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### A Dream Come True

Katy Hart is thrilled about her future with Hollywood's Dayne Matthews. But as she plans a wedding and looks for a house on the shores of Lake Monroe, she receives tragic news. Now everything about the future they planned together is hanging on the brink. Only a miracle can help them find their way through.

### A Public Struggle

Katy and two of the Baxters travel to Los Angeles to sort through their options. While paparazzi open fire on the Baxter family, Luke helps field requests from the media. At the same time, he must wrestle with feelings that have troubled him for nearly a year.

### A Family's Undying Love

Ultimately, the Baxter family must pull together one last time in an act of service, a labor of love to help Katy and Dayne find what they've always longed for—a chance at forever.

## Forever Details

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### Charity U says

Definitely sad to see this series end - but it inspired me to go back and re-read all the Kingsbury books I've read previously. It was a great series and I loved seeing new aspects and history of characters I grew to love in later (and earlier) books and series. Definitely a heart-grabber and excellent book set!

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### Sherri says

#### Forever is Fantastic!

Karen Kingsbury brings the Firstborn series to a close with a fabulous finish. The Baxter family deals with struggles just as the rest of us have to. One day at a time, trusting God to use them for a good purpose. I'm glad to see another Baxter series awaits.

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### Stefanie says

Forever, the final book in Karen Kingsbury's Firstborn series, was a wonderful ending to a fantastic storyline. The Firstborn Series as a whole was great, telling the story of love, hope, second chances, and the power of family.

Forever was easily my favorite book in the series, the emotions penned in this one just really tugged at me and I couldn't put this book down when I was able to get chances to read it.

Dayne Matthews and Katy Hart are finally able to pursue their forever and the Baxter family is together again... every, single, one of them.

I highly recommend the Firstborn series, same as I highly recommend any of Karen's books.

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### Jodi says

This was a wonderful book about the Baxter family all finally learning about Dayne. Ashely pressed her father to tell the others and make contact with the son. No one had any idea that there was another Baxter sibling and boy were they shocked when it turned out to be Dayne Matthews, America's hottest actor. Dayne was getting fed up with Hollywood and finally decided his life was in Bloomington with Katy. He was making trips to be with her once a month during filming. He was having breakfast with a costar and then headed to a private plane to meet Katy in Bloomington. He never made it there. There was a horrible accident that put him in a coma for one month. He woke up and realized he may not make it for Thanksgiving in Bloomington with the whole Baxter family. Luke was having a terrible time accepting that a new brother existed and made a poor decision yelling at the cameras and telling the world that just because Dayne was blood did not make him a Baxter. Dayne had a hard time when he found out this and didn't want to go or move to Bloomington. The whole town came to pitch in and get Dayne and Katy's house ready for them. I love the 10 secrets of a good marriage. I even wrote them down. They are so true and they are relevant for any relationship.

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**AlegnaB † says**

I loved this conclusion to the Firstborn series. The ending is a tearjerker.

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**Renee Kindell says****Amazing Christian Romance**

Well written with plenty of sound Biblical reference. Clean, captivating, and emotional romance. Definitely a great read! I would highly recommend this book and any by this author.

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**Megan says**

I read the Redemption series first (which I recommend) and was very familiar with the Baxters and excited to see what happened next in their journey. I kind of feel this series could have been put into 4 books, not 5. It felt dragged out at times and lost my attention or drive to keep going. I will however read the next series, maybe after a short break by reading other books first.

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**Taryn Spearey says**

Yet another great book by Karen Kingsbury! In this one, we see Katy and Dayne goes through a rough patch in their relationship when Dayne is in the hospital. This happened because of a car accident.

Luke is still having a hard time dealing with the fact that Dayne is his brother. He keeps telling everyone, even the paparazzi, that Dayne is not his brother. Eventually, near the end of the book, he calls Dayne his brother.

All of the members of the Baxter family have a plan to fix up an old house near the lake for Dayne and Katy to move into after they get married. When they pull up and see the house all fixed up, they are really shocked. They are so grateful to the family, and Luke is happy to have Dayne as his brother.

This was amazing and i loved this series!!

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**Pamela says**

I loved this book. I am sad that I finished this series. I can't wait to start the next final series but I am sad that the story is almost over. I am learning so much from these books. I want to buy all 3 sets and reread them all!

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**Becky Ames says**

I really loved the end! I was in tears reading it.

