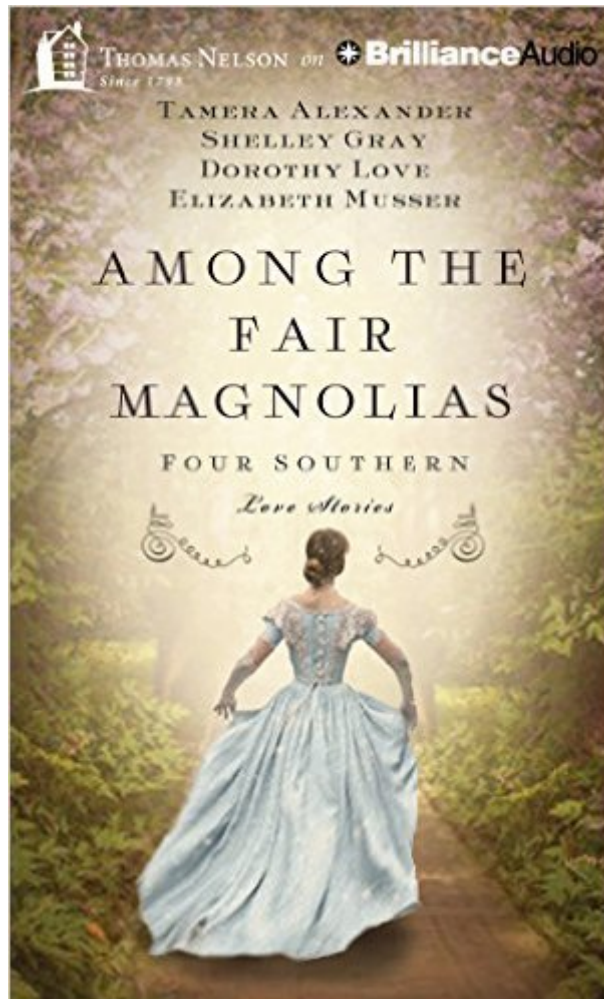


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Among The Fair Magnolias: Four Southern Love Stories



Synopsis

Four Southern women stand at a turning point in history and in their own hearts. To Mend a Dream by Tamera Alexander The Civil War cost Savannah Darby everything—her family and her home. When Aidan Bedford, an attorney from Boston and a former Union soldier, buys the Darby Farm, Savannah is assigned to redecorate. But the clock is ticking. Can she find the treasure her father hid there during the war before her job is finished? An Outlaw's Heart by Shelley Gray When Russell Stark returns to Fort Worth, he's determined to begin a new life. But when he arrives at his mother's homestead, he discovers she's very ill, and the woman he loved is still as beautiful and sweet as he remembered. With time running out, Russell must come to terms with both his future and his past. A Heart So True by Dorothy Love Abigail knows all too well what is expected of her: to marry her distant cousin Charles and take her place in society. But her heart belongs to another. A terrible incident forces Abby to choose between love and duty. Love Beyond Limits by Elizabeth Musser Emily has a secret: She's in love with one of the freedmen on her family's plantation. Meanwhile, another man declares his love for her. Emily realizes some things are not as they seem and secrets must be kept in order to keep those she loves safe. Join four bestselling authors as they invite you to step back with them into the 19th century, into a time in our nation's history when women were beginning to ask not only "What if?" but "Why not?"

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Customer Reviews

This novella collection includes four stories. After reading it, I was happy with two of the stories and the other two, not so much. A Heart So True by Dorothy Love Pawleys Island, South Carolina by

1860 Abby's heart belongs to Dr. Bennett, while her family is urging her to consider an alliance with a neighbor, Charles. Abby's heart is set, but will she choose love or duty? This was basically an okay story. If I read a summary and see the words "a love story," I have the expectation of reading about two people coming together. Technically, this did happen, but I felt that more interaction between Wade and Abby was necessary to make me care about their relationship. I wished there had been less "random moments" and more detail about their relationship. To Mend a Dream "Tamera Alexander Nashville, Tennessee" 1870 This is the story of Savannah, a minor character in To Win Her Favor, a full-length novel by Tamera Alexander. In the novel, Savannah is searching for something her father had hidden away for their future. Now, she's struggling for money and trying to provide for her brother and sister. When she's given the task of helping the new owners of her former home redecorate, she has the opportunity to search for what she seeks, but dealing with the man of the house and his fiancée might be the hardest part. Aiden is also questioning his future and meeting Savannah helps him put his priorities in order. I really liked this story. I remembered Savannah from the novel and was pleased to read more about her. This was a well-balanced story that I heartily recommend.

four Southern women--their destinies forged by birth and heritage--face near impossible choices on their journeys in life . . . and in love. To Mend a Dream by Tamera Alexander Savannah Darby would do almost anything to revisit her family home. So when new owner, Aidan Bedford, a Boston attorney and former Union soldier, seeks to redecorate the house for his fiancée, Savannah jumps at the opportunity. But the clock is ticking. Can she find the box her father supposedly hid there during the war before her assignment is completed? And before she sees yet another battle lost on the home front. This time, a battle of the heart. An Outlaw's Heart by Shelley Gray Seven years ago, Russell Champion was betrayed by the two most important women in his life. Now Russell returns home, but is it too late to make amends with his mother and find closure with his true love? A Heart So True by Dorothy Love Abigail Clayton hopes to reconcile with Dr. Wade Bennett and become his wife. But her father insists she marry her distant cousin Charles Kittridge so that the plantations of the two families will be joined. Abby knows things about Charles that her father doesn't, and with her wedding looming, she must choose between duty to her family and the yearnings of her own heart. Love Beyond Limits by Elizabeth Musser Emily Derracott loves her childhood friend Thomas McGinnis, but she cannot marry a man who doesn't share her strong convictions about the freedmen. Besides, she harbors a secret love for someone else. But the prospect of becoming his wife is not improbable. It is completely impossible.

All four of the stories are well written historical Christian clean romance fictions, each written by talented authors. The first story is "A Heart So True" by Dorothy Love and the setting is Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Featuring two former fictional characters; fifteen year old Charlotte Frasher of "Carolina Gold" prior to her becoming mistress of Fair Haven and Celia Browning of "The Bracelet", a year after her marriage to Sutton Mackay. The main character is Abby Clayton, whose family hosts the annual party on the Island. Abby loves Dr. Wade Bennet, but her father is determined she will marry his cousin Charles Kittridge for the perfect political union. A great story that includes suspenseful twists. The second story is "To Mend A Dream" by Tamera Alexander is set in Nashville, TN 1870. After the Civil War ended the only remaining members of the Darby Family are Savannah and her two younger siblings, Caroline and Andrew, their home and multi-generational farm has been lost to them forever through foreclosure. This was my favorite story, so believable for the time and location. Savannah's loss is great and yet she handles her responsibilities with such dignity and grace, which is so inspiring. I have read and loved all of Tamera's books and she is my all-time favorite author. The third story is "Love Beyond Limits" by Elizabeth Musser. The setting is Wilkes County, GA late 1868. Emily her younger sister Anna and both parents are all that is left of the Derracott family. Their plantation is being worked now by their former slaves, now all freedmen. Trouble is constant with the Klan and Emily's efforts to educate and care for the former slaves doesn't calm matters. The fourth story is "An Outlaw's Heart" by Shelley Gray.

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