

Her Mother's Hope

✖ By Francine Rivers | Tyndale House Publishers

Best-selling author Francine Rivers delivers another captivating novel with *Her Mother's Hope*, her first full-length work since 2003. Main character Marta, born and reared in Switzerland by a controlling father and a placid mother, rejects the poor and miserly life she sees ahead of her way up through jobs in various cities, she eventually meets her husband-to-be, Niclas. Terminally ambitious, the two move to California, where they raise their four children.

Marta's second child, Hildemara—nicknamed Hildie—has a very passive nature, much like Marta's younger sister who had committed suicide. Marta is harder on Hildie than on her other children. In turn, Hildie works hard at school, at home and on the job. Her siblings seem to always succeed and garner their mother's praise, but Hildie works harder and harder—unaware that her mother admires her grit and determination. Marta's faith is learned from her mother and is not terribly strong. Hildie learns that, like her mother's approval, her faith must be her own, not that of her controlling, disapproving mother.

Her Mother's Hope is a great beginning to a new series, Marta's Legacy. Working actual historical happenings and settings into the storyline, Rivers proves once more that she can keep readers transfixed and wanting more.

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