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**Bestselling Washington Author Wanda E. Brunstetter  
Takes a WOMAN OF COURAGE  
To 19<sup>th</sup> Century Idaho  
In First Quaker Novel**

*Author of 60+ Novels to Sign in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene April 4*

Uhrichsville, OH —When most everyone can hop in a car, bus or subway and shop for groceries, take the kids to baseball practice, or pick up the dry cleaning, it's difficult to imagine the hardships endured by the Quaker **WOMAN OF COURAGE** in *New York Times* bestselling Washington author Wanda E. Brunstetter's April novel.

Published in trade paperback and digital formats by Shiloh Run Press, a Barbour Books imprint, **WOMAN OF COURAGE** (ISBN 978-1616260835) is a love story wrapped in the arduous adventure of a determined young Quaker woman, who is responding to a calling. Her journey takes readers from Amanda Pearson's modest home in Dansville, New York, to a primitive missionary outpost in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Oregon Country. Amanda's faith—and a promise she made to her dying father—sustain her as she faces long days in the saddle, the death of her father and her guide, treacherous mountains, attacks by Indians and wild animals, as well as heartache, injury and bone-chilling weather. But as a **WOMAN OF COURAGE**, Amanda Pearson perseveres. She is determined to reach the settlement established by missionaries Henry and Eliza Spaulding to minister to the Nez Perce Indians.

"I identified with Amanda's pain and took the journey west in my mind as I wrote **WOMAN OF COURAGE**," says Brunstetter, a Yakima resident and key founder of the now-popular Amish fiction genre with more than seven million copies of her books sold. "**WOMAN OF COURAGE** is my first novel using a Quaker as a main character. My great-great-grandparents were part of the Dutch Quakers, and that is what made me think to include a Quaker woman in this book."

As for inspiration for the book itself, Brunstetter says, “When my husband was pastoring a church in Troy, Idaho, several years, we discovered the nearby town of Lapwai. There we found a historical museum with information about the Nez Perce Indians and Rev. Henry and Eliza Spaulding, missionaries who brought education and the Christian faith to their tribe.”

According to Brunstetter, whose career spans more than 60 published books, Eliza Spaulding and another missionary, Mrs. Marcus Whitman, were the first white women to travel to Oregon Country. “I believe they were able to accomplish what trail-hardened men couldn’t because of their gentle spirits, love for the Indians, and of course, their devotion to God.”

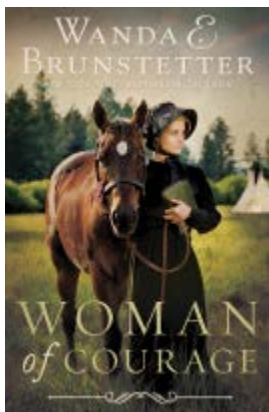
Brunstetter will sign *WOMAN OF COURAGE* April 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Spokane’s Lifeway Christian Store, 9310 N. Division St., and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Coeur d’Alene’s Sower Bible Bookstore, 1234 W. Appleway Ave. She will sign her new novel on April 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lewiston, Idaho’s His Story Christian Bookstore, 1702 21<sup>st</sup> St., Suite 113. For more information, check [www.WandaBrunstetter.com](http://www.WandaBrunstetter.com) and her [Facebook](#) page.

Among Brunstetter’s honors is the Retailer’s Choice Award, and many of her books have been Picks of the Week at CBD. Her 2012 novel, *THE HALF-STITCHED AMISH QUILTING CLUB*, inspired “Half-Stitched – the Musical,” a play drawing packed houses for the second year in several Midwest cities.

Brunstetter lives in Yakima with her husband, Richard, a talented photographer.

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*To learn more about Wanda E. Brunstetter and *WOMAN OF COURAGE*, visit [www.WandaBrunstetter.com](http://www.WandaBrunstetter.com). For an interview with the author or a print review copy of the book, contact Nancy Berland, [Nancy@NancyBerland.com](mailto:Nancy@NancyBerland.com), or [KMiller@NancyBerland.com](mailto:KMiller@NancyBerland.com), 800-308-3169. A NetGalley *WOMAN OF COURAGE* widget is provided below.*



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