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Some wounds heal. Others leave scars.

Four years ago, Charlene Perigard survived a brutal kidnapping. Now at twenty-two, she's put that trauma behind her for a promising future with handsome firefighter Ben Jorgensen. But when new trauma strikes, a new nightmare begins.

Sinister threats, a midnight attack, and a deathbed promise drive Charlene to the little town of Creekside, where she encounters a man from her past whom she has long struggled to forget: Clay Morrow—ex-convict and brother of her kidnapper. He's also the man who once helped save her life.

Despite the odds, Charlene and Clay forge a tentative friendship, unaware of a brooding, mounting danger that seeks to destroy them both. Charlene's wounded heart must choose between her fiancé and the man whose past is more scarred than her own. But in choosing, she may just lose everything.

Christian Romantic Suspense

Note: After the Thaw is the sequel to Frozen Footprints but can be read as a stand alone novel.

## **After the Thaw (Frozen Footprints #2) Details**

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## **From Reader Review After the Thaw (Frozen Footprints #2) for online ebook**

### **Carolyn Tye says**

This book was definitely a page turner. I liked how it kept suprising me. Highly recommended.

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### **Erin Cupp says**

A sequel to Heckenkamp's Frozen Footprints that yet stands strong on its own, After the Thaw is a story of courage, healing, redemption, self-sacrifice, and the value of honesty. The plot was fast-paced and kept me well invested in the future of heroine Charlene, the people she loves, and the people who sought to use her for their own ends. Serious and tragic but with a great touch of humanity, Thaw kept me turning the pages and caring about the characters. Should Charlene really marry Ben? I mean, he's a good guy, but is he the guy? And what is going on with Clay and that pregnant girl? For all the angst of the beginning and middle, the end is super satisfying with a touch of just-right sweetness. Tough but still clean, this would make a great beach read.

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### **Susan Peek says**

Therese Heckenkamp has done it again -- written another un-put-down-able masterpiece of suspense which hopelessly hooked me from page one. I'd been looking forward to the sequel to "Frozen Footprints" for ages and was so excited to see this new book come out! I read the entire thing in a few sittings and wasn't disappointed. In fact, it has even MORE tension and suspense than the first book, which is saying a lot because "Frozen Footprints" was an absolute page-turner.

The story starts out with a bang. Heckenkamp wastes no time grabbing her readers and plunging them into the story with two spectacular scenes. One is of Clay, the hero (or kind of anti-hero) from the first book, as he is in prison two years later. The other is of heroine Charlene, standing on a cliff top with her fiance Ben. As they admire the breathtaking view from the dizzying heights, I got chills down my spine knowing something bad was about to happen. It did. Something really bad, which sets in motion a string of horrifying events that will change Charlene's and Ben's lives forever. When Clay is released and a killer with a grudge goes after him, Charlene is pulled back into the nightmare of her past.

There is just twist after twist as Heckenkamp introduces new characters, and thickens an already tense plot. Charlene and Clay are thrown back together, their lives in danger. I don't want to give away too much of the plot, so suffice it to say this is a thriller not to be missed. I think older teens would really enjoy it.

A very talented writer and an excellent read!

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### **Heather Hart says**

This book was simply amazing! It's the first book I read by Therese Heckenkamp, but it won't be the last. I got it in the mail yesterday afternoon and couldn't put it down. Heckenkamp had me guessing all the way through the book. Her story was intricately woven with action, romance, and mystery.

One of my biggest pet peeves with suspense novels is that they all follow the same timeline, with similar climactic events. Not so with Heckenkamp's novel. "After the Thaw" is an original and should be on every suspense reader's must-read list.

In addition to the well crafted story, "After the Thaw" gives readers an inside look at the Catholic faith in an authentic way that I have never come across before. Even though I disagree with some of the theology, Heckenkamp's sincerity about the faith added to the novel making it stand apart from other works of fiction. It wasn't preachy, but credible.

Full disclosure: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Marian W. Mobley says**

#### **Slow**

This novel was slow seemed disjointed. Very hard to get into. Repetitive theme of violence not really going anywhere or believable.

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### **Helen Pickering says**

#### **After the thaw**

You are an amazing writer just finished both books loved both books wish there were more good Christian mysteries like this couldn't put either book down thank you the great time I had reading them

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### **Janis A Hewes says**

#### **Great Book!**

I would recommend this book to all to read. It is a great sequel to Frozen Footprints. It has a lot of Christian values portrayed within it. It is a happy everlasting story which makes it a winner,too.

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### **Valory Kennedy says**

#### **Lots of good twists and turns**

Honestly, for a Christian book, this was quite violent. Thank goodness for the wonderful quotations from the Bible and prayer, to guide the characters through.

The story line was well developed even though you knew where it was going, there still was some surprises.

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## **Raquel says**

### **This was enjoyable read**

I enjoyed reading this book and just showed that no matter how fast ya run, the past always has a way of catching/following you. You can either try to run away from it, or deal with it and be proud you survived it. This book had suspense, forgiveness, romance and action. It definitely was a page Turner for me.

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## **Jane says**

### **Better than book 1!**

“After the Thaw”, the sequel to “Frozen Footprints”, is possibly the best sequel that I’ve ever read. It takes place four years after the first book, and in that time, the primary characters have gone through a great amount of personal growth, albeit, not all by choice.

In this book, their lives of faith and growth in Christ (especially Charlene and Clay), as well as their struggles with same, make them more sympathetic and believable. Also, Charlene’s struggles with needing the safe haven that she thinks Ben provides is so very true to life.

All in all, it’s a wonderful character driven book, and the mystery and overarching tension that the drama provides just makes it that much better. Two thumbs up and five stars! ??????????

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## **Debbie Stacks says**

### **Good read**

Good two book series that was easy to follow. A awesome selection for a good read. I had a completely different woman picked out at the end.

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## **Deanna Turner says**

### **After the Thaw**

Had to read it to know how Frozen Footprints ended. The story in itself was intriguing, but the vignettes of the unidentified woman really had me wondering how she fit in. So much tragedy.

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## **Sarah says**

[ Nails, aka Lance Harding (hide spoiler)]

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### **Gale Lynd says**

#### **Great and awesome read**

Love this new author I stumbled upon. She is so captivating with her characters and the choices they make! The mystery keeps me reading for hours at a time! And the fact that she brings faith into it is the icing on the cake for me!

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### **Judith says**

#### **A very hard to put down book, keeps you wondering what is around the next corner!**

I enjoyed this sequel to the Frozen Footprints Book very much. It was wonderful to have God's words guide so many of the characters

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