me find my way. She will show me that people are more good than bad. They will give, even when they don't have much of their own.

"I can't be thinking of how much I lost, I gotta be thinking of how much I still got."

Well, what can I say. I am pretty much teary eyed through the rest of the story.

“Sometimes life provided opportunities to reach out and make a difference, and when that happened a man worth his salt had to step up to the challenge.”

“Are we out brother’s keeper’s?”

The saying – It Takes A Village – answers that question.

“Folks don’t live in PERFECT, they just get to pass through every so often.” What a wonderful statement.

Amazing writing and it stuns me that this genre of book can affect me so deeply. I am more of the action, shoot ‘em up, creatures chasing me variety.

Even though Bette’s books end happily, with a warm and comfortable feeling, there are bumps and jolts throughout. My feelings for Benjamin were anger and rage, sadness and despair, happiness and . He was a better person than I. He dealt with his responsibilities in an intelligent, loving and gentle way, sacrificing for others and doing the right thing. You can choose which you want to be – bigoted and angry or laughing and loving.

Very thought provoking and the book will stick with me long after reading it.

I received a copy in return for an honest and unbiased review.

Brenda says

Benjamin Church had spent four years away from home during the war years; now it was 1946 and he was heading for his family farm at Grinder’s Corner. He’d heard his Mama had passed away from a scrawled note by his father, but he didn’t expect the change in Otis when he finally arrived at the farm. He had walked from the bus in town and had expected things to look different after all that time – but nothing in his small area of Alabama looked any different.

The farm was run down so Benjamin set to work to plant crops and harvest the proceeds – he wanted their farm to return to being as profitable a concern as it had been in the past. He also knew the work would help Otis recover from the death of his wife. Benjamin worked hard from sun up to sun down, and often longer and before long they began to see green shoots peeping above the soil...

The meeting of Benjamin and Delia at a harvest festival dance changed the course of their lives. Benjamin knew Delia was the one he wanted for his wife. But Delia’s daddy was a pastor and had higher hopes for his daughter than that of a poor farmer. Their marriage estranged Delia from her family but when Isaac entered Benjamin and Delia’s lives, their happiness was great.

But Benjamin often wondered whether someone like him deserved such happiness – and when tragedy struck his heart fractured in two. His life would never be the same again; would he ever know happiness without prejudice; without the racial hatred which followed him everywhere?

Passing Through Perfect is another excellent story by Bette Lee Crosby. The third and final in the

Wyattsville series it was a thoroughly enjoyable read which focused on the horrors of the hatred between the whites and the coloured people in Alabama that dogged the country (and still does to some degree). Beautifully told with the usual great characters, I have no hesitation in highly recommending this and all of Crosby's work.

With thanks to the author for my copy to read and review.

Susan says

I'm so happy Benjamin and Isaac wound up in Wyattsville. It's exactly where they needed to be!!

sue says

This is one of my favorite authors. I so remember the time when she approached me on GOODREADS and thought I might enjoy her books. She offered me Cracks in the sidewalk to read and review, since then I have been hooked on each book she writes.

Passing through Perfect.

I wondered why Bette Lee Crosby would come up with this title, I found out half way through the book. I sighed, yes I literally sighed when I saw where it came from. I also feel how true that can be in life, Passing through perfect. Think on it, not all our lives are perfect, but once [if we are lucky] maybe more than once, we pass through a time in our life that is just 'perfect'.

We are thrown back to the 1950's in Alabama. Whites and blacks are segregated. Own schools, one half of a part in a store for blacks [or as they called them all then 'coloreds'] no matter where they came from, all were classified as the same. Coloreds. Some shop windows had signs up where it read 'No coloreds' meaning no one other than white folk could enter.

I can honestly say, I hate reading about those times in history as I am not a racist.

The author brings this book to life right from the very first page. This is book 3, and it follows on brilliantly from book 2.

Benjamin Church returns home after millions of soldiers have been away fighting. We learn that Benjamin had hopes for learning how to become a pilot and fly his own plane, however, that didn't turn out that way, he did fall into becoming a mechanic though.

Upon Benjamin's return to Alabama and his home which is a farm off of a dirt track called Grinder's Corner he meets up with his father Otis. He can see his Father is ailing and heartbroken from the time he lost his wife and he feels it too, he misses his Mother. But things need to be done on the farm to get it bringing in money again, so Benjamin gets stuck in.

Soon there is a harvest festival which Benjamin attends. His father and a friend thought he might link up

with a certain lady there, but although Benjamin danced with her and was very gentlemanly someone else caught his eye, it was Delia. Not all went smooth for them as you will find out when you read this.

I loved the Southern brawl within the chapters. It brings it home so well.

I really admire authors who write according to accents, according to realism and Bette Lee Crosby surely does this. Why try to use the Queens English on a person who comes from Ireland, Newcastle or indeed Alabama, keeping it real is part of why I adore this authors work.

