



THE MEMORY OF DROWNING

Ella's earliest memory is of nearly drowning when she was four, but when her grandmother unexpectedly claims that before Ella fell in the water, she walked on it, Ella begins a search for the truth that will change her life forever.

QUICK FACTS:

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BIOGRAPHY: I hold a BA degree in English from the University of SC—Coastal Carolina College. I have published poetry in *Appalachian Heritage*, and *The Pisgah Review* among other magazines. I also do freelance writing for regional magazines and newspapers.

I took *The Memory of Drowning* to the Hindman Settlement School Writer's Workshop and the Proverbs 31 conference in Charlotte, NC, where I received input from writers and editors. I also received input on my first chapter from Jamie Chavez, a freelance developmental editor (www.jamiechavez.com). I participated in an on-line critique group through ACFW and entered several contests that provided valuable feedback.

The Memory of Drowning is about a woman who thinks she's a Christian coming to terms with the fact that she has never developed true faith. Readers are pulled into the story when Ella's grandmother says she saw Ella walk on water. Just a little digging forces Ella to give the claim serious consideration while strange, "supernatural" occurrences keep her searching when it would be much easier to write the story off as the ramblings of an old woman.

While trying to discover why her grandmother would claim she walked on water, Ella also faces a possible romance with her parents' pastor; a friend's fear of having another child after a miscarriage; her grandmother's serious illness; and her brother's marriage. Gradually Ella learns that everything in her life circles back to faith.

While there is the possibility of an extraordinary miracle to propel the story, much of the book deals with issues common to women including:

- The confusion between identifying yourself as a "Christian" and having a personal relationship with God;
- The struggle single women in their 30s may face when longing for a husband and children;
- The challenge of losing a child late in pregnancy and trying again;
- Learning to accept death as an important part of life; and
- Christians learning to trust God when He doesn't make sense.

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