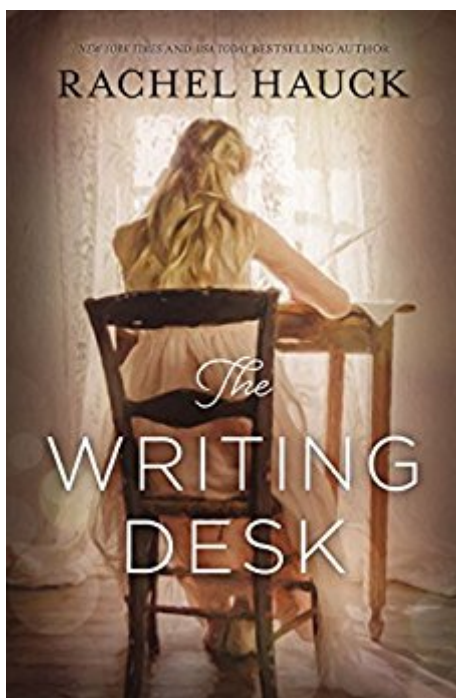


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# The Writing Desk



## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Wedding Dress* comes a new captivating novel of secrets, romance, and two women bound together across time by a shared dream. Tenley Roth's first book was a runaway bestseller. Now that her second book is due, she's locked in fear. Can she repeat her earlier success or is she a fraud who has run out of inspiration? With pressure mounting from her publisher, Tenley is weighted with writer's block. But when her estranged mother calls asking Tenley to help her through chemotherapy, she packs up for Florida where she meets handsome furniture designer Jonas Sullivan and discovers the story her heart's been missing. A century earlier, another woman wrote at the same desk with hopes and fears of her own. Born during the Gilded Age, Birdie Shehorn is the daughter of the old money Knickerbockers. Under the strict control of her mother, her every move is decided ahead of time, even whom she'll marry. But Birdie has dreams she doesn't know how to realize. She wants to tell stories, write novels, make an impact on the world. When she discovers her mother has taken extreme measures to manipulate her future, she must choose between submission and security or forging a brand new way all on her own. Tenley and Birdie are from two very different worlds, but fate has bound them together in a way time cannot erase.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved the idea of a writing desk being the center of a story that tell about two very different women. I must say the description of the desk was exquisite. I though about Birdie long ago writing at that desk dreaming of a best seller. She was a wonderful character who I really liked. Her family of course had other ideas for Birdie. Only the best suitor would do and he must be of the utmost of high society. It was such a hardship for Birdie to always have to do what her mother wanted. Birdie's mother is overbearing at times and I didn't care for her much. At times I wanted to scream at Birdie and say " Girl you are a grown woman. You are a gifted writer. Do what God has planned for you and let God deal with your mother." Will Birdie follow her dream or allow her mother to suffocate it? Tenley was a very interesting character. She has just written a book that is sweeping across the U. S. Everyone loves her and now her publisher is ready for her next best seller. There is a slight problem when Tenley just can't find the words to start her book. A phone call changes her plans as her mother as asked her to come to take care of her. There is a lot of hurt that Tenley must face . Tenley's mom is very ill and maybe this will be a time for mother and daughter to rekindle their relationship. Can Tenley let go of the past and forgive her mom? I did find it funny that Tenley's choice of clothing was a raggedy old bathrobe and slippers. It kind of reminded me of the show The Odd Couple. One of the characters was sloppy and just went with the flow. The Writing Desk goes back in forth in time as Tenley and Birdie each find the desk comforting and inspiring. There is a bit of romance in the book that is sweet and very lovely as the author slowly has each woman learning to trust a man. The key to the story for me is to to be yourself, trust God and never let go of your dreams. The history of Birdie and Tenley's family is well written and brings the story full circle. Does a writing desk hold the key to a great novel? Can it help two women believe in themselves and allow God to direct their path? It's a beautifully written story that follows two women as they face failure, happiness, love, forgiveness and God's love. I received a copy of this book from The Fiction Guild. The review is my own opinion.

Have ignored most of my daily routine to read this wonderful story. I rarely like stories jumping back and forth in time but these stories are so marvelously interwoven I was able to change my time

perspective easily. Please read this book, worth your time if you are in love, hope to love or realize the Great Love Story of eternity-for God so loved the world ....

I decided to take a break from revising my manuscript in order to work on my craft, and learn from the best. That's what I discovered this book. This book is amazing! Started reading it early in the morning, and I put it down around lunch to get some work done. I picked it up again right after dinner. I listen to it until I drifted off midnight, then woke up in the middle of the night to finish it. It has consumed me for a full day, and I feel blessed to have known these characters, blessed to have rolled a wave of brilliantly selected words, by Rachel Hauck. This book is a gift to the literary world. New fan, TJ in New Orleans.

Ms. Hauck's writing is a pleasure to read, and even though some elements of her story are predictable, I wanted to see how she told her story. It is thoroughly enjoyable reading.

I loved this one, and how the story went from present day, to back 100 years or so in the past! The storyline was a good one, with history and faith and forgiveness all intertwined! I like Rachel Hauck's books very much!

This was a poignant and well-written novel connecting the past and the present through an everyday object--a writing desk. Wonderful storytelling that left me wondering what would come next.

I had a hard time pulling the book down. Loved how it brought together the past and the present. I look forward to reading another Rachel Hauck book.

I've loved everything written by Rachel Hauck. This was no exception. A beautifully written story of love. A definite must read!

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