



***Up from Dust*  
by Heather Kaufman**

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Making her Bethany House publishing debut with *Up from Dust*, Kaufman reimagines the story of Martha of Bethany in the launch of her new WOMEN OF THE WAY series. In each installment, Kaufman highlights a different influential woman of the Bible and the Savior who pinpointed their pain, met them in the middle of their mess, and lifted them up. Perfect for fans of Angela Hunt, Jill Eileen Smith, and the TV series *The Chosen*, readers of *Up from Dust* will experience for themselves the life-changing power of a true encounter with Jesus of Nazareth.

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**Martha of Bethany is a woman of dust, undone and unseen in her hurt and her loss—until everything changes in the presence of Jesus of Nazareth.**

Martha of Bethany is no stranger to adversity. After her mother’s untimely death, Martha shoulders the responsibility of raising her siblings—quiet and studious Lazarus, and wild and rambunctious Mary. She finds solace in friendship and the beginnings of first love, but just as Martha begins to imagine a new future, hardship strikes again, and her dreams crumble into dust.

Ten years later, Martha’s friend pleads for the new teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, to come and heal her husband. When Martha discovers that the carpenter-rabbi is connected to her past, she’s not sure she can trust him with her future. But as he continues to perform miracles, the invitation to believe becomes harder to resist, renewing Martha’s hardened heart, even as she faces an unknown future.



## About the Author

**Heather Kaufman** is the author of multiple books and devotions, praised by *Kirkus Reviews* for writing “a charming and well-crafted tale” (*Loving Isaac*). She delights in highlighting the goodness of God through storytelling. When not reading, writing, or accumulating mounds of books, Heather can be found exploring new parks with her husband and three children near their home in St. Louis, Missouri.

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“*Up from Dust* invites us into Jesus’s inner circle with fresh insight on the life of Martha of Bethany. Taking us on an intriguing journey through heartbreak and healing, Heather Kaufman leads her readers directly to the joy of the empty tomb.”

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“A charming and well-crafted tale of family, compassion, and acceptance.”

—**Kirkus Reviews** on *Loving Isaac*

“Kaufman’s winsome main narrative is full of misunderstandings, hijinks, and lonely people who find one another despite the many obstacles that stand in the way. . . . Readers will enjoy this sweet tale of a unique bookstore and the patrons that love it.”

—**Publishers Weekly** on *The Story People*

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