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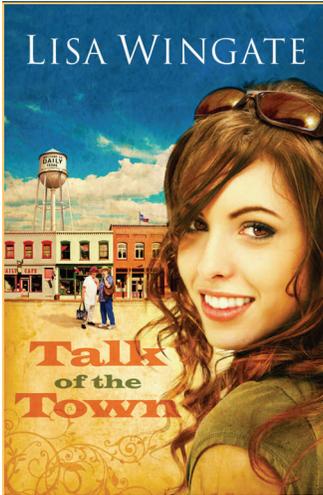
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## BESTSELLING AUTHOR LISA WINGATE'S NEW NOVEL IS... *TALK OF THE TOWN*

### *Author Moves To Exploding Christian Fiction Market For Stand Alone*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., — With her bestselling novel *Tending Roses* from Penguin Putnam in its tenth printing, mainstream novelist Lisa Wingate isn't going about business as usual. She's becoming part of the fastest growing section in chain bookstores across the country—The Christian fiction section. Though she'll begin a new series with Penguin in July, February sees the release of *Talk of the Town* from giant Christian publishing company Bethany House.



**Talk of the Town**  
by Lisa Wingate  
978-0-7642-0490-6  
\$13.99, Tradepaper, 320 pp.  
Bethany House Publishers  
Available Now

“Quote from someone at BHP.”

Mainstream chain bookstores noted in 2007 that the Christian fiction section was the fastest growing section. With other general market bestsellers like Debbie Macomber releasing with Christian publishing houses, the section only stands to grow further in the coming months.

“Quote from Lisa about publishing with a Christian company.”

And *Talk of the Town* isn't your momma's “Christian fiction.” There are no bonnets, no prairie romances and no Bible thumping. Faith is a part of the character development and not a plot line to itself. With a dash of romance, a pinch of Hollywood, a generous helping of small-town gossip and all-around middle America values, Lisa Wingate has found the recipe for excellent fiction.

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### About Lisa Wingate

Lisa Wingate is a popular inspirational speaker, magazine columnist, and national bestselling author of several books, including *Tending Roses*, *Good Hope Road*, *The Language of Sycamores*, and *Drenched In Light*. Her work was recently honored by the Americans for More Civility for promoting greater kindness and civility in American life. Lisa and her family live in Central Texas. Visit her website at [www.lisawingate.com](http://www.lisawingate.com).

“People are going to talk, alright, and the conversation is going to be about *Talk of the Town*. Lisa Wingate writes engaging stories that strike the heart. God has gifted her with a marvelous talent and I, for one, am most grateful.”

*Debbie Macomber, New York Times #1 bestselling author*

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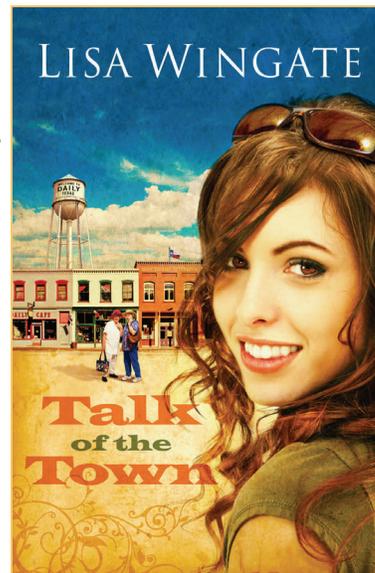
## Story Synopsis

# Talk of the Town

*American Megastar* producer Mandalay Florentino has just arrived in the small town of Daily, Texas and she's worried. The surprise reunion concert for hometown finalist, Amber Anderson, doesn't seem to be a secret to the small town's residents, who can spot a paparazzo from a hundred yards.

As if keeping the reunion secret well, *secret*, isn't hard enough, Amber's recent romp with well-known Hollywood bad boy, Justin Shay, is splashed all over the tabloids. Not exactly the picture of a small-town Texas sweetheart that *American Megastar* wants to portray to the masses.

And it looks like the sharks are circling...a strange man named Carter seems to show up at every turn, his Hawaiian print t-shirt creating the very picture of an undercover reporter looking for a scoop. When Mandalay decides to keep a closer eye on him to determine what he's up to, she finds herself in for more than she bargained for—his mysterious past will affect both Mandalay and Amber and could leave them both out in the cold with *American Megastar*.



But she soon finds herself looking for Carter and *hoping* their paths will cross again.

Meanwhile, longtime Daily resident Imogene Doll loves her town but things are lonely without her beloved husband, Jack. At sixty-nine she's given up on life—it seems dull now. At least until that fancy-dressed woman pulls into town looking terrified and glamorous all at once. Soon life's not the least bit boring as Imogene and the rest of Daily find themselves at a media maelstrom—with a young girl's future on the line.

Full of warm Texas charm, Wingate's story will keep readers laughing out loud at this story of a small-town girl and a small-town world caught in the spotlight of Hollywood.

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