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Press Release

Romance Novel that Promotes Abstinence Wins SELAH Award

For Immediate Release – Pelican Book Group announced today that “Then and Now” by Marianne Evans won the SELAH Award for Excellence in Christian fiction in the Contemporary Romance category. “Then and Now” is one of the launch books in Pelican’s *Pure Amore* imprint.



Launched in October 2015 as a subscription-only service, *Pure Amore* is the first romance genre imprint to promote abstinence before marriage. Editor in Chief for Pelican, Nicola Martinez, says, “It’s wonderful confirmation that the content in the Pure books is something readers embrace.”

“I’m excited for Marianne,” says Martinez. “She is an excellent author who not only writes great Christian fiction, but also has a heart for God that shines through in everything she does.”

In addition to “Then and Now” Evans also penned the “Sisters in Spirit” series, which was released as a “prelude” to the *Pure Amore* books because they were similar in tone and principle, but are shorter than the *Pure Amore* titles.

Marianne Evans, is a multi-award-winning author of Christian fiction. Her novel, Devotion, earned the prestigious Bookseller’s Best Award from Greater Detroit Romance Writers of America. Evans’ book, Hearts Communion, earned Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year honors as well as Best Inspirational Romance from Ancient City Romance Authors (ACRA). Her novella Finding Home earned the SELAH Award for Excellence in Christian fiction. She has also earned acclaim in such Romance Writers of America contests as The International Digital Awards, The Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence where she has been a finalist three times, and the Colorado Romance Writers Award of Excellence contest. Happily married and the mother of two, Evans is a lifelong resident of Michigan and is active in a number of Romance Writers of America chapters, most notably the Greater Detroit Chapter where she served two terms as President. She’s also active in American Christian Fiction Writers and the Michigan Literary Network.

The SELAH Award is given by the Blue Ridge Mountain Christian Writers Conference. For a full list of 2016 SELAH award winners, visit: <http://www.blueridgeconference.com/recap-blue-ridge-mountains-christian-writers-conference-2016-awards/>

Founded in 2009, Pelican Book Group is an innovative producer of Christ-centered fiction and is the first publisher to dedicate an entire new-adult romance imprint to promoting sexual purity. Headquartered in the Four Corners area of the United States, Pelican Book Group serves a global audience under multiple imprints. In the company’s innovative spirit, Pelican Book Group is among the first to provide subscription-based e-books to the Christian marketplace.

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