



Silenced

ALASKAN COURAGE #4

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH DANI PETTREY

1. Tell me about *Silenced*. Where did you get your inspiration?

Silenced is the story of deputy Jake Westin Cavanaugh and Kayden McKenna. The inspiration primarily came from the characters themselves as they grew and developed through the earlier books in the ALASKAN COURAGE series. It's been so much fun watching Kayden's apprehension of Jake fade and be replaced by deep and abiding love. Unfortunately, a killer stands in the way of their happiness.

2. Each of the books in your ALASKAN COURAGE series focuses on a different adventure sport—in *Submerged*, it was cave diving, and in *Shattered*, it was heli-skiing. What adventure sport awaits readers in *Silenced*?

Rock climbing! Kayden is an expert free climber, meaning she doesn't use any safety apparatus while making her daring climbs. While I love rock climbing, free climbing is far too extreme for me, but it is, of course, right up Kayden's all-about-the-challenge alley.

3. What inspires you to write?

I believe God wove the love of story in my heart when He created my innermost being. I've always loved the beauty and power of story. Being able to spend my time writing the stories He lays on my heart is a tremendous blessing.

4. What is the underlying theme/message of *Silenced*?

I never start out with a message in mind. I write the story and enjoy discovering what the message is going to be. For *Silenced*, God really summed up its message by bringing Isaiah 43:19 to mind.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

God can take a dry, parched land and fill it anew with living springs. He can take the hard parts of life, the heartaches and suffering, and bring fresh beauty and purpose out of it.

5. Are your books available in other formats?

Yes, the ALASKAN COURAGE books are also available as ebooks. Most have been published in large-print versions as well.