

Abide with Me

After ten years of marriage to the only man she's ever loved, why is Angelina so unhappy?



As a wealthy yet lonely wife, Angelina Rousseau pours all her emotions into her paintings. Desperate for affection and attention, she finds herself willing to do almost anything to feel loved. Her husband Nick is determined to provide everything Angie could want, including finally giving her what she's asked for most—time with him. When what seems to be the perfect investment turns sour, he's arrested for real estate fraud, but soon learns being accused of multiple felonies is the least of his worries.

Once again, Nick's choices negatively affect Angelina. This time she's forced to part with cherished possessions to finance his defense and protect her future. When Angelina's carefully built walls begin to crumble, both husband and wife must examine their emotionally bankrupt marriage. Yet even if they discover what went wrong between them, Nick could still spend the rest of his life in prison.

Could "having it all" cost Nick and Angie more than they ever imagined?

Endorsements

The stories Shellie creates demonstrate how life can get in the way of our best plans, in devastating ways. But God can bring healing. As a pastor, I am always looking for creative tools to assist me as I counsel people. *Abide With Me* has become one of those tools! The day I finished reading this wonderful story, a couple came into my office desperate for help to save their marriage. They had forgotten how to talk to each other, so they didn't. (I won't give away the good stuff, but the chime method Nicholas uses to speak back into Angelina's life—they should teach this stuff in counseling courses.) I told them about the couple in this story. They loved the idea and it started them back down the road to healing their marriage.

~ Tina M Hunt, Pastor, Mansfield First Church of the Brethren

As a licensed counselor, I've worked with heartbroken couples enduring crucibles of strife. Shellie Arnold's writing breathes fresh realism and hope for hurting readers. Authentic characters rise from her novel to demonstrate the immensity and gravity of true marital love. More than a syrupy pit of infatuation into which we fall, true love involves sacrifice, sustaining effort, and a Savior's grace.

~ Tina Yeager, LMHC



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Shellie Arnold's novels depict the perfect storms in marriage--what happens when a husband's and wife's weaknesses hit head-on, and they're both left wondering if anything can be salvaged.

Tell our viewers why you write novels about couples whose marriages are in trouble.

What's unique about your novels?

In *Abide with Me*, the husband doesn't mean to neglect his wife, but he seems to be always focused on other things. Tell us about that.

What's the wife's main issue in the book?

At the beginning of the novel, we see Angelina seemingly giving in to temptation to have an affair, simply to feel relief from her loneliness. Tell us a bit about that.

What would you say to someone whose marriage is suffering because of personality or processing differences between them and their mate?

What's the big spiritual problem for Nicholas and Angelina in *Abide with Me*?

What kind of ending can readers expect from your novels?

Your website offers ways to help Christian husbands and wives think strategically, work with God, and transform their marriages. How does *Abide with Me* demonstrate this?

Shellie Arnold's passion is helping Christian marriages thrive. As a child of divorce and a sexual abuse survivor, the odds of her having a healthy, thriving marriage were small. Then God started teaching Shellie how to think strategically, work with Him, and transform her marriage. She longs to share all God continues to teach her. Visit Shellie at shelliearnold.com.

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