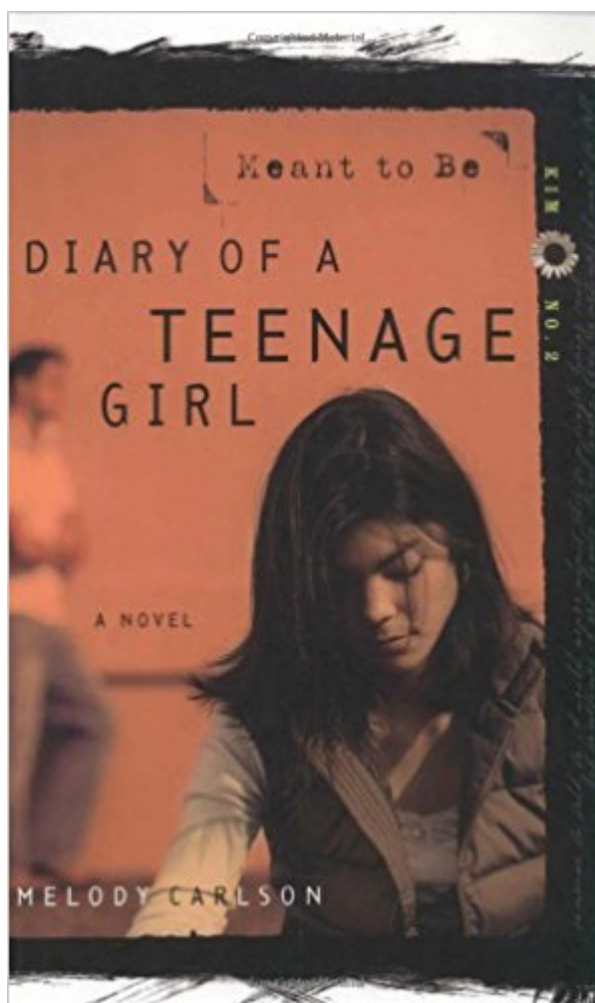


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Meant To Be (Diary Of A Teenage Girl: Kim, Book 2)



Synopsis

Kim's World Turns Upside Down When Kim's mom is diagnosed with cancer, Natalie steps in, as true friends will do, to round up hundreds of people to pray for Mrs. Peterson's healing. Her health begins to improve, and Kim's love life begins to flourish—but with a non-Christian. Natalie warns Kim to break off the relationship, but is that just because she's jealous? Or is God trying to speak to Kim through Natalie's counsel? When her mom's health suddenly declines again, Kim blames herself. Maybe she never should have become involved with Matthew, especially as she's tempted to give in to his pressure to have sex. Kim's faith is hanging in the balance. She wants to believe that prayer will prevail, but the obstacles seem so big.

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My dad and I are both feeling a little torn about Mom right now. On one hand, we all act like everything is just peachy, perfectly normal. But at the same time, it's like we're walking on eggshells too. Like we're all thinking the same thing—is this our last Christmas all together? Kim Peterson's mom has stage four ovarian cancer, and Kim's done enough research online to know the odds are dismal. But Kim and her best friend, Natalie McCabe, and a lot of other people are praying that God will heal her mom. Kim's mom makes her promise that she'll continue with life as normal: Nat, youth group, violin, her Just Ask Jamie newspaper column, even hanging out with Matthew. But how can life be normal with cancer hanging over your head like a dark cloud? And then she's getting flak from Natalie because Matthew's not a Christian, and Natalie's afraid he'll drag Kim down. But Natalie's dating life isn't exactly smooth sailing, either. Both girls are praying a lot and waiting to find out what's meant to be. Reader's guide included.

Story Behind the Book

“My teenage years remain vivid in my mind. It was a turbulent time, full of sharp contrasts—love and hate, pain and pleasure, trust and doubt. Then, just as I reached my peak of questioning, rebelling, and seeking, I found God. And I found Him in a really big way! My life turned completely around and has, thankfully, never turned back. Hopefully this story will touch and change hearts—speaking to teen girls right where they live, reminding readers that God is alive and well and ready to be intimately involved in their lives right now!”

