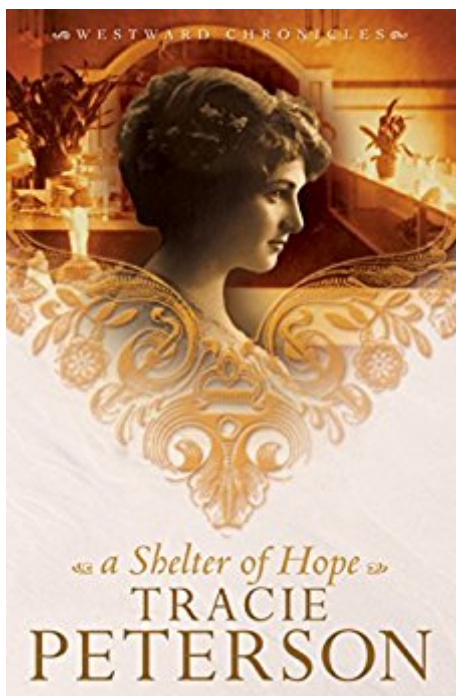


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# A Shelter Of Hope (Westward Chronicles Book #1)



## Synopsis

Jeffery O'Donnell is captivated by the mysterious Simone, who arrives at his office hoping to acquire a position as a Harvey Girl at the popular way-stops along the frontier rail line. Jeffery is torn, however, when he suspects that Simone may harbor a disturbing secret. *Westward Chronicles* Book 1.

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## Customer Reviews

As usual, Tracie Peterson has woven a very well written story of the old West. How she could ever imagine the sordid beginnings of the life she has portrayed is beyond my comprehension, but I hope she keeps up the good work.

The love story of Simone & Jeffery against the backdrop of the Harvey Houses is almost minor in comparison to the greater story of Simone Dumas. There are stories within stories in "A Shelter of Hope." Violence against women, murder used so willy nilly through hate & greed, the innocence of a child stripped from a small human, the search for survival, the old west justice system & last but

certainly not least the love & caring of an all powerful, awesome God. Take the time to read this book slowly & with care, there is so much to learn & appreciate about its contents. Enjoy

This book was a blessing to read. That said there is human cruelty regarding Simone Dumas for most of her life. Now 17, she runs away. You'll have to read why. She applies as Simone Irving, to be a Harvey Girl with Jeffery O'Donnell. He accepts her immediately & leave by train the next morning for Topeka, Kansas. The Harvey House restaurants are at Santa Fe Railroad depots. There are many more characters, trouble & will Simone ever be able to trust people or ever able to love & return to God being in here life. There are very detailed descriptions of heinous murders. All in all a very inspirational book.

The beginning of Simone's life & this book was actually different than so many of the author's other books but to understand Simone, you need to know of her beginnings -though very sad & disturbing. Plus knowing of her beginnings also brings about why she ran. Overall a very good book. And I do want to state that Simone's story does end & Book#2 is about Rachel (& though I've not read yet, perhaps Simone will find out about her mother's family - but maybe not - even so, this story is about Rachel - so it is ok not to have to read #2 to continue #1 like other books are)

This author does an excellent job of making the characters come to life and of describing the abject poverty and hopelessness of life not anchored in God. This story grabs you from the first page and keeps you on the edge of your chair to the end of the book. This book has the same problem as the previous book of hers that I read. There are frequently (in almost every chapter) Srepeated paragraphs that distract from the smooth flow of the story. Somebody totally failed at proofreading.

I loved this book so much that I purchased Hidden in a whisper. And when I finished that one I'll purchase the next one because this is a very good Christian author whom I really admire. The scripture and prayer and always putting God first is right up my alley. What a terrific book and only 3% into the next one but I can tell it will be perfect.

I have read about half a dozen Tracie Peterson novels and each time I believe it is the best I have ever read. Well, this one really is. It is full of suspense, interesting facts, and of course a romance. I especially was interested in the Harvey House aspect. I knew of them, but not such detail. I had seen them when I was a child and we traveled by train, and from the Judy Garland movie, but here I

found out a lot of interesting facts, too. The novel has a really villainous villain, too. Something for everyone, I believe!

Simone Dumas has known nothing but heartache and abuse for much of her life, but a horrible accident is used by God to set her free to learn to trust in love and in God. Suspenseful, intense, exciting Christian historical romance. I've always been fascinated by the Harvey girls. It was fun reading more about this unique time in our history.

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