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Fresh off the success of her novel, “The Wishing Well Curse,” in 2013, Liberal author Lynn Donovan recently launched the sequel to the book.

“Thorns of Betrayal” went on sale, in e-book form, Tuesday through Amazon Barnes and Noble, Smashwords and Goodreads. A paperback version will be available in March.

Donovan released the e-book for a special price of 99 cents, and it will be available through today.

Thorns, according to its author, is a paranormal, romance, suspense, Christian fiction novel about a woman named Rose Bauer and a man named Zeke Clayton.

In “The Wishing Well Curse,” Clayton’s destiny brought them together, but the mystery of Thorns asks if Bauer’s past will rip them apart.

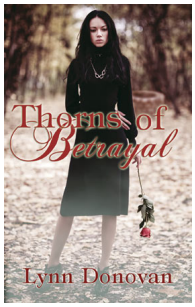
“Ever since her father’s mysterious death, Rose Bauer has suffered with migraines,” a press release promoting Thorns of Betrayal said. “Visions and voices reach out to her from the intense pain. Is her father’s spirit trying to contact her? Or is she going crazy?”

Now, the release said, is not a good time to be crazy.

“Zeke Clayton claims destiny lead him to her door,” it said. “But how strong can destiny bind two souls when one is as tainted as hers? Is his love for her and faith in God strong enough to survive all her secrets? Will justice be served agains the one who has betrayed them all?”

Donovan said with Thorns following a similar plot to Wishing Well Curse, not much research was needed, and little character development was needed for the sequel.

“Some on court room procedures and some other scenes, but not as much as WWC because no history was woven in,” she said of the research.



Donovan said along with Bauer and Clayton, there are other characters that follow the plots of both Wishing Well Curse and Thorns of Betrayal, but some new players come into the story line with the sequel.

“This story introduces a roommate for Rose,” she said. “Her name is Keisha. She’s a lot of fun in the story.”

With some of the same characters on board, Donovan said character development got easier this time around.

“I didn’t have to spend as much time developing the other characters’ attributes because it did all that for WWC,” she said.

Donovan will donate a copy of Thorns of Betrayal to Memorial Library for readers’ pleasures as soon as the paperback becomes available. She said this is a practice she does with each library that allows her to do a book signing.

“It’s my way of thanking them for helping me broadcast information about my book,” she said.

Before Wishing Well Curse, Donovan, along with two other writers, released the book “The Clockwork Dragon,” and she said with each book, the writing process becomes easier.

“I have since written three more books and am currently working on the sequel to Thorns,” she said. “I can now turn a manuscript around and have it ready to go to a publisher for review in two to three months.”

As for how easy the process becomes, though, Donovan is leaving the answer to that question to her readers.

As for what’s next, the author said she has two contracts with another publisher, Astraea Press, for another paranormal romance, “Rocking Horse Shadows,” and a Christmas romance, “Christmas Grace: Signing Seeds.”

“I have submitted a speculative fiction to yet another press and am waiting to hear back from them,” she said. “It’s titled is ‘The Abraham Project.’”

Donovan said she expects the sequel to Thorns to be released about this same time next year, and more are in the works.

“I have two more stories in the hopper which will keep me busy while I wait on these others to be released,” she said.