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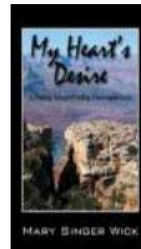
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New book: My Heart's Desire: A Journey Toward Finding Extravagant Love

Raleigh, NC, June 10, 2009 - Author Mary Singer Wick was surprised when her new book, *My Heart's Desire: A Journey Toward Finding Extravagant Love*, not only made the Amazon.com best-seller list in the Baptist and Personal Transformational categories shortly after its release, but it also reached #266 on the overall best-seller list on its premiere. But this came as no surprise to her readers - *My Heart's Desire* is a powerful and emotional book with a theme that so many can relate to, as the author describes her long struggle to find everlasting love.



With honesty and emotion, Mary takes the reader through seven years of heartbreaking trials, beginning with the diagnosis that she would probably not be able to have children. The news was devastating, especially as Mary's greatest desire was to be a wife and mother, and she feared that no man would want to marry a woman who couldn't have children. She also feared that God was punishing her somehow. But shortly thereafter she was drawn into the most powerful loving relationship of all-with her Savior, who healed her broken heart.

After being born again spiritually, Mary was filled with hope for the future, and she involved herself with a women's Bible study group, programs for adult singles, and a women's mentoring program, all of which served to nourish her soul and bring her true satisfaction. After an agonizing decision about her health, Mary finally learned to surrender the path of her life to God's perfect will, and the happiness she experienced in being obedient brought peace to her once-chaotic mind. And finally, as she realized she no longer had to manipulate the laws of attraction, Mary was led to her future husband, Jon.

In *My Heart's Desire*, Mary shares the secret of living an abundant, joy-filled life. The book blends personal experiences with practical biblical advice for successful Christian living, and it lends itself perfectly to counseling and mentoring situations. It contains practical advice for building a foundation for a marriage full of passion; how to enhance communication skills; how to set and reach financial and parenting goals together; and how to live a life of integrity overall.

Readers will follow Mary from loneliness and despair to hope and renewed faith-from single living to married life-and profit from the lessons Mary and her husband apply to their relationship. This is not the typical dating advice book for single young women. *My Heart's Desire* was written for those who have been searching for true love for a long time, those who may have given up hope, and those who would benefit from first developing a solid spiritual connection before trying to forge a relationship with someone else.

In her own words, "This book was not written to guarantee anyone a spouse, but to offer the promise of an extravagant life, beyond your wildest dreams, that can only be found in a deep and loving relationship with Jesus Christ. As you read this book, I pray that it will be a story of hope, encouragement, and blessing to you as you walk down some of the paths the Lord took me on that led me to my heart's desire."

About the book: *My Heart's Desire* by Mary Singer Wick, ISBN: 978-1607251521. Publisher: Outskirts Press

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State University of New York at Cortland, and a master's degree from Boston College in higher education administration. In 1995, she relocated from Boston, Massachusetts to Raleigh, North Carolina to begin a new career in technical recruiting. She and her husband, Jon, are members of Providence Baptist Church where Mary serves in the women's mentoring program, and she operates her speaking ministry under the name of Extravagant Life, LLC blankwww.extravagantlife.net

My Heart's Desire: A Journey Toward Finding Extravagant Love is her first book.

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