Plus, I really love that accent too, I had a friend who spoke just like it, reading it was surely a treat to me.

Benjamin, how I loved Benjamin. A polite, feeling, loyal, kind, trustworthy guy with a deep roots of justice.

How he Fathered and was raising his son was a joy to read every step of the way.

I could get so carried away writing more and more of this story because there is so much in it.

There were several things I took away with me:

Black or white, there is good and bad within everyone.

Benjamin saw beyond certain ways of why people acted or reacted in ways not acceptable, and he knew when to be quiet.

His sense of quietness and humility came out so many times within this story.

The acceptance of "I am black, I cannot sit with white people at their table...." when invited.

His staying at a bed and breakfast and finding one breakfast room and no split between tables. "Is this the only place to sit and eat breakfast"

This really humbled me, to think back as to how black [colored] folk were treated and the acceptance.

It was brilliantly handled by this author.

Great story, well handled and kept me rooted to my spot until I finished it.

I would like to thank Bette Lee Crosby for contacting me when she has her new books out for me to read. I so feel special in being able to read them.

+This is an unbiased review. Just because I get a book gifted to me I still write honest reviews on how the book made me feel or had what impression on me+

Dianne says

Passing Through Perfect by Bette Lee Crosby is a trip back to a time when many believed the color of one's skin was more important than the quality of one's heart. Benjamin Church returned from his tour in World War II, a well-trained mechanic who had wanted to be a pilot, but one look at his skin and those in position held him back.

Now a poor farmer in Alabama, his world lit up again when he met Delia, a preacher's daughter, with her love for life and sweet innocence. It was a coming together of two hearts that had their share of tough times and sorrow, but held strong to each other through life's trials and broken dreams. One drunken man, one prejudiced world and Delia was gone, leaving Benjamin to raise his young son alone. This is the story of their journey to find happiness and a world where they would be accepted as humans with good hearts and something to offer the world. Would leaving the divided South be the answer? Are they ready to accept their place in a world where the color of a man's skin meant less than the color of his heart? Will they pass through perfect to find exactly what they need? Is perfect just an ideal, while reality is what you make it?

Bette Lee Crosby's world is one of the words of history actually coming to life in a much more personal way. Reading the cold and emotionless historical tomes could never imprint on one's soul the way Ms. Crosby has with her heart-felt way of telling a story of a good man trying to make his way in a world that holds him back, until he begins to accept that where he is, is where he should stay. A parent's dream for their child drove Benjamin to reach higher and accept help from others. Perhaps his brand of gratitude made each of the people whose lives he touched richer for having known him as a person. Through Bette Lee Crosby's softly flowing words, her story unfolds like a blooming rose in a bed of flowers, but like a rose, there are thorns along the way to the beauty.

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Caren ~ the misfit geek says

I was provided an ARC of this book by the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This book was an absolute pleasure to read. It is without a doubt one of the very best books I have read this year. It grabbed me from the start and didn't let go. It was captivating and authentic to time and place.

Although the book is part of a series, it is easily enjoyed as a standalone book. All of the books in the series are quality reads but this is the best so far. I struggle to find words to adequately describe my feelings for this book. It is a powerful and moving story.

I found myself emotionally attached to the characters in this book quite quickly. It didn't take me long to develop a deep respect and admiration for Benjamin. He was a hard-working man with dignity and integrity. His journey was difficult but it did not make him a hard or resentful man and it very well could have.

I highly recommend this book. Bette has a special talent for storytelling. She understands that there is ugliness in humanity and doesn't shy away from integrating this reality into her stories in a masterful way. Not only is she an extremely talented author but she shows genuine respect and values her readers.

Linda says

Passing Through Perfect is a book that is now available on a preorder basis. I was lucky enough to receive an advance copy of this magnificent book by Bette Lee Crosby. I devoured it literally in one day as I could not put it down once I began reading this heartfelt story about the Church family.

The tale begins when Benjamin Church returns from the service after WWII. His mother has died and he comes back to help his father, Otis, farm in a mixed race area of Alabama. The whites and the blacks live side by side in this rural community in relative harmony, but this is not the case in most of the small towns of the south during this period of history. Benjamin works hard to bring the family share cropped farm back up to standards. One night at a dance his father plays match maker, but Benjamin instead spies Delia - a lovely younger woman dancing in a red dress. She is also taken with him and they begin to meet regularly.

