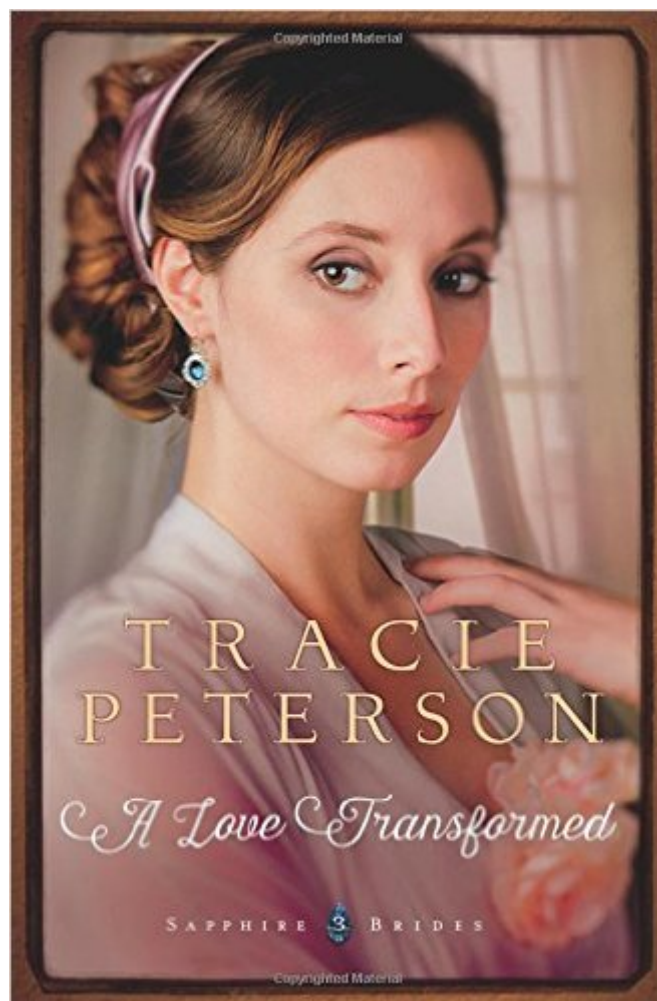


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# A Love Transformed (Sapphire Brides)



## Synopsis

The Riveting Final Story in the Sapphire Brides Series When Clara Vesper's husband, Adolph, dies suddenly, Clara is stunned--but not grief-stricken. Her marriage to Adolph had been arranged, their primary interaction revolving around the sapphire jewelry Clara designed and Adolph produced and sold. Widowed and penniless, with two small children, Clara decides to return to her aunt and uncle's ranch in Montana, the only place she has ever been happy. Curtis Billingham, injured in a sapphire mine collapse, is recuperating at the ranch of his friends, Paul and Madeline Sersland. But when the Serslands' niece returns from New York City, Curtis curses both his broken body and his broken past. Clara, the love of his life, has come back to him, but he is no longer worthy of her love. Clara's brother-in-law Otto Vesper, Adolph's business partner, fears that the loss of Clara's design skills will doom the company's prospects. Following her to Montana, Otto is prepared to do whatever it takes to get Clara to return with him to New York. As Clara fights for love and freedom, a dangerous secret in her late husband's life comes to light, threatening everyone she loves.

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## Customer Reviews

In this story I was swept back to the turn of the century right before the war where I met Clara Vesper. I liked her immediately and my heart actually hurt for her. As the story opens we find Clara learning that her husband has just been murdered in the street. Adolph wasn't the great love of her life, but she had come to care for him. Suddenly she is faced with the not only raising their two

children on her own, but doing so without any money because Adolph had not provided for them in his will. I know it was the norm in history for men to control the finances in the family, but it sounds so scary for a woman. I'm sure Clara was more than a little scared for not only herself, but also her young children. Clara shows great strength of character when she makes the decision to leave the comforts of her lavish mansion and return to the one place that she thought of as home-Montana. She had spent many summers on Uncle Paul and Aunt Madeline's sheep farm. She learned to cook, clean and take care of the animals, but more importantly she had learned about God and his empowering love. 12 years ago when her mother forced her to leave Montana she left a piece of her heart there and was in hopes of finding it again. I enjoyed this story. It has an interesting plot with unexpected twists and turns that kept me turning the pages. Just as she is settling into her new life she comes to face secrets her husband had kept from her. Secrets that must be known if she is to have her heart's desire. This story has elements of mystery, some suspense, humor and most of all faith. This is the final installment in the series, but for me it was a stand alone as I have not read the first two books in the series. I will be picking both of those up to read though. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good, clean read.\*\*I received this book from the publisher for a honest review without bias or outside influence as stated above.

Book description: "When her husband, Adolph, dies suddenly, Clara Vesper is stunned. Not grief-stricken, as their marriage had never been a love match, but staggered by what might become of her and her children. For years she designed the sapphire jewelry that made her husband's company a fortune, but she has little money in her own name and soon discovers that she has inherited nothing. Fearing for the welfare of her two small children, she decides to take them to her aunt and uncle's ranch in Montana, the only place she has ever been happy. But much has changed since she last visited the Montana ranch, both for Clara and for those she was forced to leave behind. And when dangerous secrets from her late husband's past threaten everyone she loves, Clara must fight to remain where she can fulfill her dreams." My review: This month I had a hard time deciding which book to review for Bethany House. It was this book or Beverly Lewis's new book, *The Wish*. I obviously chose this book by Tracie Peterson and was not disappointed! This is the third and final book in the *Sapphire Brides* series. Don't worry if you haven't read the other two, all three books can stand alone. I would have a very hard deciding which of the books in this series is my favorite. Clara's mother was actually one of my favorite characters. Although I didn't like her as a person, she added a great element to the story. Clara was a strong character that had a backbone when she had to have one. She was meek to a certain point, which is a great quality, but she did not

allow herself to be run over when the situation called for strength. This was one of those books I stayed up way too late reading! I received a complimentary e-copy of this book from Bethany House Publishers in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

This is the third book in the series. The others are *A Treasure Concealed* and *A Beauty Refined*. Clara's husband has been murdered. While she didn't love him, she now has to decide what to do with her life. Her late husband's brother is showing interest in marrying her, but she's only ever loved one person, and she's not marrying without love again. She takes her children to the one place she was happy: Montana. Curtis has a rough past. When his true love, Clara, was torn away from him fourteen years ago, his life went off the rails. Now, he's turned his life around, but things aren't necessarily getting better. A cave-in at his mine leaves him bedridden with the possibility of never walking again. Add in the return of Clara and his life is much more complicated. He wants to save her from being stuck with a crippled man with a past, but she's not willing to give up easily. Things get more complicated, since she's still being pursued by her brother-in-law. He's up to no good, and willing to do what it takes to get what he wants. Clara's mother also isn't ready to let her daughter waste her life in the wilds of Montana and is looking for her as well. I really liked this book. I looked forward to picking it back up to see what would happen next. Clara is a strong character, and her kids are great as well. The story was well written, and I was getting a bit nervous at the end to see how things would turn out. These can be read out of order since they're all about different characters. This is definitely my favorite book of this series.\* I received a copy of this book from Bethany House through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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