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Letter from the Author

Amazing Grace by Lesley Crewe

Dear Reader,

I am absolutely thrilled to have my eighth novel, *Amazing Grace*, selected for Together We Read.

I first fell in love with libraries when I was four. My mother was a kindergarten teacher, and she would take me and my sister to the Westmount Public Library in Montreal, only a five-minute walk from our house on Melville Ave. I thought it was a castle, with its stone work and turret, nestled in the park. It was magic.

And if I close my eyes, I can still remember the smell and feel of those wonderful library books on the shelves, the crinkling of the plastic covers, and best of all, taking my chosen books up to the very high desk and watching the librarian stamp my books with her pencil stamp. How I wanted one of those!!

Books have always been my constant companion and I can't believe I am now writing them for myself. But my favourite memory will always be skipping home with my mother and baby sister, holding my library books close to my chest, knowing we would be reading them tucked up in bed with our hot chocolate later that night. Pure happiness.

Being chosen for Together We Read is also pure happiness and a tremendous opportunity. I am deeply grateful.

Happy Reading,
Lesley Crewe