



Just in Time for Summer Reading New Novel Takes Readers to the Smoky Mountains *When Stone Wings Fly* by Karen Barnett

“Barnett’s tale set in the Great Smoky Mountains flows as smooth as wildwood honey. The two timelines are stitched together like alternating blocks of a quilt passed down through the decades, keeping family connected and rooted. I love a good Appalachian tale and Barnett’s hits all the right notes from the familiar dialect to the natural beauty of the mountains. I felt utterly at home.”

—Sarah Loudin Thomas, award-winning author of *The Right Kind of Fool*



GRAND RAPIDS, MI.— In her latest novel, *When Stone Wings Fly*, beloved novelist Karen Barnett’s affinity for nature takes readers to a very special place- the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. As a park naturalist, and a former park ranger, Barnett uses her knowledge to beautifully weave the majesty of the great smoky mountains, with an unforgettable story of the difficulties of dementia, family ties, life, and love.

Fans of Barnett, and new readers alike will love getting to know Kieran Lucas, her grandmother Granny Mac, Ornithologist Benton Fuller, and park historian Zach Jensen- all characters Barnett lovingly brings to life. *When Stone Wings Fly* takes readers to different places in time, from 1931 to 85 years later, when Kieran goes back to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, hoping to find answers to her great-grandmother’s mysterious death, and bring peace to her precious Granny Mac. Will she be able to be able to solve the mystery before Granny Mac loses her memory? Will park historian Zach Jenson help or hinder her in solving the mystery?

“Some hurts are passed from one generation to the next. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a beautiful place, and when I hiked its trails, I felt as if I could hear the trees whispering stories of those who had been forced to give up their homes to create the park. I knew then that this novel couldn’t just

be a straight-forward historical romance like my others. The book needed to span multiple time periods—telling the stories of women linked not only by blood, but by their deep connection to the land—the generations coming together to find freedom and healing.” Says Barnett.

Barnett’s love of nature and national parks shines through as the glory of the Smoky Mountains gives *When Stone Wings Fly* a nuance all its own. Just in time for summer reading, this mystery takes readers on a journey with brave women, whose stories span time and generations. *When Stone Wings Fly* is filled with faith, mystery, and wonder – a tale that readers won’t quickly forget.

Karen Barnett is an author and speaker, and was formerly a park ranger with the National Park Service, and a park naturalist. Her other books include *The Road to Paradise*, *Where the Fire Falls*, and *Out of the Ruins*. She’s also a hobby photographer and is heavily involved with both Oregon Christian Writers and West Coast Christian Writers. She and her family live in Albany, Oregon. Visit Karen online at karenbarnettbooks.com.

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