



**FOR SUCH A MOMENT**  
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up and pretend the  
doctor had made a  
mistake. Pretend to  
be three years old,  
not thirty...**

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## WRITE INTEGRITY PRESENTS

# Should She Save Her Marriage, or Save Lives?

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Revealing her secret could save lives...or change hers forever. In this book that re-imagines the story of Queen Esther in a contemporary setting, Ellen Neilson enjoys her comfortable life as the wife of an American CEO.

Having lived in America since the age of ten, she has forsaken her mixed heritage and kept aspects of her childhood secret. Her husband has become engrossed in his job, and she believes having a child will salvage their troubled marriage.

When her cousin Manuel, whom she hasn't seen for twenty years, shows up as one of her husband's managers, Ellen fears that her past will be revealed. The company buys a banana plantation in her native country of Guatemala, and Manuel informs her that illegal pesticides have poisoned the water. People are dying, but she doesn't know who's to blame for the cover-up.

#### About the Author



Marie has written for newspapers, magazines, business, government, and nonprofit organizations. Her debut novel, *For Such a Moment*, won the Books of Hope Contest sponsored by Write Integrity Press and is the first in the Mended Vessels Series, contemporary stories based on Biblical women. She has lived in five different states and has worked for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for fourteen years. She and her husband have two children and 3 grandsons.

#### Interview Questions

- Why did you decide to give the story of Esther a contemporary setting?
- Why did you choose to set this in Minneapolis and Guatemala?
- What issues does your main character face that readers might relate to?
- The book is part of a series called "Mended Vessels." What is that?
- This book won the "Books of Hope" contest for fiction. How does your book offer hope to readers?
- How long have you been writing?
- You've written nonfiction for most of your career. When did you begin writing fiction and why?
- What are you working on next?
- Where do you get ideas for your stories?



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