

Blood Bayou

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Strong characters and a twisting, suspenseful plot drive *Blood Bayou*, the first Christian offering from general market romance novelist Karen Young.

Divorced lawyer Camille St. James heads a program called the Truth Project until one of the wrongfully convicted death row inmates she worked to free becomes the prime suspect in a second murder in the waterfront town of Blood Bayou, La.

Because the victim is her ex-husband Jack's sister, Camille breaks a seven-year silence and lets him back into her life, using his connections as the pastor of a small church in her investigation.

Camille's insistence on finding the truth puts her and those she loves at risk, but she persists to find the truth and the murderer. Her faith journey plays a key role in renewing her relationship with Jack, who seeks her forgiveness for past wrongs and works toward a new start for their relationship.

Although some of the interpersonal drama feels contrived and dialogue is slow in places, this romance is a satisfying read that will appeal to a wide audience.

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