



# Boomer Babes with Brilliant Dreams

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### **2007 BOOK RELEASES:**

#### **July 2007 - A LADY OF HIGH REGARD**

Book one in the Ladies of Liberty series by Bethany House

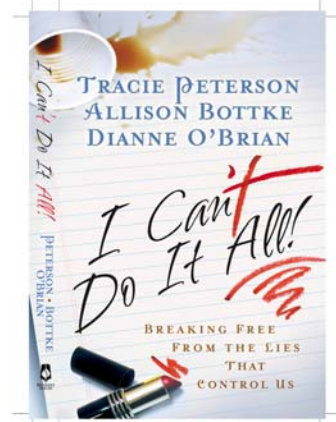


#### **July 2007 - ONE MORE SUNRISE**

Co-written with Michael Landon Jr. from Bethany House

#### **October 2007 - WHERE MY HEART BELONGS**

from Bethany House



1. As a baby boomer woman, what do you find most comforting about growing

*older?*

I was 48 in January 2007. I think the most comforting thing about growing older for me is seeing the opportunities that are still ahead. Unlike some of the decades prior, boomers are such a massive force that the world is forced to reckon with us. I'm glad to see it, because too often older people have been set aside as useless, worthless and troublesome. I think that attitude is changing with our boomer generation, and even though I'm at the tail end of the boomer years, I'm proud to be a part of that group for this reason if for no other.

***2. At what point in your life did writing become your career and did it find you or did you find it?***

I pursued writing hard and fast and was published in smaller articles and such in the late 80s and early 90s. My first book contract came in 1992 and I was almost 34 years old.

***3. As a little girl, what were the dreams of your heart and have you realized those dreams in some form or fashion as a woman?***

Growing up in poverty, I always selfishly dreamed of being rich--having plenty. Plenty of money, plenty of food, plenty of time for leisure and travel. Despite having a Christian home, it took a long time and sometimes still rears its ugly head, for me to be free of worrying about money and bills. As a child I figured I'd become a doctor and save lives and make lots of money. I loved writing, but people often told me it was very difficult to make a living at it. Above all, I wanted to be a wife and mother. As I started trying to combine all of those thoughts--those dreams, I started to realize that in order to have one, I might have to sacrifice another. Ultimately, I started to realize what was really important to me and what wasn't. The beautiful thing about God, is that He gives us a variety of seasons in our life and dreams and ambitions for each of those seasons. The things I want now have so very little to do with what I dreamed of as a child, and through it all, I've found out far more about God than I ever thought possible.

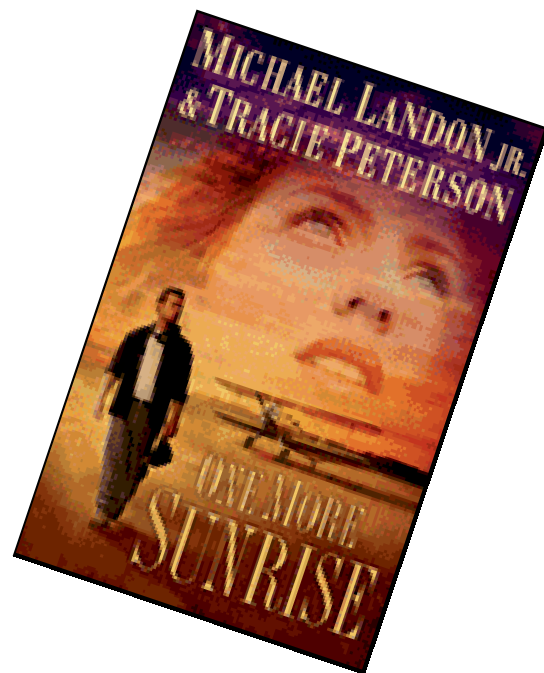
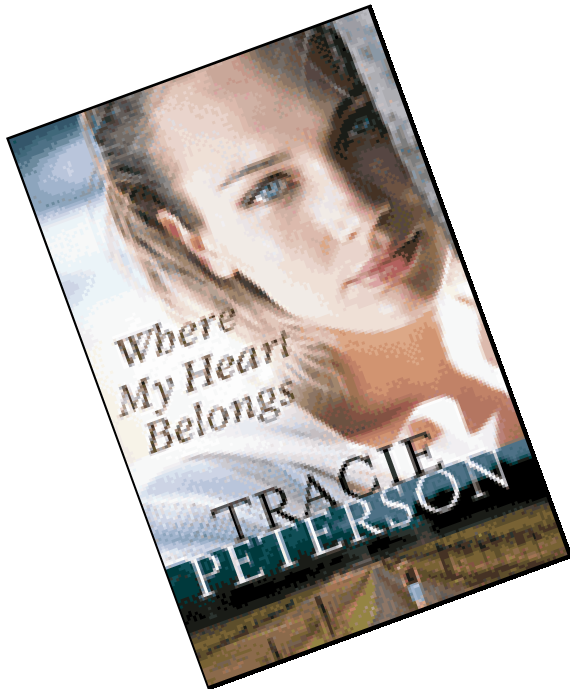
***4. How important is it for us to listen to our heart and why?***

I think we need to be careful to what we listen to, be it the world or our heart. The Bible cautions in Jer. 17:9 that the heart is deceitful above all things. There are multiple passages about the wickedness of the heart or of hard hearts. I think we have to be careful in everything we do to make certain that the voice we hear is God's. There are passions we are given - desires of our heart that God has placed there and it is vital for our service and our future, but too often the world has come in to pollute or twist or even just tweak the tiniest bit, the things God places on our heart. Because of that, I think we need to take everything back to the Word and to God in prayer trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct as we go. So often I've thought I knew exactly where God was taking me in a situation. The thoughts and feelings were all in lined-up order and it seemed perfect. Then God would lead in a different direction, and I would find myself dumfounded because I had thought myself clear on what my heart was telling me. Sometimes I think it was situations that I want so much to go one way, that I convinced myself it was God's direction, when in fact it was Tracie's. So while I think we need to set goals, dream dreams and have visions for the future, I think we also need to be wise and take it back to the Word and prayer.

**5. What single piece of advice would you give to a fellow baby boomer sister who decides she has not been listening to the dreams of her heart and wants to change course in midlife?**

Again, my thoughts here are that we need to be careful about false messages. The world tells us we have to be so many different things in order to be happy. Women in particular are plagued with this. God has a dream and plan for you, but that plan may not play out in the way the world or even our hearts tell us it should. My single piece of advice would be: *Let God Work.*

***Thank you, Tracie Peterson!***



*Allison Bottke and Tracie Peterson at the annual Christy Awards at ICRS in Atlanta, Georgia, July 8, 2007.*