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For Helen, the pain of her childhood returns and the old wounds of abandonment are once again torn open. Balancing the joy of her new daughter with the painful experience of watching her sister, the physical embodiment of unconditional love in her life, slowly die, Helen must reconcile her inner feelings and heal her broken spirit. A heart-wrenching exploration of the ties that bind us and the lasting pain of childhood loss, *Daughters for a Time* is about longing for a family to heal a broken heart, experiencing unconditional love as a parent, and finding solid ground to stand on when suffering and elation have equally powerful holds on our life.

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"A wrenching, resonant debut about infertility, cancer and adoption. Grab your hankies."
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"Equally heartfelt and hopeful, *Daughters for a Time* is a powerful exploration of what it means to be a mother, a sister, a daughter. Tender and poignant, Handford weaves a captivatingly honest story that will have you smiling and weeping throughout -- often within the same paragraph." --Heather Gudenkauf - *New York Times* Best-selling Author of *The Weight of Silence* and *These Things Hidden*

"*Daughters for a Time* is a brutally honest but captivating peek at the powerful hold human connections and the pursuit of motherhood can have on the human spirit....A story filled with the truths of compassion, dedication and losses many of us must face in life... [It] will draw you in and have you rooting for [protagonist] Helen Francis." --Kay Bratt, Author of *Silent Tears: A Journey of Hope in a Chinese Orphanage*

About the Author

Jennifer Handford was born in Phoenix, Arizona, where she lived until she moved to Oregon for college and graduate school. After graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C., and has lived in the Virginia/Washington, D.C., area for fifteen years. Jennifer is married and has three daughters. *Daughters for a Time* was awarded one of three first place prizes in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award contest. It is her first novel.

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