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**Stephanie Dulac says**

i thought it was a wonderful finish to the 2nd series of the baxters im super excited to keep reading i love everything about this family they are far from perfect but at the same time they try there best and you can relate to them onto sunrise :)

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**Sara Fite says**

To me, this one was the most emotional book in this series. It is also one of the slower ones and more frustrating ones. For the first part of the book, you slowly wait for Dayne to wake up from his coma. In the second part of the book, Dayne frustrated me to no end with his unappreciation (is that even a word?) for Katy and his own anger with his family. I understand he had the right to feel all the emotions he was feeling, but he still frustrated me. But the ending is definitely worth going through all of this. You finally see everyone resolve all their issues and get the happy ending we have been waiting for. The ending is the reason this book got 4 stars, definitely worth reading through everything to get to that part!

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**Melanie says**

Forever is the last book in Karen Kingsbury's Firstborn series and the 10th book in the Baxter Family series.

Katy Hart and Dayne Matthews are getting married!! Dayne has decided that he is going to leave Hollywood and live in Bloomington with Katy once they get married. He sends Katy to start looking for a house for them. Without even looking, Katy finds a place that is definitely a fixer upper, but it is the perfect house for them right on the lake. Dayne has breakfast with his co-star before he hops on a plane to go be with Katy at the camp she has been working with the kids all week to do a play at the end of camp. Randi and Dayne are being hounded by the paparazzi and they are being chased. Dayne ends up in the path of a truck that is headed right towards him and hits him on the driver's side of the vehicle. Ashley and John Baxter take Katy to CA to stay by Dayne's side. Dayne could lose his leg and have major brain damage and never wake up from his coma. Katy stays by his side day and night waiting for Dayne to wake up.

The Baxters have been found!! When Ashley and John went to CA to be with Dayne after the car accident, the paparazzi found out about them. They chased them all the way to Bloomington, IL. John found one outside his house and then all the Baxters were having a family picnic and a bunch of paparazzi showed up and were taking pictures.

Luke is struggling with knowing that Dayne Matthews is his biological brother. He is angry. He doesn't want to have an older brother and will never think of Dayne as a brother. He comes out of his building and finds a

paparazzi across the street. The guy chases Luke and puts a camera in his face. Luke gets mad and yells at the guy that "Dayne Matthews isn't my brother. Blood doesn't make him a Baxter!!" He instantly regrets saying it but it is out there and the paparazzi got it. Luke and Reagan's marriage is in trouble as well. John sends a letter to them that states the Ten Secrets to a Happy Marriage. These ten things will turn around their marriage.

I can't fit everything into this review b/c I don't want to ruin it for others who are going to read the book. I have very much enjoyed the Firstborn series and I look forward to reading the Sunrise series next. I love the Baxter family and I feel like they are a part of my family.

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### **Honeypie says**

I love how Karen Kingsbury shares more stories of God's healing power, how He works miracles in the most seemingly hopeless situations, and what God means by His words -- "Wait on Me... Be still and know that I am God."

Such powerful words, indeed.

*Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart, and wait for the Lord.*

Psalm 27:14

*Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

Psalm 46:10

And here's a bonus (one of my favorites!):

*The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still.*

Exodus 14:14

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### **Reagan Soper says**

so this book is pretty amazing. when i first read the summary i thought something had happened to Katy's mom. boy, was i wrong. it was really unexpected to see the surprise this book held--Dayne almost killed by a car crash. then on top of it, Luke's attitude. good thing John had found Elizabeth's 10 Secrets To a Happy Marriage, because if he didn't this book would not have been the same.

moving on to the sad part of this, when i ended this book i also ended a wonderful series. to anybody wanting to be attached to a book (it is more than a book, it is like a paper family you can connect with) i would recommend this. they have changed my view on things, or even gave some more perspective on what i already believe in. these are great and i'm so glad Karen Kingsbury was kind enough to continue on with these books in different sections.

