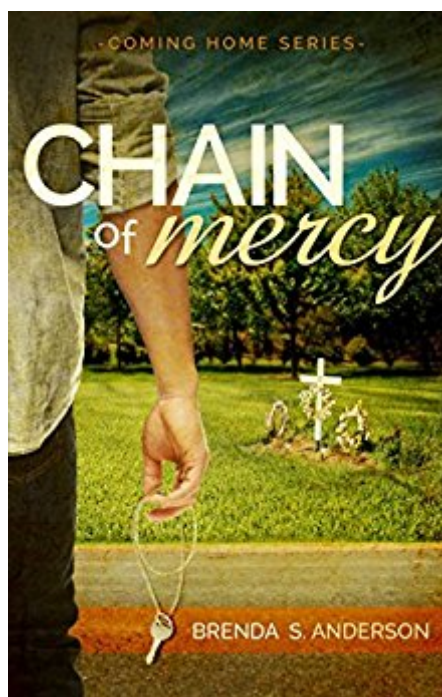


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# Chain Of Mercy (Coming Home Book 1)



## Synopsis

Manhattan businessman Richard Brooks was at the top of the world, drunk with success, wealth, and women, and he proudly lived that prodigal lifestyle, until one disastrous evening, when that world came crashing down. Richard flees to Minneapolis where he repairs ancient boilers instead of solving corporate problems, and he's determined to live the solitary life he now deserves. But Executive Sheila Peterson has other plans for the handsome custodian. Richard appears to be the perfect match for the no-strings-attached romance she's after, but she soon discovers that he's hiding more than the designer clothes in his closet.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a clean, Christian romance. Although there is no graphic sex or foul language, the subject matter is mature and can be intense. I would caution those who are sensitive to the subjects of drunk driving tragedy and abortion remorse as this book is hard hitting and some persons may be

re-traumatized through its realistic portrayal. I assume you have read the general description of the storyline. This is not a fluff story. It tackles subjects and life styles that have long divided nation, church and homes. From damage done by church hypocrites, to bad decisions with painful consequences, to abandoning faith to embrace selfish desires, to lost innocence and much more. The road to healing and forgiveness is wrought with temptation and fought on knees but ultimately won. This is a well written story with few editing errors. The Christian thread is hard to see in the beginning but steadily increases throughout until it becomes a strong foundation. I never connected with the female protagonist. I just didn't like her. Since this story is so much more than a romance, it didn't ruin the book for me and it shouldn't be a deterrent to you. My reaction to her may be the opposite of yours. The story is complete, without unfinished side stories, hooks or cliffhangers. This one isn't for everyone and I'm sure there will be those with a secular and/or liberal world view who will be gnashing their teeth after reading it. I don't fall into that category and I appreciate the guts it took to write this. It had to have been very difficult. If you decide to read it be prepared to think, cry, and rejoice.

This novel is all about forgiveness and God's grace. It's quite mature, though not big obscene. Teen could read it and it would be a great topic of discussion. I loved all the main characters from the moment they popped up and kept rooting for Richard. Really admire Brenda's ability as an author to keep characters realistic while dealing with faith. No Christian is perfect and sometimes instead of a sugar sweet book we need a daring look at reality. Loved this book and would recommend to anyone who likes more realistic and gritty Christian fiction!

At first I enjoyed reading this book, my first by this author. But I felt the characters weren't deep enough for the story and it seemed like the same ole same ole after I got to 50%. From there I hoped for more, but didn't get it. I won't buy another in this series. Had the characters been written more in depth and the book not dragged on, it would have warranted a higher rating. I read it because it was Christian, but the sexual tensions and games got old after a couple of hundred pages. Sorry I wasn't in love with the book. We need good Christian books.

An incredibly rich read that was hard to put down. Anderson has created a slice of real life within the pages of her book. Gritty, honest, heart-breaking. Packing an emotional punch that made it a struggle to read at times. Honestly, at one point I closed the book and tried to make up my own happily ever after without the angst. That lasted for all of about ten minutes. Then I gave in and

opened the book again because I wanted to know what really happened to these amazingly flawed characters who had wormed their way into my affections. Richard is the 'perfect' prodigal son. He's shucked the solid mid-Western values he's grown up with in favour of life in the fast lane. So, how does a boy who was raised so right go so wrong? It's a subject Anderson explores with unrelenting truthfulness. Richard's struggles, his self-condemnation and eventual triumph makes for a moving read. Sheila is a lost soul who doesn't even realize that she's lost. A powerhouse executive, she has developed a hard edge that makes her difficult to like at first. But Anderson gradually uncovers a tale of loss and abuse that help make sense of the woman Sheila has become. The author artfully explores the whys behind the actions and then applies God's mercy in such a compassionate way I was left weeping. A compelling story that celebrates the real meaning of grace with a unique perspective: accepting and receiving mercy creates a powerful chain reaction that spills over into the lives around you. What an awesome inspirational takeaway.

Wow. I very seldom read a book that takes so much effort in covering the long-term effects of rape, abortion, PTSD, and Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome. The characters are beautifully weaved into each other's lives. I found it interesting how the author set up this one scene where Rick is unable to understand how anyone could voluntarily just walk into a clinic and abort her baby. He is pro-life to the core. Sheila, on the other hand, gave me the impression that she couldn't understand how anyone could possibly want to go through with this. She's very much pro-choice. But as you continue reading the story, you come to understand why they've dug in their heels in their stances. Although I gave the book excellent ratings, I just can't see myself keeping it because it's much too emotionally charged for me. It's an excellent read and I hope you enjoy it as well.

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