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The prophet Nehemiah's cousin can speak numerous languages, keep complex accounts, and solve perplexing mysteries – and she's a woman! When Sarah's forced to marry the queen's nephew, her career disappears but not her skills. After discovering irregularities in Darius's books, she finds herself in grave danger – and learns that she has more to offer than her talents.

Tessa Afshar was born in Iran and lived there for the first fourteen years of her life. She then moved to England, where survived boarding school for girls and fell in love with Jane Austin and Charlotte Bronte, before moving to the United States permanently.

Her conversion to Christianity in her twenties changed the course of her life forever. Tessa holds a Master of Divinity from Yale, where she was elected as the co-chair of the Evangelical Fellowship at the Divinity School for one year. She served in women and prayer ministries for twenty years before becoming a full-time writer. Tessa is a devoted wife, a mediocre gardener, and an enthusiastic cook of biblical recipes.