

Info Sheet for Podcasters/YouTubers

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Author of:

- Forgotten Followers from Broken to Bold, a historical fiction empowering women
- The Sword: a Fun way to Engage in Healthy Debate on What the Bible says about a Woman's Role

Located near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Available for Remote or face-to-face interviews

Categories:

- Biblical equality
- Gender equality
- Women in the first century
- Christian theology about women's roles today

Topics I can discuss:

- Women of the Bible
- Jesus educating, equipping, empowering women
- Jesus extending the family of God to all ethnicities
- 1st century culture and religion
- Genesis creation story and its impact on women
- Complementarian and Egalitarian perspectives on women's roles in the Bible and today
- Authoritarian/gentle parenting
- Purity, modesty, and approaching God directly
- Causes, impact, and means to overcome trauma
- Anxiety, worry, and self-confidence
- Research and writing craft
- Art and theology, fiction and the power of story

Benefits to your Podcast/YouTube Channel

- An informal, conversational tone, with complex concepts in everyday language.
- Content that is pertinent to audiences interested in Christianity or deconstructing their beliefs
- Promotion of the finished interview on my website, email list, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook



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Previous Appearances:

The Local Churchology Podcast: A Conversation with Elaine Kelly Episode 1
<https://youtu.be/GbqN9BDx6Nw>

Regency History: Elaine Kelly
– Author Interview

<https://youtu.be/8YuF2Ehq7cc>

Reluctant Christian Feminist:

Jesus and Women Disciples

<https://youtu.be/Wzz6aSk6T44>

Media Coverage

The Hamilton Spectator November 26, 2022: [A Christian-based novel addresses inequality and gender roles.](#)

News Now January 5, 2023: Author launches [historical fiction empowering women](#)

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Reviews: Editorial Reviews

"Women witness Jesus's beginnings, resurrection, and ascension in the spiritual novel *Forgotten Followers from Broken to Bold*... the story delivers a sense that Jesus's message was so radical that it was bound to be misunderstood in his time—even his siblings are shown expressing doubt. The result is a fascinating story whose familiar elements are somewhat refreshed by its feminine perspectives."

- Foreword Clarion

<https://www.forewordreviews.com/reviews/forgotten-followers-from-broken-to-bold/>

"Themes of racial discrimination, sexism, childhood trauma, fear and anxiety, body image, self-esteem, and brokenness will appeal to a contemporary audience. The position of women in society is also examined, as Jesus is criticized and ostracized for his inclusion of women in his ministry. The novel employs familiar language, avoiding religious terms in its descriptions of Jesus's teachings and in dialogue... In all, *Forgotten Followers* is a moving work that inspires hope and faith. Readers will find the characters compelling and its themes relevant to modern times."

- BlueInk Review

<https://www.blueinkreview.com/book-reviews/forgotten-followers-from-broken-to-bold/>

Excerpt from *Forgotten Followers*

Despite her size, no one saw her. Mara had learned the hard way how to make herself invisible. Being seen or heard led to trouble. She rarely left her home. But that afternoon, Mara dropped her bread-making and went out. Her firstborn son Jamie had burst into her outdoor cooking courtyard, calling her to come right away. She banked the fire and left her baking in a cast iron pot over the embers in her brazier. She covered herself with a full-length robe and fastened it with her copper brooch. She pulled along nine-year-old Janis and six-year-old Simeon. Her eleven-year-old son, Joses, was apprenticing with his abba at the blacksmith shop. Mara soon fell behind, her chest heaving. As she reached Nazareth's market square, she was embarrassed by her son's enthusiasm.

"Has he done any miracles yet?" Jamie stretched on his tiptoes.

"No, he hasn't," replied the onlooker.