Benjamin is not aware that Delia is only 16 years old until he purposes and she becomes pregnant. Delia's father disowns her, calls her a whore and never speaks to her again. Exiled from her parents, she goes home with Benjamin and they are quickly married. They have a hard but loving life with Otis. The pregnancy yields twins with one child being stillborn and the couple has no more children. Their son, Isaac is the center of their lives! Delia, being such a young wife and mother, is lonely. Benjamin does all he can to introduce her to women in the "neighborhood" and she, in time, appreciates her home. She does long for more for her son and dreams of moving north where blacks are more readily accepted by whites and where her son can attend a REAL school with quality materials and teachers. Life passes perfectly until the summer of Isaac's eleventh year. Then tragedy strikes as Delia and Isaac walk home from a friend's house in a storm. They are both hit by a drunken white man who leaves them for dead at the side of the road because they are only "worthless niggers". Isaac pulls through with broken bones but Delia perishes. The family is devastated! Benjamin is at a loss at how to continue to work and care for his son on his own let alone pay for medical expenses and ends up working around the clock to make ends meet. Isaac confesses to his father that he can identify the truck that murdered his mother, but the white sheriff, kind as he is, will not help bring the man to justice. Benjamin comes to realize that Delia was right all of those years ago. The future for him and his son is in the north, and so they set out for New York and another adventure that will restore his faith in mankind of all skin tones. I urge you to preorder this book that is sure to become yet another of Crosby's award winning books! It will tug at your every emotion as you wend your way from chapter to chapter!

Naomi says

I have had the pleasure of being the manuscript evaluator for Bette Lee Crosby for her last several books.

Bette has always been a master storyteller, but I will never forget after my first pass on the book calling her to tell her that this book is her best work to date. In the three times that I read the book, this feeling of admiration, not only for the author, but the main character deepened too. There is a powerful beauty to this book that grasps the reader from page one and fails to let go taking them on a roller coaster ride of emotions in Benjamin Church's journey.

Judy Collins says

*Miss Bette, you have outdone yourself with **PASSING THROUGH PERFECT!** Southern fiction at its finest.*

Top 50 Books of 2015 "Best Southern Fiction and Southern Storyteller."

Wyattsville Series, Book 3, an inspiring story and gripping series (*the best yet*), assured to win your heart, and one you will not soon forget. When a twist of fate intersects, and hearts of compassion unite among races, delivering a powerful and emotional story of love and loss.

For fans of *To Kill a Mockingbird, The Help, Julie Kibler's, Calling Me Home, David Johnson's, The Tucker Series, Catherine Hyde, Wiley Cash* or the many early southern books of *Charles Martin (my all-time favorite author)*, this book is for you! A heartfelt novel of bigotry, racial injustice, and poverty, set in the late 40's and 50s in the Deep South, in rural Alabama.

Following World War II, African-American Benjamin returns to his hometown of Grinder's Corner to find everything is still the same – a hole in the road. His father is a proud farmer, a good man who has lost his wife and now his only son has returned to offer his help and support. He wanted to leave this poor hometown good-bye and be an engineer or mechanic of aircraft; however, he knows this will never happen.

Benjamin is no longer concerned about the future and career he once dreamed of. The responsibility of taking care of his father and the farm is his top priority and he is not afraid to get his hands dirty. However, he attends a local dance with his father and some friends, and meets the girl of his dreams. He falls in love quickly and knows this is his wife and future.

However, her dad is the pastor and his heart is not so giving, to a poor farmer. Forcing her out and now Benjamin shoulders the responsibility for his dad, his new wife, and a baby (s) on the way. However, when rough times come, and the farming dries up, there is nothing to do but pick up and move from all he knows and loves.

Before this occurs there are many tests of patience, sadness and grief as Benjamin wonders why God is allowing this to happen, after the night when he loses part of what is most precious to him in a corrupt world of injustice. On the road from Alabama to Pennsylvania he passes through what later seems like Perfect and his life is about to change in ways he never dreamed possible. (priceless)

Bette is a master storyteller of tales of the south, stories of triumph over tragedy, and faith. **PASSING THROUGH PERFECT** tops the charts! Having had the opportunity to read the other books in the series: *Spare Change (#1) and Jubilees Journey (#2)*, highly recommend all; filled with characters you come to love and cherish as if neighbors, friends, and family.

I would recommend reading the series in order, as you will meet up with Jubilee and Paul the orphan brother and sister team, and their adopted parents, (wonderful people you meet in Book #2, who will make you laugh and cry), for a powerful twist of fate and love bringing these two families together (about sixty percent through the book).

One of the best books I have read this year, **PASSING THROUGH PERFECT** will warm your heart with this love story crossing many genres from Alabama to Pennsylvania as Benjamin Church and his son, Isaac find their path to happiness and acceptance.

Fans of historical fiction, women's fiction, romance, drama, Christian, and suspense, you will enjoy Crosby's writing. We never know who, what and where. God puts people in our path at just the right time, as He has a bigger plan in mind than we as humans can conceive.

A special thank you to the author for an early reading copy in exchange for an honest review. A treasured gem. Not only are her books engaging and insightful, she is a genuine and lovely person and enjoy connecting with her through social media. If you have not read her books, you are missing out on a rare treat!

Judith D. Collins Must Read Books

Be sure and check out The Regrets of Cyrus Dodd #4 Wyattsville Series, Coming, June 15, 2016. (5 Stars)
