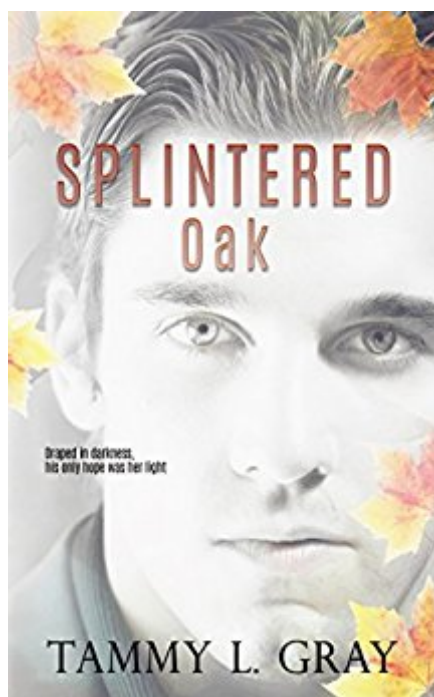


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# Splintered Oak (Winsor Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

A touching, second-chance romance about learning to forgive and finding a way to heal. Jake Matthews understands loss. In just one year, he lost his mother, his first love, his career and now his cousin and best friend. But loss is the very thing that allows him to see the amazing woman he's always overlooked. And for the very first time, Jake wants to be worthy of such a pure love. Naomi Bennett spent the last year finding herself. Running away to Portugal was more than just a trip to find culture, but also an escape from the first man she ever gave her heart to. Now home, the last thing Naomi wants is to catch the eye of notorious playboy, Jake Matthews. But Naomi soon discovers that Jake is not the same person she once knew. Drawn to his pain, Naomi gets swept up in a whirlwind of circumstances that will shake the very fabric of her precisely planned future and cause her to question every idea she ever had on love. The highly anticipated conclusion to the Winsor Series. (Can be read as a stand alone novel) Winsor Series: Book 1 -- Shattered Rose (permanently free) Book 2 -- Shackled Lily Book 3 -- Splintered Oak And don't miss my Winsor spinoff -- Mercy's Fight Or my newest release: My Hope Next Door

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## Customer Reviews

I chose this rating because I am 100% satisfied with this purchase. I liked this book because I couldn't put it down!! I sucked into the plot and found myself thinking of the characters and story line even when I wasn't actively reading. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good love story, but is tired of how over sexualized the romance genre has become. Splintered Oak is christian fiction, but it's not preachy. If you are a Christ follower it will speak deeply to your heart, and if you are not, you will enjoy this story none the less. Excellent read, I highly recommend it!

Never before have I read a piece of fiction that is so vivid and honest. The characters could be my friends, I felt so in tune with their feelings. Their struggles are not uncommon, but are expressed in such a way that invites deeper understanding of the demons they face. Thank you, Ms. Gray, for not sugar coating reality, and for leaving your readers feeling encouraged and full of hope about a loving God.

I loved Splintered Oak!! It tells all of the tidbits that have helped Jake's life spin out of control and how he had to hit bottom to come out of his self-destructive lifestyle. Naomi set an amazing example for young Christian women today by showing that Christians aren't perfect and can live for Christ in today's society. The Godly family DOES still exist and I am glad it was depicted in the storyline and not just assumed to be there. I recommend to mothers of young women and it is a good read for the moms as well. Add on: I have just finished Splintered Oak for the second time and missed a few things the first time. Once Jake let God take control of his life he went back and mended relationships from his past. That is so hard to do, yet he did it humbly. Naomi stood true to her beliefs regarding her boundaries of intimacy with a guy before marriage and I was so proud of her! Don't want to give the book away, and I still recommend it!

I read a lot of Christian romances and am always happy to find an author I like. Gray is on my favorite list for sure! I loved Shackled Lily (book 2 of the series) but Splintered Oak was even better! Naomi and Jake's story is such a great example of God's love and grace. Gray did an amazing job developing the characters making them real. This is a book that will stick with me. I am looking forward to reading Gray's next book.

Splintered Oak is the third book in the Winsor Series and focuses on Jake. I enjoyed the entire three-book series, but I would have to say that Jake's story, Splintered Oak is my favorite. We see

Jake prominently in the first two books as the 'bad boy,' and we learn a little about why he lives the way he does. But in Splintered Oak, we get to see deep into Jake's heart and to truly understand him. He has experienced a great loss and it has colored his whole life with sadness, which in Jake shows up in his 'acting out' and hurting those he cares most about. Why? I will let you read and see for yourself, but I think you will see that what is behind his 'bad boy' behavior is a broken heart and his turning his back on God, the one who can truly help him. I think in different ways it is a story we can all relate to. Most of us have lost someone we dearly loved. Most of us have had to figure out what to do with that loss, how to grieve for that loss, how to go on from it. Jake's way was to 'act out' and in the process push away the people who really cared about him. But there is One who will not be pushed away, One who gently reminds Jake and each one of us in all different ways and through various people that He is there to stay. That One of course is God. We just have to learn to reach out for him. Splintered Oak tells the story of Jake's journey to his personal relationship with God. There are many struggles for Jake along the way. There are old relationships and new ones for him to deal with. But this is his story, so rather than say any more, I will let him tell it!

The rating would be much higher . There is nothing not to love about this book. Powerfully faith building, deeply heart moving and mending. Words are hard to find to express what a great read this is. If I could come up with more, I could be a writer which I am not. As an avid reader since a young girl, T.L. Early is now joining my rather short list of Christian fiction greats. Thanksto God for gifted writers and for those of us who have a love for words, and are blessed by their works.

I gave it 3 stars as I wouldn't have finished it if it had been less. Appreciated the Christian message but not the double standard. God desires purity in both men and women. There are consequences for both that hurt us if we choose to love according to our own way and desires. Guys don't get a wink or free pass. Also getting the "tingles" isn't the litmus test for choosing a life mate...just saying.

This is book three of three in The Winsor Series. I have never read the other two, but I may later, since I met the subjects of them in this book. But, this book stands alone. I had to check and make sure this was a Christian fiction before I could continue after starting the first chapter. It's about a very lost soul, Jake, who finds that sex and booze cannot ever satisfy him. And, it's about Naomi who was an uncoordinated tomboy until she spent time in Portugal in a college exchange program for a semester. It tells how she deals with being known as a beautiful woman and her discovery of her first real love who is not the Christian she promised herself she would marry and how they work

through this. And it's so much more. There are threats of violence, near-death situations and growing to know Christ in new ways. It was very interesting and holds the attention from start to finish. While this was the last of this series, I'd like to see the author do a series on Naomi's brothers. There's so much more to know about her family. Great book, Ms Gray.

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