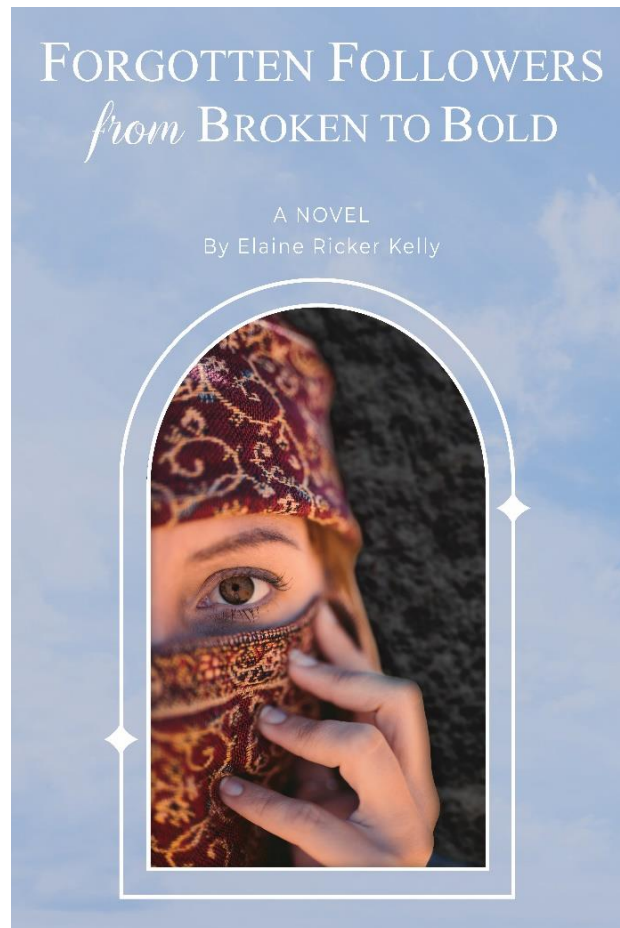
Mara kept silent, as always. She did not speak unless someone addressed her directly, did not speak in public, and definitely did not speak to men outside her family. Afraid of being judged by the religious leaders, she checked that her copper shawl pin closed her robe at the neck. She followed the Jewish code of modesty to avoid drawing unwanted attention. Jamie seemed to expect his cousin to perform miracles. The onlookers expected it too. Mara knew better. She did not believe in miracles. Mara felt alone in the crowd.



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Info Sheet for Retailers:



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Forgotten Followers from Broken to Bold

by Elaine Ricker Kelly

After years of submission, Mara is afraid and unsure about everything—especially her nephew, Jesus. Then he is chased off a cliff, and Mara is forced into the unknown. At the same time, Joanna grapples with hiding her mixed-race heritage or losing her family and community. Despite trauma, abuse, racism, and inequality, they join other women disciples. Will Jesus's opposition to the establishment endanger their lives?

Forgotten Followers brings love and encouragement to anyone who has felt alone, rejected, or simply out of place. Instead of dismissing women of the Gospels as unimportant, author Elaine Ricker Kelly lifts them up as empowered and vibrant characters. Whether evangelical, exvangelical, atheist, Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, deconstructing or doubting, readers can find themselves in this historical fiction, the first novel in her Broken to Bold series.

"If you've ever felt like women are treated like secondary characters in God's story, then let **Forgotten Followers** bring the many women who loved and followed Jesus to life! Such a refreshing, life-giving read to see how knowing Jesus can free you from the cage you put yourself in—or that society puts yourself in. These fictional stories are grounded in amazing historical research—and made me see Jesus' love for me in a whole new way."

Sheila Wray Gregoire, author of **The Great Sex Rescue** and founder of BareMarriage

Elaine Ricker Kelly uses her experience as a woman in business to inspire and empower women at home, church, and society. She has been an investment and insurance advisor, has three daughters, and aims to encourage girls and women in leadership. Elaine R Kelly lives in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada, with her husband and their dog. She and her husband enjoy hiking, nature, tennis, music, history, and culture. They worship in the mainline Protestant Christian tradition.

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Suggested Interview Questions

1. Where did you get the idea to write a historical fiction around women in the first century?
2. What motivated you to write this novel?
3. Why put these ideas in a historical fiction?
4. What first got you started in reading biblical fiction?
5. What are the main themes that you explore in the book?
6. Why did you choose to develop these particular women of the Bible?
7. Which character do you relate to the most?
8. When researching, what stood out about how women were viewed in the first century?
9. How did your research change how you view a woman's role?
10. Who would enjoy reading this novel?
11. Is there anyone else you think the book would resonate with?
12. What advice would you give to those who are uncomfortable with changing their views?
13. Is there any advice to women specifically as they wrestle with some of these things?
14. What are your hopes for this book?
15. What writing projects are next for you?



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