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Kristen Wakefield has lived off and on in New Orleans for the last seven years. As an art lover, she is driven to build, at the Haywood Museum, the premier collection of nineteenth-century African American art. After months of coordination, Kristen finally schedules a meeting with the influential Claudette Thibodeaux. Kristen is dismayed when Claudette is unable to meet, and her career aspirations dissolve before her eyes. Rather than give up the career she loves, Kristen accepts her predicament and chooses to stick it out in New Orleans. In her times of desperation, Rafe Crawford instinctively assumes the role of protector. He quickly becomes more than a distant in-law. He is struggling with his own anger over the years of physical and emotional abuse he received from his father. Yet, when he learns of his dying father's wish to see him, Rafe is confused and unsure of his true feelings about his past and his hopes for the future. All of the characters are woven into a compelling story about family, love, and relationships. *Lillian Lewis*

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Review

“This novel is Ray's finest work to date. Extremely well-written characters display a wide array of emotions—individuals whose lives and loves intermingle in each other's story and a plot that flows smoothly from the first page to the last. ...A powerful story!” *Romantic Times*

About the Author

Francis Ray is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Grayson novels, the Falcon books, the Taggart Brothers, and *Twice the Temptation*, among many other romances. Her novel *Incognito* was made into a movie aired on BET. A native Texan, she is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and has a degree in nursing. Besides a writer, she is a school nurse practitioner with the Dallas Independent School District. She lives in Dallas.

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