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### **Anne Marie says**

A great ending to the Firstborn series. Obviously, this series was about the Baxter's firstborn son, Dayne Matthews. This book brings about Dayne's hardest struggle yet, when he is involved in a terrible car accident due to paparazzi following him and his movie co-star, Randi Wells. Miraculously, with many prayers, and with Katy always by his side, Dayne makes a complete recovery. But during Dayne's rehabilitation, he reads a story in the tabloids about his brother, Luke, being quoted as saying Dayne really wasn't his brother, even if he had the Baxter's blood. Dayne is sure reconnecting with the Baxter family was a mistake. He should have never brought them into his world, and now their privacy is gone. Katy makes Dayne promise her he would go back to Bloomington for Thanksgiving anyway. If the family didn't want Dayne to be with them, he made Katy agree they would live in Malibu and give up living in Bloomington. To Dayne and Katy's surprise, the house they purchased on Lake Monroe was completely restored and remodeled, from the outside in. The Baxter's and their friends came together to welcome Dayne and Katy home, especially Luke. Luke apologized from the bottom of his heart to Dayne. Dayne forgives him and keeps his offer open of wanting Luke to be his personal lawyer. Because of Dayne's offer, Luke and his family will be able to move back to the area, Luke working at a branch of his law office in Indianapolis!

Ashley has really been a strong part of everything coming together for the family. Being a good friend to Katy, she helps out at CKT. She also went with her father and Katy to Los Angeles when Dayne was in the hospital due to the car accident. Ashley takes responsibility in taking care of the home renovation for Katy and Dayne. Because of Ashley, the house was ready to be moved in by the time Katy and Dayne returned to Bloomington for Thanksgiving.

Luke not only was having trouble accepting Dayne as his brother. He was having issues with his marriage to Reagan. Because of his new successful brother, long hours studying for the bar exam, working at the law office, and feeling like Reagan doesn't appreciate him, Luke was even thinking about separating. Thankfully, his father actually finds a letter his mother had wrote to each of her children titled steps for a happy marriage. When Reagan finds the letter and reads what Elizabeth had written, she realizes it wasn't only Luke who was in the wrong. Reagan realized she needed to step up too and appreciate Luke's actions that let her know he loved her.

John Baxter tries his best to be there for his children in their good and bad times. He is unsure about what his friendship with Elaine Denning could mean. Ashley is especially not happy with Elaine spending too much time with her father. But after reading her mother's steps to a happy marriage letter, she realizes her dad needs his friend. Ashley even calls Elaine to ask her if she can help out at Katy and Dayne's house and invites her for Thanksgiving dessert.

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### **Tamara Tilley says**

FOREVER . . . finally! I loved the characters, I loved the drama, and I loved the storyline. But, I didn't love the long drawn out series. Of course, we all knew how the series would end, but it truly became a quest to get to the end. One of the issues I had with this series is the constant rehashing of past circumstances and trials. I understand the need as a writer to want each book to be a standalone novel, but let's face it . . . if the series is five strong, people need to read the whole series. The writer should not try to summarize past books. It frustrates the true fan that has read each book up to that point. But, who am I to correct or critique Karen Kingsbury. Her stories are inspiring and engaging, and even though I don't like redundancy, I will continue on and read the Sunrise series and hope that I don't have to do too much skimming to get past repetitive

information.

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### **Grace says**

I'm caught up in the series but getting way tired of all the whining and self-pity! If these are truly Christian people, raised in a loving Christian home, given consistent Christian education and guidance, they would be more open and loving to begin with.

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### **Melissa says**

Excellent cap to the Fame series. Dayne gets in a car accident. Lots of need for forgiveness and acceptance.

The final book in Kingsbury's Firstborn series is a stellar cap to the collection. Katy's devotion to Dayne during a time of crisis is both heartwarming and faith building. The arcing themes of forgiveness and waiting on the Lord are moving and teach some valuable lessons. But newcomers to the series will be lost without reading the nine previous novels.

Now that the trial is behind them, Katy Hart and Dayne Matthews are moving forward with their wedding plans and their move to Bloomington. They purchase a home that needs a great deal of work and praise God for all he has done in their lives.

But everything shatters in an instant when Dayne is involved in a serious car accident. He lies in a coma, and Katy stays by his side, believing that he will recover. Yet as the days pass, others are not as optimistic. The Baxter family bands together in support of their newfound son and brother, but Luke Baxter is reluctant to give his love and devotion to Dayne so easily. Is there hope for physical and emotional healing?

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### **Jasmine says**

#### **One of my favorites.**

I recommend this series to anyone needing a tangible idea of how Christ works. Karen does an amazing job of staying true to the characters and keeping them human- they have their faults, as we all do, but you get to see over & over again that with Christ, so much goodness can come when we trust in Him.

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