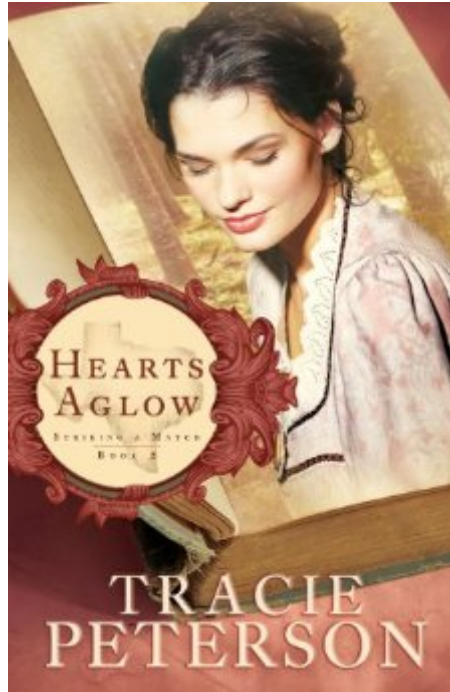


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# Hearts Aglow (Striking A Match Book #2)



## Synopsis

The future should be bright for Deborah Vandermark, who is now pursuing her interest in medicine alongside Dr. Christopher Clayton, who is courting her. But the lumber town is resistant to the idea of a woman physician, and she feels thwarted at every turn. A more devastating blow occurs, however, when Christopher breaks off their relationship to return home to his troubled family. Despite her own love life going awry, Deborah is still intent to be a matchmaker for both her widowed mother and her brother, who has caught the eye of the spit-fire daughter of the local pastor. But what will Deborah do when faced with the truth about Christopher's family? Is there hope for the two of them...or will Jake Wyeth's attentions finally catch Deborah's eye instead?

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## Customer Reviews

I've read so many of Tracie's novels, I can begin to predict certain aspects and formulas she employs during her writing. In this book, she inserted a bit more historical and medical knowledge, which I found quite enjoyable. Seeing a heroine struggling against society mores to practice medicine when the woman's place was in the home appealed to me in the same way the TV show, Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman, did. And although some might be taken back by the violence or the

level of prejudice, or even the "white pride" portrayed, it is very true to the times. It's not easy removing your 21st century ideals and understandings when you read historical novels, but you can't apply them. Otherwise, you risk viewing those people in a far more negative light than is appropriate for the time in which they lived. That being said, I did find the cast of characters to be in line with most of Tracie's recent novels. The only problem with that is if you haven't read book 1 in this series, you'll likely get lost and confused. References are made, but there isn't enough to clarify some of them. And of course, this book ends with a cliffhanger of sorts that leads into book 3. Depending upon how anxious you are to find out what happens, you might want to wait until book 3 is released, then read all 3 in a row. All in all, this book is what I've come to expect from Tracie. It's an enjoyable read, and her writing is what you can count on for a comfort read. You know you'll get a thorough, well-researched story.

The second book in the series is just as good as the first one. I like how the main character's start to fit into the puzzle pieces. I love the small town characters and can see how they would interact with each other. I am reading the third book in the series and can't wait to see how it ends. Love these Tracie Peterson's books. She's a great storyteller. I also love that she lives in Montana where I live. I actually interviewed her online before. A very gracious lady.

Oh, I really enjoyed reading the second book, Heart's Aglow of the Striking a Match series. The heroine Deborah, at times can really make a person grab the Kleenex box! She felt like she was only half a person when Christopher, Dr. Clayton, left her with only a letter to say goodbye. They were supposed to be in love and eventually get married. He was the oldest of fifteen children! And one of his brother's was in jail, accused of killing another man, and they were going to hang him. So he had to go to him to try to help. In the meantime, one of the worst hurricane to ever hit the coastal states struck! There was flooding and fires, and destruction everywhere. Then, Deborah reads a newspaper reporting that a doctor in one of the town's had been killed, in the town where Christopher had traveled to, to help his brother. Oh my, well I won't tell you anymore about that. I am happy to say that Deborah's mother married her brother-in-law, Arjan, finally! Sissy, their special black friend is recovering from her attack, where she was beaten very bad and her husband and son was killed. It was all SO terrible! This book is very suspenseful and so good, you hate to put it down! I highly recommend this book!!

This has kept me waiting with baited breath. I want to read how this story ends. It has been a great

series in family, Commitment, faith, tolerance, enduring hope, and searching for God, who never gives up on us. This entire series shows how Families can hold together, especially in uncertain times; by leaning on Jesus, the One Who Loved first loved us!

This book has a beautiful cover and is set during 1885 in Eastern Texas. The heroine, Deborah Vandermark pursues her interest in medicine. However, as was often true to this period in history, the community doesn't embrace the concept of a woman for a doctor. Yet, Dr. Christopher Clayton, in spite of this obstacle, encourages her to soak up his medical journals and teach her as much as he can since she has a quick mind for science. Another interesting thread Ms. Peterson weaves though out this story is the racial prejudices prevalent at the time. I usually enjoy Tracie Peterson's work immensely, yet for some reason, this story felt slow to me, perhaps that is because this is book two of a three part series in which I haven't had the opportunity to read book one. The story also ended with a bit of a cliffhanger as well leaving me to wonder how this situation will be resolved. If you are interested in this series, I would suggest perhaps waiting for book three and working your way through the series from start to finish.

This is a wonderful series that keeps you wanting next installment (yeah for Kindles!). A great story of an ambitious young woman with a budding career and a romance. I like that the story doesn't just revolve solely around the main character but includes detail of family members.

Book 1--Embers of Love (Striking a Match) Book 2--Hearts Aglow (Striking a Match) Book 3--Hope Rekindled (Striking a Match)-----I loved this series! Typical Tracie Peterson who weaves a fantastic story that you feel you are living right beside of the characters. I like the realistic things she puts in her novels, makes you realize she just isn't writing a book but writing a history of the characters and it makes them dear to the heart. I like her style of writing also because she isn't 'in your face with God'. Some people get put off by it and will not finish the book if you are constantly throwing things in. Friends of mine who were not Christians read these and they call me asking me questions that the book makes them think, which brings out the 'God' questions and answers and they are not offended. However, the only downfall I see are the secondary characters. They should have had their own books and they are very quickly matched up or their stories are very short in conjunction with the main people. I wish she would have elaborated on those in other books instead of quickly throwing those in. Kind of like she did with all the Alaskan books, or the Montana series. This is a good and easy read. It flows and there really are no 'dead'

spots. I have been a Peterson fan since her Alaska series (which they are all fantastic!--go and read those as well, get the whole series if you can as you won't be able to put it down!) Yukon Quest, Alaskan Quest and Song of Alaska Series. Who am I kidding, all her books are the best, hope she never stops writing!

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