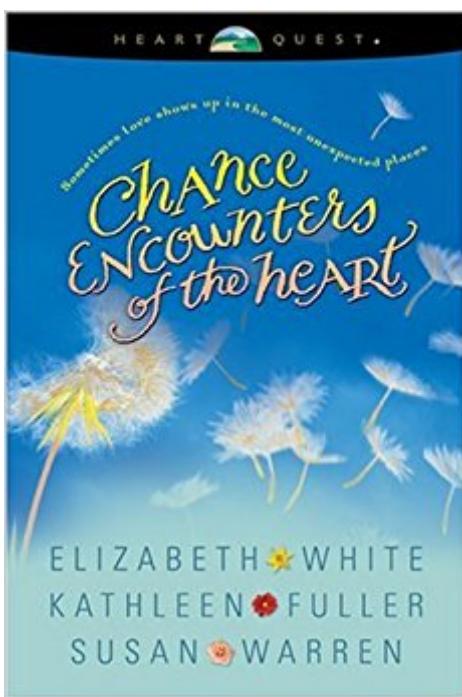


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# Chance Encounters Of The Heart: Will And A Way/Encore, Encore/Measure Of A Man (HeartQuest Anthology)



## **Synopsis**

This collection of novellas will delight readers with stories of love showing up in the most unexpected places: a couple thrown together at the airport when their flights are cancelled; two violinists competing for first chair during a European orchestra tour; and a missionary to Russia unexpectedly running into her old boyfriend when he gets stuck in an elevator.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What could be more romantic than a chance encounter with your one true love? Let these delightful stories by Elizabeth White, Kathleen Fuller, and Susan Warren surprise you with unexpected love. Will and a Way Old acquaintances Will Fletcher and Zoe Hancock never expected to run into each other in a busy airport. But as their travel plans are thrown into confusion, they find their hearts taking flight toward a completely unexpected destination. Encore, Encore Talented violinist Annika Goran has just been given her dream opportunity: she will be concertmaster and soloist for the Moreland Chamber Orchestra's upcoming European tour. But when she almost sits on Josef Gemmel's priceless Stradivarius, she finds that more than her dreams may be at stake... Measure of a Man The last person Calli Deane expects to see trapped in an elevator in Siberia at 2 A.M. is Peter Samuelson--the man who broke her heart. Now she is swept into the past and drawn toward a future she never expected.

Three wonderful tales of life, love and the Lord by three very gifted authors. A wonderful

anthology!"Will and a Way" by Elizabeth White is an uplifting story about God working out His plan perfectly in His own time. Will and Zoe knew each other in college. He was dating her roommate. Now, they've bumped into each other in the airport and realized that they have a lot - including a love of the Lord - in common. Can they face their pasts and fears to have a happily ever after? Although an enjoyable story, it ended rather abruptly, almost leaving the reader with the feeling that there was more to come...Kathleen Fuller's "Encore, Encore" is the thoroughly satisfying tale of Annika, a violinist and concertmaster in her orchestra. She's worked hard for her position and the solo she will perform during her last concert tour with the institute. When their conductor is severely injured, Annika's unpleasant "ex" assumes the baton and promptly replaces Annika as concertmaster with Josef, a famous virtuoso, and takes away the solo she's worked so hard for. In spite of this, Annika and Josef are drawn to each other. So, when Annika's "ex" threatens to send her home if Josef continues to see her outside of the concert hall, their growing love is threatened."Measure of a Man" by Susan May Warren is the story of Calli, a missionary to Russia, and her former beau, Peter. They pledged their lives to Christ and missionary work together, but pressure from his father led Peter to law school and out of Calli's life. Now, a lumber deal for his father's company has brought Peter to Russia. But the bigger picture shows that, although Peter may have lost track of God, the Lord had not forgotten Peter. The opening elevator scene in this book was awesome! I love Susan May Warren. She always touches my heart and entertains me.

I really enjoyed this book. The stories are easy to read and enjoyable. My favourite story by far was the last one, "Measure of a Man" by Susan May Warren. This story is, in my opinion, exactly what Christian fiction should be. This is no small thing since it has been my experience that all too often Christian fiction lacks so much of what is supposed to make it Christian fiction. Measure of a Man is absolutely chock-full of truth. It isn't just a story about the lives of people who happen to be Christians and say little one-line prayers now and then, it's a story that teaches the reader more about God's character and causes them to grow, something that even the first two stories, though enjoyable, fail to do in my opinion. It's a story that is so full of truth and encouragement that it can minister even to mature Christians, as well as non-Christians or seekers. The author does a great job of making the story line believable and the development of the romance realistic in a very short amount of time. This again is no small feat as it is something many romance writers (both Christian and non-Christian) seem to have trouble achieving. The story line is high paced and intriguing, and has elements of suspense, mystery, tragedy, and comedy as well as romance. One of the things that really set this story apart from others is the unique writing technique employed by the author.

The story outlines both the heroines' and the heros' perspective on certain issues, giving unique insight into the differences between the way men and women view the same things. This serves to remind women readers that men see us and our beauty very differently than we see ourselves. I find this technique to be very insightful, healthy and encouraging for women, especially in today's society. In addition to everything else, this story is very well written, something which is unfortunately not always the case with Christian fiction. In my opinion, this story is a contender with any non-Christian fiction of its class, and I definitely recommend it. And the really great thing is that apparently this story is the first published work by Susan May Warren, something that means any future works by her are sure to only get better!

A collection of three novellas by three different authors - perhaps to be enjoyed by those who most like their Christianity in a nice neat little box? Somewhat silly and unrealistic but with some interesting details, all with strong evangelical fundamentalist undertones and characters who are mighty quick to don their cloak of righteousness. Misunderstandings and bickering abound, and the "feminine love interest" in two of the stories actually strikes out physically. I struggled with the rigidity and hostility. There is little gentleness or grace - but rather there IS a high level of spoon-fed "belief." So, perhaps I should just avoid "Christian Romance" entirely? Well, if there had been any hint on the cover of this collection, I might have done exactly that. But I did bother to read these (bother being the key word?) and would instead refer the gentle reader to the fiction of Frederick Buechner, Jan Karon and Philip Gulley. For me this collection missed the mark. Mamalinda

This is the type of book that you can sit down, read, and just FEEL GOOD about yourself. When most people think Christian Fiction, they think strict and boring. I can tell you that this book is far from that. It is three Novella's in one book. It starts out with a story that is quite good. The second story sucks you in further, but the third story, Measure of a Man was one I couldn't and didn't want to put down. I recommend this book to anyone that wants a good romance without the raunchiness of a lot of romance books out there. All the authors were great, but Susan Warren is one to WATCH!!! Thank you Ladies!

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