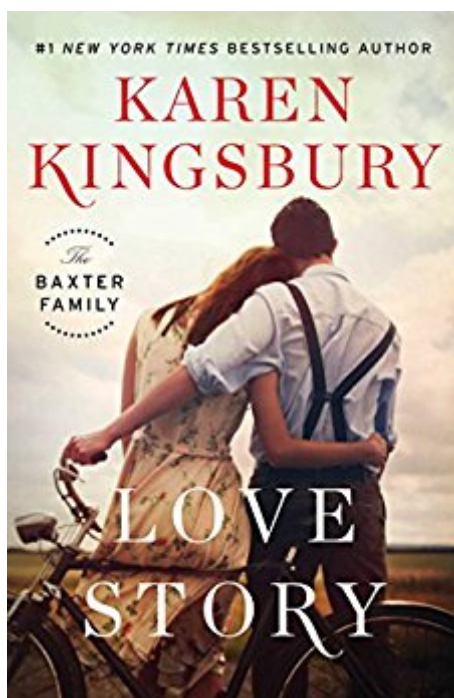


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# Love Story: A Novel (The Baxter Family Book 1)



## Synopsis

An instant New York Times bestseller! From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a new book featuring everyone's favorite family—the Baxters, which tells the story of how John and Elizabeth first fell in love. From the day they met, John and Elizabeth were destined to fall in love. Their whirlwind romance started when they were young college students and lasted nearly thirty years—until Elizabeth died of cancer. So when John Baxter is asked to relive his long-ago love story with Elizabeth for his grandson Cole's heritage project, he's not sure he can do it. The sadness might simply be too great. But he agrees and allows his heart and soul to go places they haven't gone in decades. Back to the breathless first moments, but also to the secret heartbreak that brought John and Elizabeth together. At the same time, Baxter family friend Cody Coleman is working through the breakup of his complicated relationship with Andi Ellison. He is determined to move on when a chance sighting changes his plans—and heart. Can Cody convince Andi to give their love another try, or is it time for them to say goodbye for good? As school comes to an end, Cole presents his report on the love story between his grandparents John and Elizabeth Baxter. It is a tale that touches the hearts of the entire family, and one that causes Cole to better understand his own beginning. Whether you're meeting the Baxter family for the first time or finding them all over again, Love Story will stir your heart and remind you of the generational impact of love and the eternal bond of family.

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## Customer Reviews

Love Story by Karen Kingsbury held my heart as I reunited with the Baxter Family and learned about the not so perfect John and Elizabeth Baxter. Cole has a heritage project for school and wants to talk to his grandfather, John Baxter. As you can imagine there are mixed emotions in the family as John will have to relive his life with Elizabeth Baxter. Since John is remarried, this creates an even more awkward situation for him. I absolutely loved the concept for this story. I thought the class project was a brilliant and interesting way for the story to play out. In what could be a long drawn out family history lesson-turned into a trip to the past where I was standing and watching a love story blossom. Through Cole's project, we learn how John and Elizabeth met and their relationship. Many times we can view John as a picture perfect individual who seems to do what is right, but in this story, we get to see a different side of him. I love how beautifully Karen wove together this story with tenderness, hurt, sorrow, forgiveness, and love. It was fun to reconnect with the Baxters, a family so many readers have come to know and love. While the story focused a lot on John and Elizabeth, we were able to connect with other members in the family as well. This story inspired me to take a look at my own heritage, which is something I had been considering doing for a while. This was truly a story only Karen Kingsbury could write. One that drew me in, took me back in time, and melted my heart all at the same time.

As usual, Karen Kingsbury has brought the Baxter family back into our lives in a wonderfully written book about John's and Elizabeth's "Love Story." Skillfully weaving other characters through the book, Karen has John relive his courtship and marriage to Elizabeth, thereby letting her readers in on the tender love story from their first meeting. Visiting others such as Ashley's and Landon's family, Bailey and Brandon, Andi, and Cody Coleman, with updates to them all, lets us see what has gone on in the lives of the Baxters and their "extended families." They are right back in our lives as if they never left! The Baxters are our families and friends, and Karen's readers love reconnecting!

I have read the entire series about the Baxter family, so I was thrilled when Karen Kingsbury came out with Love Story. I loved it, and since I have read all of the other books in this series, I enjoyed

getting to learn the background of how Elizabeth and Dr. Baxter got together and their amazing love story. Very good book!!!

This book brings back the iconic Baxter family from Karen Kingsbury's series. In this book, it takes a look back at John and Elizabeth Baxter's meeting and how the Baxter family started. It also looks at the present day lives and struggles of several other characters including Cody and Andi (will they get back together); Bailey and Brandon (the upcoming birth of their baby); and how will Ashley deal with telling her son Cole the story of his beginning. This is a must read for anyone who has read the other books in the series! It is like "getting together" with old friends.

It is always exciting to be able to continue reading about the Baxter Family! Karen Kingsbury is an exceptional Christian writer. As you read the books pertaining to the Baxter's, you feel as though you are one of their personal friends! It was great to be able to read the "back story" of the Patriarch and Matriarch of the family! Thank you again, Karen Kingsbury, and keep them coming!!!

This story touches the heart and shows how in our "humanity" we may think we have really messed up but God can take our "mess" and turn it into something special! The author shows this again and again through her characters. We are always on time, in God's time!

If you have followed Karen Kingsbury's Baxter family through the years, this book is the perfect way to see the history and background of John and Elizabeth. If you have not followed this story, it is a wonderful story! I highly recommend this book!

Love the new series. The only problem I have is....Karen can't write these books fast enough!!!! LOL I have never read a book by Karen Kingsbury that I have not loved and I have read everyone except the children's books!!! Keep them coming Karen!

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