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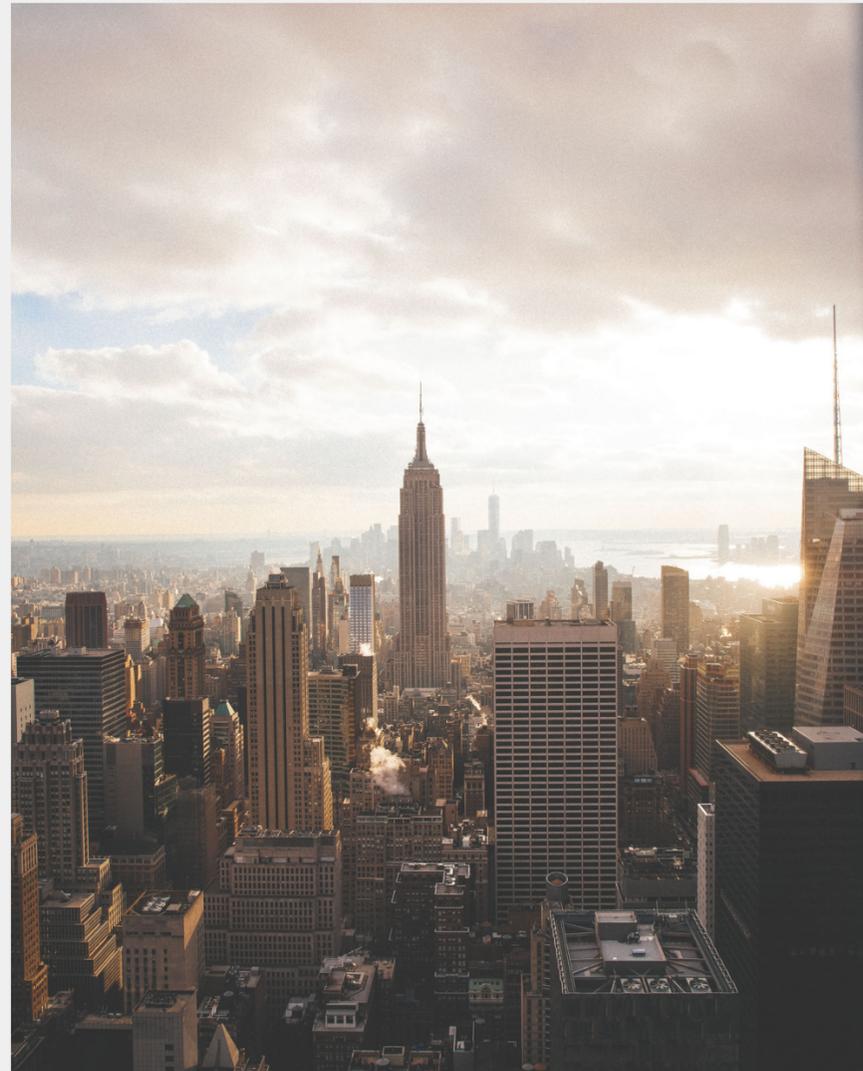
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Daylight is a heart-rending short story of grief and rejoicing in the aftermath of 9/11 by bestselling author, Grace A. Johnson.

It was too late.

The whole world knew it, the nations shaking their heads at the fallen United States, our beautiful country of hope and freedom covered in blood and ashes.

Only the devil could've planned something so disastrous.

Only God could save us now.

Only God could save August.

It was all my fault that he nearly lost his life, dashing back into the hailstorm of debris to save a man who was already dead. I can only hope that he'll recover—that we will recover.

Because some things will never be forgotten.

The story *behind* the story



WHAT INSPIRED *DAYLIGHT*

It all began with a song.

Out of the blue, I decided to write a short story inspired by one of my favorite songs – “Sky Is Falling” by Lifehouse. The song really connected with 9/11 and the emotion in it brought me to creating these characters – Sylvie and August – and their bittersweet story.

I didn’t realize then how deep and impactful the story would be – not just to readers but to me, even. I came to see the events of that day in a deeper, more real way, and it just makes me so grateful for how amazing God is that He could take something so tragic – or any other event, for that matter – and work it all for good.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S DESK

I was born in 2005, so I don't know what it was like to experience the attacks that occurred on 9/11. Through writing this story, I became connected to these events in a way that's much different than writing about the Civil War or the Revolution—and I hope you feel some of that connection as you read.

I hope you're reminded of the grief so many people endured during this time. I hope you're reminded of the sacrifice thousands of brave men and women have made to protect this country from similar attacks. I hope you're reminded to cherish every moment you have with your loved ones.

But most of all, I hope you're reminded of the victory in Jesus. Even in trials and defeat, God comes out on top. His perfect will is implemented. His promises hold true. And He makes something bright and beautiful out of the darkest hours of our lives.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you remember the events of 9/11? What ran through your mind that day?

How have you been impacted by major events – or 9/11 specifically?

How do you think you would have reacted if you were there when the towers fell?

Do you think you would've acted the way August did, running back to save Sylvie's father? Was it foolish of him, or noble?

Think back to the most trying moment of your life – how did you make it through? Where did God show up and show out in your life? What brought you the most comfort and hope?

What would you say is the “something bright and beautiful” God has done or is doing in your life?

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I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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