Melody Carlson

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Customer Reviews

Melody Carlson has published more than ninety books for children, teens, and adults—[with sales totaling more than 2 million](#) and many titles appearing on the [ECPA Bestseller's List](#). Several of her books have been finalists for and winners of various writing awards. Her *Diary of a Teenage Girl* series has received great reviews and a large box of fan mail. Melody has two grown sons and lives in Central Oregon with her husband. They enjoy skiing, hiking, gardening, camping, and biking in the beautiful Cascade Mountains.

Kim, the main character has a lot on her plate to deal with, but I'm impressed at her maturity. I also liked the fact that she sees her own mistakes, the cute little quirks about writing her column, and I was quite surprised by the twist near the end. I wasn't expecting that so soon, but it made me cry. I think this book would be a good book for any teen because it shows teens being teens, and their (human side)--that we are all capable of making mistakes, but we learn from them. Kim is a good role model. I'm forty-nine years old, and I enjoyed this book so much, I ordered the other two.

Was a good book with good perspective into what it's like for a teenage girl. Will read again before my teenage years are over.

Kim Peterson doesn't know what to pray for. Should she be praying that her mom is healed of the cancer invading her body? Should she be praying for her best friend Natalie -- who has suddenly

dropped off the deep end? Should she be praying for her boyfriend Matthew to become a Christian? Or should she focus on the piles of letters from the teenagers in her town dealing with their own problems? It's overwhelming. Kim feels more stressed out than ever before, and it's only a matter of time until everything caves in. Where will she turn then? Melody Carlson continues her long-standing DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL series with MEANT TO BE, the second book following the life of Kim Peterson. The story continues right after the last few pages of JUST ASK, as Kim tries to deal with her mom's cancer and the other fifty problems that seem to plague her life. Carlson weaves the plotlines together well, mixing in her signature emotional punch that will leave readers thinking about family and friend relationships in their own lives. Kim is definitely a well-defined character dealing with very different struggles from Caitlin or Chloe, the previous two girls spearheading the series. Both characters make cameo appearances here, but Kim is very much the center of the story. The tension of trying to live a "normal" life while wondering if she's ever going to see her mother again fills every page. Kim has a journey to travel, and it takes her to some dark places where she must find hope in the only place she can: God. For fans of previous entries in the series, MEANT TO BE is another welcome addition. New readers would be fine to jump in with Kim's story, but really should go back to JUST ASK in order to follow the details. And Kim's journey is far from over. The last pages leave the story open, and readers will be grabbing for the next installment.

Kim Peterson is a Korean, adopted teenager dealing with hardships. She is a Christian and putting her faith in God to help her for each and every problem. Her friend Nat is always telling her to be careful because Kim is dating a non-Christian boy and Nat thinks this relationship will pull her away from God. Later on, Nat seems to have ignored her own "Be Careful" advice when she starts dating a Christian boy, Benjamin (Caitlin O' Conner's little brother). Not only that but Kim's mom (the one who adopted her) has stage four ovarian cancer which is terminal. Kim is praying very hard for her mother but so are a lot of other people who are close to her or not. Will Kim's mom hang in there? Will Nat get into something beyond her control? I like how this book has action every turn of the way and it was interesting. I did happen to dislike how the ending turned out because it was not what I expected. I also disliked how Nat's situation turned out. I really liked this book and I wanted to keep reading more and more. This is the second book of the series but I haven't read the first book yet. I can't wait until the other books come out. This book just introduces Christianity. Girls involved in a related religion will probably enjoy it best because it talks about Christian faith inside of others but anyone could read it, religious or not.

Wow. I just finished reading this book, and it was so awesome. If you thought the first book, Just Ask, was good, then you've got to read this. Just when you thought Melody Carlson wrote fantastically in the first Kim book, you'll think she outdid herself with "Meant to Be". It made me laugh, cry, and feel anxious. It feels like you're really there, experiencing every moment with Kim and her friends and family. I've never really read a book that made me this emotional, so that's really saying something. If you want a good read, then you're not wasting your time with this book!

I thought that this book was great! Infact I thought that as a Christian book it was the best that I have ever read! Kim is just like a normal teenager. She faces the same exact problems and everything! This book was very emotional and was very well written! I think that this is one of THE BEST books I have ever read.

This, so far is one of my favorite books. I highly suggest you read it. This book is part of a series but at the time, I didn't know it so I ended up reading w/out the other three books. It was still absolutley WONDERFUL!!!

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