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For over four decades, Charlie and Donna Barton have run The Bridge, providing customers with coffee, conversation, and shelves of classics—even through dismal sales and the rise of digital books. Then the hundred-year flood sweeps through Franklin and destroys everything. The bank is about to pull the store's lease when tragedy strikes. Can two generations of readers rally together to save The Bridge? And is it possible that an unforgettable love might lead to the miracle of a second chance?

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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Popular inspirational novelist Kingsbury goes mainstream in her newest, which mixes a love story with a seasonal one that borrows from the Christmas favorite *It's A Wonderful Life*. Molly Allen and Ryan Kelly were college friends heading toward something more when a misunderstanding drives them apart. Five years later, Molly pines for Ryan, a country music guitarist, and vice versa, even though each assumes the other has married an earlier sweetheart. Meanwhile, Charlie Barton, owner of the Bridge, the Franklin, Tenn., bookstore where Molly and Ryan hung out, faces ruin in the aftermath of a devastating flood and the changes in publishing that have devastated many a book retailer. Shortly before Christmas, Charlie comes desperately to think he's worth more dead than alive, but before he can change his mind, a car accident leaves him in a coma. When Ryan hears about the accident, he begins a book drive for Charlie, and those who know the Jimmy Stewart holiday film don't have to guess how things turn out. Kingsbury fans may acquire a new holiday favorite read in this sugary tale of second chances. (Oct. 23) C

From [Booklist](#)

What's left when you lose everything? Kingsbury (*Coming Home*, 2012) works through that tough question in her newest novel. Charlie Barton and his wife, Donna, ran the Bridge, a historic bookstore in Franklin, Tennessee, for 30 years, but a declining industry and a devastating flood left them with an empty storefront and insurmountable bills. Molly Allen and Ryan Kelly connected in college over their passion for reading, using the Bridge as their getaway from the very different lives they lead. ED: S/B "they led"? Years later, both look back and wonder what could have been. When Charlie gets into a horrible accident, Ryan decides to organize a book drive and gather donations, so Charlie can rebuild the bookstore when he heals. Through the effort, Ryan and Molly reconnect. It's hard to know what is most important until something forces you to change your perspective. Kingsbury's characters are confronted with the hard choices readers face daily. The award-winning author brings her trademark empathy for the people she writes for to this tale, and fans will love her dramatic take on real issues. --Carolyn Richard

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### Reader Praise for *The Bridge*:

"*The Bridge* is a reminder that all things aren't as they seem. That things really do work together for the good! That God IS in control even when we can't see it. Karen's books make you laugh, cry, and leave you wanting more! Her characters are so real you feel like you know them, and want to be friends with them. Once I read the first page of *The Bridge* I couldn't put it down. I read the entire book in one day!!" (Hellen (Annette) H.)

"Karen Kingsbury once again uses her beautiful talent to illustrate God's awesome love and grace for us! Each new story speaks to so many hearts across the world. Karen's gift is certainly a loving legacy that I share with others!" (Cyndi A.)

"Gripping from the beginning, *The Bridge* is an amazing story where we learn even in tragedy or loss God is the God of second chances and we should learn to treasure the miracles He sends our way." (Chris V.)

“Karen Kingsbury’s newest book, *The Bridge*, will tug at the heart-strings of old time bookstore lovers everywhere! Blend in a little romance with the timeless principle of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, and you have a classic story built around classic books!” (Annette W.)

“*The Bridge* is a story of friendship, love, forgiveness, and God’s amazing grace. Join Charlie, Donna, Molly, and Ryan on an adventure of never-ending friendship in this wonderful story that God will never leave us and always protect us.” (Hope P.)

“Karen Kingsbury has done it again with *The Bridge*. She is more than an author. She’s a vessel that God has used to minister to myself, as well as her other readers. She is a passionate and inspirational woman of God. I am grateful for her faithfulness and obedience to write when God gives her a story. Thank you, Karen, for your faithfulness. Your stories have touched my life more than you could ever know.” (Tami D.)

“*The Bridge* is an incredibly heart-warming collection of love stories—the story of a young couple in love, the story of an older couple who love each other and their fledgling business, and the love of a community coming together for one of its own. I could not put *The Bridge* down, because I was captivated by the events and anxious to read ‘the rest of the story!’ Inspirational! A beautiful story about second chances!” (Lisa H.)

“*The Bridge* will be a bridge to your heart. It is a heart-warming story of second chances that you will not want to put down until you finish it. You will fall in love with the Barton’s and their wonderful store & ministry as well as Molly and Ryan. This is a must read. God does give second chances and answer our prayers.” (Marnie M.)

“The enduring message of *The Bridge* generates hope for second chances. This powerful love story is guaranteed to tug at your heart, remind you of the essence of friendship, and leave you yearning for God’s unfailing love.” (Becky S.)

“A story of forbidden love, friendship, loyalty, and God’s amazing grace. A MUST READ for everyone.” (Donna K.)

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### **From reader reviews:**

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