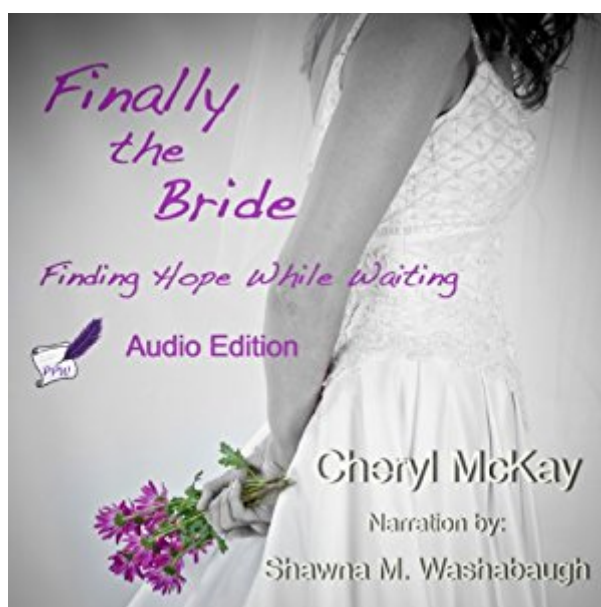


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Finally The Bride: Finding Hope While Waiting: The Single Woman's Guide To The Wait For A Husband And Marriage



Synopsis

Why Would God Care About My Love Life? From the woman behind the screenplay and novel, *Never the Bride*, comes a roller coaster of a love story with God. Cheryl McKay pulls no punches about what it's really like to be single, with your age creeping up, and no end in sight to the wait for love and marriage. It seems that many years ago, God asked Cheryl to surrender the pen she was using to write her love story. All He wanted was *carte blanche*. No problem, right? Cheryl tentatively conceded - that is, until it became apparent that the Almighty had no intention of conforming to her writing schedule, much less the tick of her biological clock. In fact, He blew every deadline she ever attempted to set. As romance seemed to pass Cheryl by, she couldn't help but question: Could God really be trusted to bring her the love of her life? Written during a long wait, this book opens up Cheryl's painfully honest, personal journals. She explores what it's like to enlist in God's Marriage Boot Camp, and how to survive singlehood year after solitary year. She wrestles with her Creator over multiple best friends that never see her "that way." Then there are those lists of what she wanted - you know, the ones she revised a billion times then laminated for safekeeping. She watches, bewildered, as much younger women find love that seems to elude her. Through it all, she falls head over heels for a God who proves Himself to be as resistant to her controls as He is faithful beyond her wildest dreams. Are you still waiting? Have you lost hope? Venture to victory with a woman who knows just how hard it is to wait for the day when you are Finally the Bride. This audiobook includes a collection of real-life, God-written love stories by such authors as Squire Rushnell and Louise DuArt (*God Winks Series, Couples Who Pray*), and Victorya Michaels Rogers (*Finding a Man Worth Keeping*).

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Customer Reviews

If you're a single woman, you need to get this book! But I'll also say that men can gain a lot from this book as well (and there's a chapter at the end of the book that's addressed specifically to you). I downloaded the Kindle version yesterday and read it straight through in one sitting. I rarely do that. Cheryl's gift of communicating the difficulties of being single for a long period of time when you desire to be married, is so great. She gets VERY real with you in sharing her journal entries to God about why He's taking so long in delivering the love of her life. Her lists are hysterical (because you think she read your mind as she typed them). I found myself laughing one minute and my eyes welling up the next. I haven't felt everything she has felt, but I could relate to so many things. What a great gift to myself to buy this book... I encourage you to do the same.

Yes this is a book about singleness but it's more than that. It's Cheryl's story. (Yes. Cheryl. First names now because I feel as they we are kindred spirits now after reading this book!) The book is broken up into her story and what she has learned and her thoughts on single life. The first half of the book features excerpts from her journals, lists she made, and practical advice from her own life. The second half of the book is written later and shares her story to finding the guy of her dreams. It also features a surprise chapter by her husband and some fun stories from others. I laughed and I cried through this book. Cheryl has a way of telling a story that makes you feel like she is telling it to you over tea on the back porch. The book is never preachy and is full of light bulb moments where you say...Me too. I am so glad I am not alone! Cheryl shares her own very personal story through her journal entries and funny stories that will have you cringing and laughing and saying...me too! From the beginning you get a glimpse of her heart and you can see a woman who loves God and yet wants that earthly mate too. How many of us single gals can relate to that? It took me months to read this book because God used it to do a big work in my heart dealing with my singleness. You see I was losing hope and losing it fast. I was tired of waiting and tired of trusting. Cheryl's authentic vulnerability helped me open my heart and He began to work within it. The way Cheryl invites you into her innermost heart moments with Him... and you see how deeply she loves Him and He loves her...it is moving. Through out the book you are challenged and encouraged in your own relationship with God. I shed a great deal of tears. To me...that's a sign of a great book. I laughed... often and loudly. To me...that's the sign of an excellent book! I felt like I was

journeying with a friend through great conversation as I read this book. And at the end... have more hope than I have in a long time. It's going to be a book I recommend to my friends who are single...and one that I hope they read and then we can discuss it.

I'm a 33 year old single woman who has read almost every Christian single book out there, but this was the first book I read that really seemed to delve into the raw, aching questions I throw at God year after single year, and helped me not feel alone in doing so. Cheryl is honest, frank, sweet, and vulnerable through each page of *Finally the Bride*. While I think any single person could be encouraged by this book, it's definitely a must read for single women who have already crossed the 30 year point and feel like hope is fading. I was super hesitant to read it at first because who wants to read about a 38 year old woman who is still single when you're already 33 and feel like the door is already closing, and the thought that God could make you keep waiting another 5 or 6 years makes you want to sit in a fetal position and cry, but I am so grateful I downloaded it onto my Kindle and read it (even though it took me two months to work up the courage to hear what she had to say). It's a fresh perspective on a subject that is becoming more and more prevalent as people, especially Christians, take longer to settle down. It's a reminder to keep God first in your life, whether married or single, but not to stop hoping, praying, and seeking God to meet the desires of your heart. Sometimes He does it in ways you don't expect!

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