



Dear readers,

Spring is coming, I know it is. The worse the winter, and this one has been a doozy in so many parts of the country, the more we eagerly look forward to spring. Golden crocuses are the first sign at my house, popping up through the snow.

**I've been asked if writers pay attention to the requests of readers and I have to answer: This one does.**



*The Daughters of Blessing* series is in response to readers' requests for more of the stories of Blessing and the Bjorklunds. So I thought about the daughters, this group of girls about the same age and how their lives would be different because of who they were and were becoming.

Ellie and Andrew became *A Promise for Ellie*. Headstrong Sophie left home, creating *Sophie's Dilemma*. After one twin, I had to write about the other, gentle Grace, who has been deaf from birth. She did not want to be the main character in her own book but preferred to play a supporting role. Grace wanted nothing more than to stay in Blessing and marry Toby

Valders.

And now, ***A Touch of Grace...***

Opening line: *Where in the world am I?*

*Along with her family, Grace Knutson anticipates wealthy Jonathan Gould's arrival in Blessing. How will he adapt to a summer of labor when wealth is all he has known? Although he has come to learn the value of hard work and a different lifestyle, it is Grace's world that gets turned upside down.*

*Her safe dreams and quiet hopes become an internal battleground as she struggles to reconcile her desires with what others seem to expect from her. With a broken spirit she leaves her beloved home for Jonathon's city. Will she become completely lost or rebuild her courage to become a new Grace?*

[Click to read a sample chapter...](#)

I hope you enjoy reading *A Touch of Grace* as much as you have the other Blessing books.

### **Some other news:**

How would you like to be part of a huge project titled A Ton of Books? A tornado laid waste to Northwood ND, a very small town near Grand Forks last summer. The local library and all the books were blown away.

So our goal is to have one ton of books donated. Books need to be in mint condition, boxed carefully so they aren't damaged and sent to Library Books, 12 North Raymond St., Northwood, ND 58267. You can ship them media rate. Tell your friends and post this on any web lists so we spread the word far and wide. My books will be going!

Thanks in advance.

### **New releases:**

- *Rebecca's Reward*, the final book in Daughter's of Blessing series will be out this fall.
- *One Perfect Day*, a story of love and sacrifice, hits the bookstores in October, as will...
- *The Finest Gift*, a Christmas novella in the *Yuletide Treasures* anthology.

The first novel I ever published, *Tragedy on the Toutle* for middle readers, will come out again in the fall, newly titled *Watch Out, Sarah!*

For all of you who have been asking about Astrid, her trilogy will debut in summer 2009. She really needed more than one book to tell her story.

Check my websites [www.laurainesnelling.com](http://www.laurainesnelling.com) and [www.blessingnd.com](http://www.blessingnd.com) for news and coming attractions. I send my hearty thanks to all of you for being such faithful readers and spreading the word about my books to all your friends and families. You are the greatest.

Blessings,

*Lauraine*