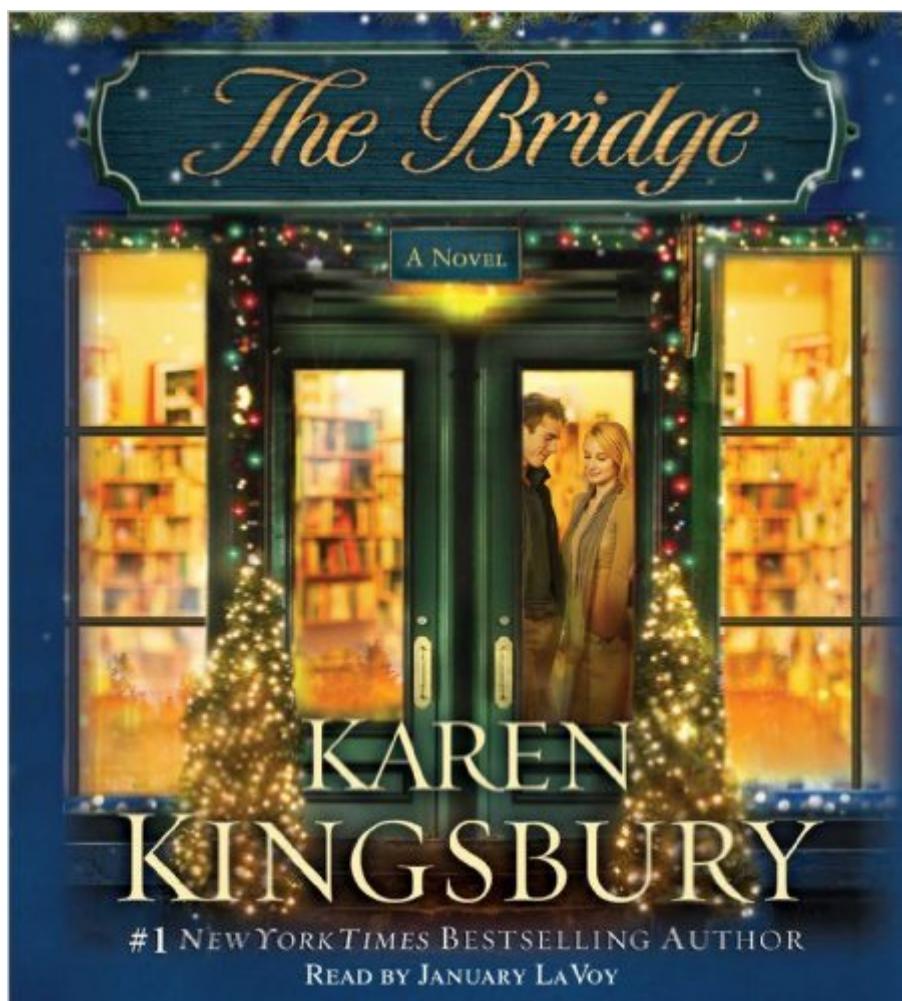


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The Bridge: A Novel



Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling author of *Learning and Leaving* shares a heartwarming Christmas story about a devastating flood, lost love, and the beauty of enduring friendships. Molly Allen lives alone in Portland, but her heart is back in Franklin, Tennessee, where five years ago she walked away from a man she cannot forget, a rare sort of love she hasn't found since. Ryan Kelly lives in Franklin and spends plenty of time at The Bridge, "the oldest bookstore in historic downtown Franklin" remembering the long hours he and Kelly once spent there. Now, Ryan and Molly's favorite bookstore is in trouble. For thirty years, Charlie and Donna Barton have run The Bridge, providing the people of middle Tennessee with coffee, conversation, and shelves of good books "even through dismal book sales and the rise of eBooks. Then in May a flood tore through Franklin and destroyed nearly every book in the store. By Christmastime, the bank threatens to pull the lease on The Bridge and is about to take the Bartons' house as well. Despondent, Charlie considers ending his life. And in the face of tragedy, miracles begin to unfold.

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Customer Reviews

I have never given a Karen Kingsbury book less than 4/5 stars! I love her books and her writing, but I can't find words to describe what I feel is lacking with *THE BRIDGE*. I read the short story prequel *THE BEGINNING* and was immediately sucked into the story because I felt a great connection with Charlie and Donna and their love of books. I couldn't find that same connection with Molly and Ryan in *THE BRIDGE*. *THE BRIDGE* seemed really short. Only 77% of the Kindle edition was the actual book. My favorite part of *THE BRIDGE* was the group of people coming together to try and help the

bookstore. I could identify with that. There are good people out there who will help! Good people helped my family when my son underwent brain surgery with prayers, money or just a shoulder to cry on. In a nutshell, I enjoyed the book but felt something was missing. I wanted more book, more story, more something. Again, I can't rightly express my feelings. However, I continue to be a KK fan and will continue to read her books. Additional thoughts...I just realized what bugged me about this book. I didn't feel God in the pages. Every other KK book has been very much about prayer, seeking God's wisdom, etc. I like Karen's very in your face writing about God and seeking a relationship with him. I didn't feel that here. Other than Charlie praying about the store, I didn't see the other characters really going to God.***UPDATED 12/12/15***The Hallmark Channel recently aired The Bridge as part of their 2015 Christmas movie line up. Seeing the movie lead me to re-read the book. I'm glad I did. I enjoyed it much more this time. I'm changing my rating from 3 stars to 4 stars. The book is still a lot shorter than a usual Kingsbury book and I still wish there was more story for Ryan and Molly.

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