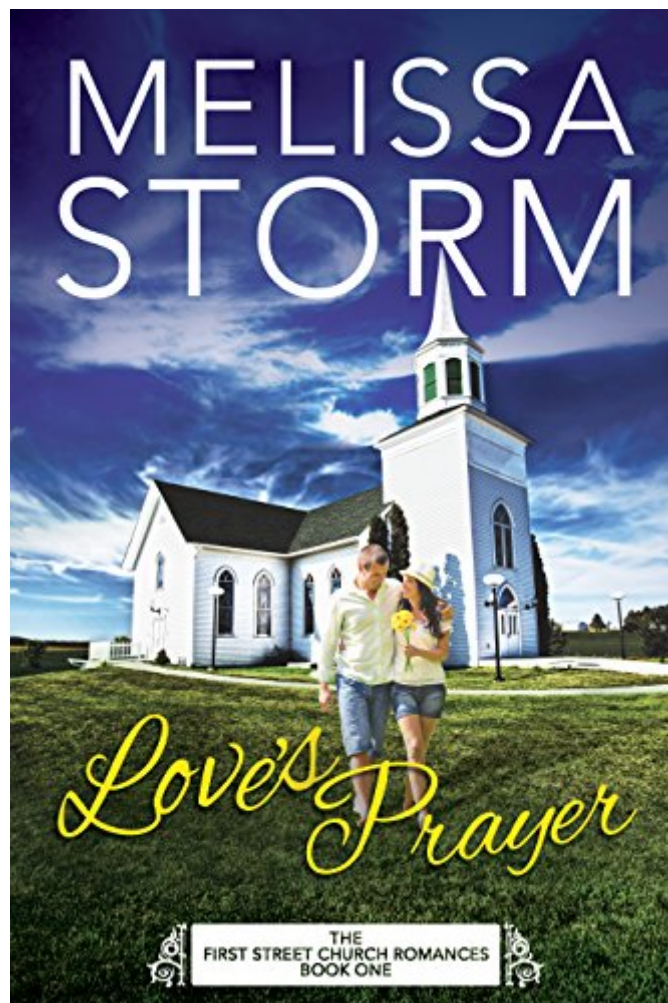




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Synopsis

Can two lost souls find a new direction in each other? Summer Smith is at a crossroads in life. Fresh out of college with no idea what comes next, she agrees to take over her aunt's flower shop for the season. She arrives in the small, close-knit community of Sweet Grove, Texas, hoping to find some answers. Ben Davis has lived in the shadow of his family's mistakes for years. Forced to give up everything he ever wanted for himself, he begins to consider taking his own life in a final effort to end all the pain. A desperate plea sent to the God he isn't even sure he believes in is soon answered by a series of miracles that bring Summer and Ben crashing into each other. Love's Prayer offers a dramatic story about two people who must find a way to believe in each other and in themselves in order to finally find the place where they belong. This novel of finding faith, hope, and ultimately love in the darkest of times is sure to tug at your heartstrings and leave you craving more from it

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Customer Reviews

Love's Prayer is the first installment in the First Street Church Romances by veteran author Melissa Storm. The book focus on Ben Davis, a young man in small town Texas trying to overcome a rough hand in life. His brother committed suicide in the middle of town, leaving him alone with his alcoholic mother and no choice but to abandon his dreams of college and stay home to take care of her. His depression at an all time high, Ben plans on following his brother when he sends up a prayer to a god he doesn't really believe in. The answer to that prayer is Summer Smith. In town for the summer to help her aunt, the two meet and become fast friends. Summer's need to help people, and figure out her own path in life, both bring them to love, and almost drive them apart. Love's Prayer is a sweet romance with some dramatic themes. Well written, it's a quick and engaging read. I loved the fact the story was built on interpersonal relationships, not sex. The main characters fell in love slowly and honestly. They were real, and Summer was a strong woman not willing to sacrifice her beliefs. It was a welcome change of pace, and I will certainly be finishing the rest of the series. Melissa Storm is a pro at character development, and it shows. I read this book at just the right time. It left me with a reawakened sense of hope, and really made me think. When an author touches my soul that way, you can bet I want to sing their praises.

This is so much more than romance. This is finding someone who "gets" what you are going through, made it out alive and is more than willing to help you get out too. So many layers in a relationship and breaking through the first set is usually a challenge most don't want to partake in. A spirit lifter right at your fingertips~

I had a really hard time getting into this book. The entire beginning started out as what felt like a big pity party and anger. That made it hard to get into. Once I got into the story, it was much more religious than I am used to reading. I have read Melissa Storm before. She usually has some spiritual references but this book felt more preachy and straight religious than wholly spiritual. There is nothing wrong with that but it was not what I am used to from Melissa Storm. By that point, I was pretty turned off of this book. After the beginning part, the story wasn't bad and the ending was very sweet. There is nothing wrong with sweet, but it almost didn't seem believable to me. I know a lot of people who would have loved it, it just isn't my kind of book.

I received this book in exchange for reading and writing an honest review. Melissa has written a very emotional and inspiring book with this series. She takes real life situations and through the story shows how to overcome and prosper despite the odds. In this story there are 2 young people

searching for a reason to live, haunted by the past, feeling like there is no future and drowning in circumstance. They learn together how to have faith, forgiveness, understanding and hope for a future. During this they also learn compassion and are able to help Ben's mom fight through her depression and addiction to begin living again. I found this book to be so touching and encouraging while still being very interesting.

Ben is dealing with the death of his brother, his alcoholic mother. Summer is trying to find her place in life. Love brings them together.

Ben Davis is considering suicide to escape the misery in his life when he meets Summer Smith. Summer is visiting for the summer to help her aunt and she and Ben become friends. The emotions of the characters in this book are deep and you can relate to what they're going through. I'm definitely a fan of Melissa Storm's and will be a devoted reader of her books!

Depression is a tough topic but Melissa Storm has written an inspiring story focused on someone making it out of the clutches of depression. I have been binge reading the stories set in Sweet Grove, Texas but had to stop reading and write some well deserved reviews. Melissa's characters are well drawn and believable. The supporting characters and town are also well portrayed. Difficult subjects are well handled. I highly recommend this book to any fan of Christian romance.

I really liked the story of Ben and Summer as they struggled with real life problems that didn't feel dramatic or made up. Who hasn't experienced some depression? Some floundering in life while we try to figure out which job to take or which school to attend? Ben and Summer have those same problems and work through them with love and faith. A great story! Can't wait to read more from Melissa!

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