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List: The Best of the Best Romance Novels of the Twentieth Century

Title: Redeeming Love

Author: Francine Rivers

Ranking in the List: 3

Rating: 4.51

Genres: Christian Fiction, Christian, Romance, Fiction, Historical Fiction, Historical Romance, Faith, Adult.

Total Word Count: 522

Key-Words: California, time, men, soul, bag, gold, women, bodies, sleep, place, Angel, sold, prostitution, child, survive, empty, dead, father, heart, marry, love, unconditional, slow, day, defy, expectation.

Brief Summary:

California's gold country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep.

Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside.

Then she meets Michael Hosea. A man who seeks his Father's heart in everything, Michael Hosea obeys God's call to marry Angel and to love her unconditionally. Slowly, day by day, he defies Angel's every bitter expectation until, despite her resistance her frozen heart begins to thaw.

But with her unexpected softening come overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear.

And so, Angel runs. Back to the darkness, away from her husband's pursuing love, terrified

of the truth she can no longer deny: Her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael Hosea does...the One who will never let her go.

About the Author:

New York Times bestselling author Francine Rivers continues to win both industry acclaim and reader loyalty around the globe. Her numerous bestsellers include *Redeeming Love*, *A Voice in the Wind*, and *Bridge to Haven*, and her work has been translated into more than thirty different languages. She is a member of Romance Writers of America's coveted Hall of Fame as well as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW).

Francine Rivers is the daughter of a police officer and a nurse. From the time she was a child, Rivers wanted to be a published author. She attended Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and journalism. After her graduation she spent time as a newspaper reporter, writing obituaries and human-interest stories.

After her mother-in-law lent her several romance novels, Rivers decided that she would try to write in that genre. Her first manuscript was sold and became published in 1976. For the next several years she wrote historical romance novels.

In 1986, Rivers became a born-again Christian, and for three years she had difficulty finding plots for new novels. She spent her time instead studying the Bible and decided to adapt her writing to focus on more Christian themes. Her first novel in the new vein, *Redeeming Love*, was released in 1991. Rivers considers it to be her statement of faith.

Rivers has been honored with many awards, including the Christy Award, the ECPA Gold Medallion, and the Holt Medallion. Rivers is also a member of the Romance Writers of America's Hall of Fame.