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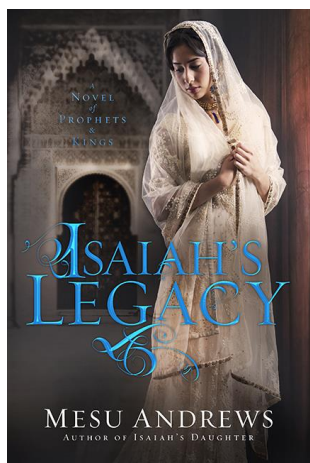
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Christy Award-Winning Author Mesu Andrews Reimagines “Greatest Prodigal Journey in Scripture” in New Novel

“... Andrews takes on the story of Judah’s King Manasseh in the enthralling second entry in her Novel of Prophets and Kings series... Christian readers interested in the stories of the Old Testament will want to check out this exciting tale.”

—Publishers Weekly



Award-winning author and master storyteller Mesu Andrews once again brings to life the drama of the Old Testament in her gripping new novel, **ISAIAH'S LEGACY** (2/18/20, WaterBrook). A follow-up to her Christy Award-winning novel, *Isaiah's Daughter*, this new story sees the return of key characters while also introducing new ones, including Judah’s most notorious king, Manasseh.

Eight-year-old Shulle has only known life in a small village with her loving but peculiar father. Her life is forever changed when her Uncle Shebna brings her to Jerusalem to tutor the young and brilliant Prince Manasseh—grandson of the prophet Isaiah and son of King Hezekiah, Judah’s most righteous king. Nasseh’s moods, need of routine and singular focus remind Shulle of Abba and make her a perfect match for the boy no one else understands. When Uncle Shebna threatens her father’s safety and forces her into the dark arts, Shulle’s faith in Yahweh is shaken, and she’s instructed to subtly sway Nasseh into pagan worship.

After tragedy strikes years later, twelve-year-old Manasseh is thrust onto Judah’s throne, bitter at Yahweh and eager to marry the girl he adores. When his brilliant mind is twisted by evil men, Shulle begins a long and harrowing journey to rediscover Yahweh, guided by Nasseh’s aging mother, Hephzibah. As King Manasseh brings Judah to the brink of destruction, will he also turn from the gods who have held him captive to the only God who is sovereign over all?

“I’m convinced Hephzibah’s son is the greatest prodigal journey in Scripture,” writes Andrews. “The God who allowed Manasseh to reject Him also pursued the wayward king and guided him home. That God did the same for me. He can do it for you—and all the Manassehs in your life.”

As both Shulle’s and Manasseh’s prodigal journeys unfold, and they discover they can “live unchained” in the freedom of forgiveness, readers are reminded that it is never too late to return to the God who redeems.

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For fans of Francine Rivers, readers of *Isaiab's Daughter* and Andrews's other novels—as well as those who enjoy digging into the Old Testament—*Isaiab's Legacy* is a must-read. Readers will love traveling with Andrews to the greatest kingdoms in the biblical world, as seen through the wonder of a young king and the queen who loves him.

For more information, visit www.waterbrookmultnomah.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

MESU ANDREWS is the Christy Award-winning author of *Isaiab's Daughter* and has received numerous accolades for her other novels including *Of Fire and Lions*, *Love Amid the Ashes*, *The Pharaoh's Daughter*, and *Miriam*. Her deep understanding of and love for God's Word brings the biblical world alive for readers.



Many of her faithful readers are members of her launch team—Mesu's Biblical Fiction Fans (BFFs)—and offer their time and service to promote God's word through story. Andrews lives in North Carolina with her husband Roy and enjoys spending time with her tribe of grandchildren. For more information, visit www.mesuandrews.com.

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PRAISE FOR ISAIAH'S LEGACY

“I am in awe of Andrews's ability to consistently bring Scripture alive with such depth and richness of character. Written with elegance and incredible insight, *Isaiab's Legacy* is a vivid and relevant look at a lesser-known chapter of Old Testament history—masterfully brought to life.”

—TOSCA LEE, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Iscaiot*

“With her signature depth and deft touch, Mesu Andrews delivers another breathtaking story that breathes life into a seldom-studied time in the Old Testament.”

—ROSEANNA M. WHITE, best-selling author

“I picked up *Isaiab's Legacy* by Mesu Andrews with trepidation. Not because I feared the writing, which is excellent, or her storytelling, which paints the Bible characters with vibrancy, but because I knew the story of Manasseh's horrifying fall from grace, found in 2 Kings. I knew what I'd have to read to find redemption at the end. What I didn't know was how beautifully Mesu Andrews would weave that devastating fall or the desperate need I would have to see the splendor of God's restoration of the broken and defeated Manasseh. *Isaiab's Legacy* is a soul-gripping look at the possibilities of sin's corruption and God's powerful sovereignty above all—even the stories we think we're writing of our own lives. What a beautiful reminder that the light of God's love and the strength of His hand can reach into the darkest hearts to transform lives for His glory and the ultimate fulfillment of His story.”

—PEPPER BASHAM, author of *My Heart Belongs in the Blue Ridge* and the Mitchell's Crossroads series

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