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ATTACHMENT

1. Biography of the Author

Francine Rivers earns a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno, where she begins her literary career. She has a successful general market literary career from 1976 to 1985, and her works are recognized or nominated for numerous awards and honours. Francine is reared in a Christian environment, but it is not until she is married, a mother of three, and a published romance novelist that she genuinely encounters Christ. Francine publishes *Redeeming Love* as a statement of faith shortly after becoming a born-again Christian in 1986.

Redeeming Love is still one of the top-selling novels according to the Christian Booksellers Association, and it has been on the Christian bestseller list for nearly a decade. Francine continues to achieve both industry acclaim and reader love around the world since then, having release numerous novels with Christian themes. Several honours, including the Rita Award, the Christy Award, the ECPA Gold Medallion, and the Holt Medallion in Honour of Outstanding Literary Talent, have been nominated for her Christian novels. Francine and her husband Rick live in Northern California, where they enjoy spending time with their three grown children and spoiling their four grandkids at every chance. She uses her writing to draw closer to God and to thank and honour Him for all He has done and is doing in her life through her work.

2. Synopsis of *Redeeming Love* Movie

Redeeming Love is a powerful love story against the backdrop of the California Gold Rush of 1850. The story centres on Angel, a flaxen-haired veteran of the scene at barely 20 years of age. She is formerly named Sarah, born out of wedlock in New England. Her mother, Mae, married a wealthy businessman, Alex. Her childhood is tragically cut short when her father cuts them off financially, plunging mother Mae into prostitution. After her mother's death, the young Sarah is taken on by a sequence of unsuitable guardians. She is first adopted by an abusive Irish gangster Duke, and then she heads to the west, into the Palace of the Duchess. Being sent into prostitution as a child, Angel survives with hatred towards herself and the men that use her. She is the most sought-after prostitute in the town, so in demand that daily lotteries are held for her services. Every man eagerly takes a lucky number to spend time with her as the Duchess offers to the men, some other prostitutes in the brothel, Asian, African, and Spanish.

Until she meets Michael Hosea, a farmer who prays for a wife, sooner he believes Angel is the one. He pays double gold dust for her time to talk with her. He proposes to her the first time they meet, promises to take her out and gives her the life she deserves. She is so traumatized that she cannot respond to kindness or even simple decency. He does not give up till one time he does it. Though she goes with him to the farm, she does not take the marriage seriously and wants to pay him with her body. She relentlessly shuts him out, uses her past to attempt to disgust him. She runs away several times, returning to her prostitution. However, each time Michael searches and finds her, she comes back with him. He, then, takes care of

Angel gently. She begins to trust him. But one day, Angel leaves because she couldn't be the woman, she thinks he deserves. When Michael sets out to find her, Angel discovers that she has the power to choose the life she wants and believes there is no brokenness that love cannot be healed.