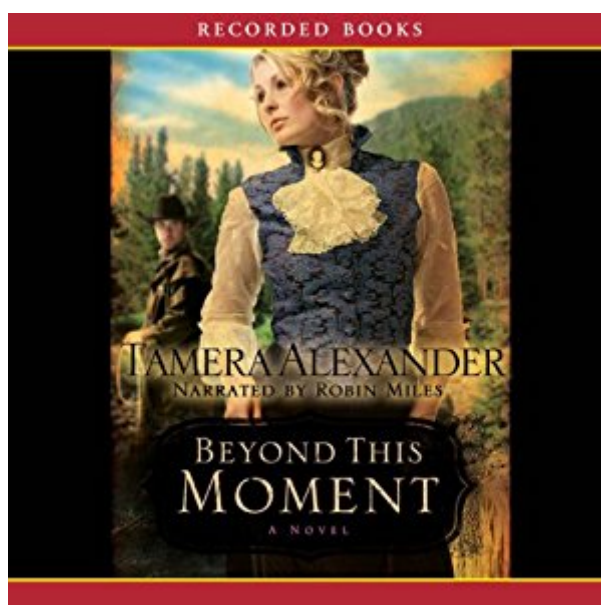


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# Beyond This Moment



## Synopsis

Tamera Alexander - RITA and Christy Award winner - interweaves threads of hope and second chances into a life tangled by half-truths and lies. Stepping off the train in 1876 Colorado Territory, Professor Molly Whitcomb, Ph.D, makes a distasteful choice she sees as her only chance to recover a fraction of what she's lost.

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## Customer Reviews

Beyond This Moment (Timber Ridge Reflections, Book 2) Tamera Alexander has done it again. Each of her books just get better and better. If you like a good historical fiction with a flavor of the west then you will enjoy this novel. Interesting likable characters, good setting, and engrossing story is what you will find in this novel. Would Molly find a way out of her dilemma? Will James McPherson be able to have the love of his life? I had other things to do the evening I started this book, but they didn't get done as I had to read to the end to find out. So if you like an inspirational story with a satisfying ending, purchase BEYOND THIS MOMENT by Tamera Alexander.

Molly Whitcomb journeys from Athens, Georgia to Timber Ridge, Colorado Territory, 1876, to accept a teaching position in an elementary school. Molly brings her expertise as a professional teacher and her love of books to share with more than fifty students. She also brings some carefully-guarded secrets, which she hopes to conceal from the local residents until she establishes her attributes and skill as a professional teacher. Immediately, upon her arrival in Colorado, Molly meets James McPherson, local guardian of law and order. Romantic sparks fly as soon as James

and Molly meet, and she soon realizes that he's a man of high principles, who will no doubt condemn incidents in her past. However, the sheriff also harbors a family secret, which has kept him from marrying. It's inevitable that Molly and James will fall in love but, when the reader becomes aware of the emotional baggage they carry, it's impossible to believe that their love will ever result in a happy ending. In *BEYOND THIS MOMENT*, Ms. Alexander paints a true and marvelous portrait of the harsh realities of the Colorado frontier. Her novel will make you cry and laugh as you watch the story unfold, for strong emotions hold the reader's attention from the very first page. This is undoubtedly one of Ms. Alexander's best-written and memorable books.

Dr. Molly Whitcomb finds herself starting over after a scandal with her co-worker where she ends up pregnant. She was told she no longer had a job at the University, but her boss helped her get a job out West where nobody knew her and she'd be teaching school children. But Timber Ridge wasn't ready for the likes of her. She arrives stating she's married, then when she learns her job's in jeopardy, she announces she was recently widowed. But she cannot hide her secret growing inside her for long, and she can't hide the truth - that she was never married to her baby's father. As Molly gets to know the people of Timber Ridge, she desires to help the Italian and half-breeds. She is frowned upon for doing it and a couple of the men in town are down-right men to her. But the one man she can count on is the town's Sheriff - James McPherson. In fact, as she spends time with the good, handsome sheriff, she grows to care deeply for him. But the Sheriff has his own scars and the truth may just send him running. I really, really enjoyed this book. I enjoyed watching Molly get herself into a big mess with a web of lies that started with an innocent little wedding ring. I loved all the characters (except for the bad one's, but they made the story interesting). The author wrote about pre-marital sex, acceptance, prejudice against people from different countries and blacks, and crime. I enjoyed this book very much! As I've read these two books, I've grown to dislike and like Rachel, James' sister. She doesn't like Daniel, who was the hero in the first book, but seems so sweet toward everyone else. Her story will be covered in the third and final book of this series. She and the doctor, heavily used in this book, will have a story of their own. I'm so excited!

I rather enjoy following Tamera Alexander to the frontier land of Colorado in the years following the Gold Rush. Doctor Molly Whitcomb has a dark secret which forces her to flee her cozy position at an elite college and take up residence in a rough and tumble Colorado town. Here, she experiences first hand the prejudice toward a burgeoning Italian population, the seemingly primitive and sometimes conservative ways of the folk up in the mountains and a blossoming attraction to the swift and

protective sheriff, James McPherson. This is an atmospheric and epic romance which I wouldn't mind watching stretch before me in film form. Perhaps the next project from the powers that brought us the Love Comes Softly series? Women will sigh at James: he is quite the perfect and stalwart suitor. Moreover, they will respect Molly. No blushing maiden she, Molly is quick-witted and strong. Not ANY woman of her time and circumstance could secure a doctorate in Romantic Languages. For a tough as bricks yet touchingly vulnerable heroine and a class-act hero in a stetson, I give this read a solid A. Quite a lot of fun! ---and Alexander has moments of great prose!! look forward to the next Timber Ridge Reflections novel.

Being a Colorado girl, I appreciated the setting in the Rocky mountains -- i've never been in a stagecoach teetering on the edge of a cliff, but I have had some rides with steep drop offs that made me try to move away from the edge of the road! Loving all things Scottish, I liked James from the first, and came to like him more & more as I saw his integrity. Having made some unwise decisions myself, I could identify with Molly's short-sighted decisions that did not turn out the way she expected. Watching Molly & James struggle with their pasts, and seeking to trust God with their futures kept me from a feeling of hopelessness. I loved watching teacher Molly win over her students, teaching outside the classroom with courage and conviction. I rejoiced with each step of reconciliation between different groups. There is much here to encourage!

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