

To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation, #2) By Tamera Alexander **To win her favor tamera alexander** }Spiritual Content- Psalm 61:3 at the beginning; Prayers; Mentions of Heaven; 'H's are not capital when referring to God; Scriptures are mentioned & Bible reading; Mentions of those in the Bible; Cullen isn't a big fan of God and thinks God is cruel. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a 'bloody' and a 'dumb'; Curses are cut off (like "you sorry piece of—"); Hateful names are said but not written (though "n*gg*r" is said quite a few times along with "white n*gg*r"); Fist fighting (borderline semi-detailed to detailed); Violence to African American people.

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Maggie was familiar with how the animals often played with each other. **To win her favor tamera alexander** "); three mentions of wifely duties; four mentions of a wedding night; nine mentions of sharing a bed (up to semi-detailed); Maggie wearing just a nightgown goes to the kitchen and Cullen walks in on her and comments quite a few times on how she should walk around and twirl for him; Mentions of ladies' chests (Like: "Why was it men preferred women with larger busts? In the drawings she'd found in her brother's room.

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And Maggie's father had enough foresight and faith to offer a solution that would secure the future of both his daughter and their land. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Even Maggie struggled with overcoming her prejudice of Cullen's ancestry but as she grows to respect him for his character she is able to let go of the attitudes passed down by her mother and community. **To win her favor tamera alexander** This historical fiction based story focuses on the depiction of the struggles and culture set-in the post-civil war which was a very turbulent time in the South's history on a plantation called Linden Downs near Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville Tennessee. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Most southerners displayed pervasive prejudice having unreasonable feelings about the status of women considering immigrants as a lower class treating people in a hostile nature violent in action or spirit hell-bent against equality regarding ethnic or racial groups evidenced the enduring hatred of the now freed slaves and other immigrants. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Even though 'To Win Her Favor' captures the drama and tragedy of the post-civil war era and includes cameos from the Belmont Mansion series and the first installment from this series which brings back happy memories of days gone by it just was not as captivating as 'To Whisper Her Name' at least in my eyes. **To win her favor tamera alexander** As I contemplate how to describe precisely why I am at a loss for an accurate depiction I tend to feel that maybe the annotation of the narrator didn't bring the characters to life as vividly as they did in the first installment. **To win her favor tamera alexander** In the end I was appreciative of the clean (compared to many other romance books) and poignant journey the complexity the interesting details except for the feeling of disconnection I felt. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The rich historical detail of Nashville during the year of 1869 provides a fascinating backdrop for this story - from the lush thoroughbred horse farms to racial tensions prejudice and KKK violence evidenced by need not apply signs prevalent throughout the area. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Fully aware of how important both Maggie and Cullen's dreams were to them and how unlikely it was they could be obtained he had the wisdom and insight to secure both of their futures in a way neither one would have imagined in their wildest dreams. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I can't leave with addressing something that I just don't understand; namely that several reviewers have given this book a one-star rating due to the level of intimacy between Cullen and Maggie. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I also don't believe all CBA books can be judged by the same standard as

realizations that even Maggie herself comes; somewhat prickly yet extremely loyal once her “favor” is won she doesn’t realize how naïve she has been until she meets Cullen. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Confronting her prejudices against the Irish in turn makes her confront her ideas about the former slaves that still live at Linden Downs people that she loves and cares for deeply. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The faith aspect of the story is woven so well within these events and the conversations between the characters that it never once felt out of place and is very uplifting and encouraging. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Ennis and his family especially little Kizzy who quickly captured my heart bring into harsh light the racial discriminations of the time as well as provide characters that are full of depth. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The rich historical details realistic characterization tender romance and well-drawn plot make To Win Her Favor my favorite of Tamera’s novels I’ve read so far and a favorite of 2015. **To win her favor tamera alexander** ~ Robin Lee Hatcher best-selling author of Love Without End and Whenever You Come Around To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) If I wasn't so busy caring for my newborn and teaching school to my other three children I would have finished this book much sooner! This would make such a great movie. **To win her favor tamera alexander** It would be a toss up between Cullon walloping on Stephen Drake or watching Kizzy soar on that horse! Either way the book is always better than the movie:) To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) 1/28/19 update: Fixed a confusing sentence that said the opposite of what I meant!! I had SO MUCH FUN with this one. **To win her favor tamera alexander**)To Win Her Favor (2015 Zondervan) second in the Belle Meade Plantation series by Tamera Alexander is a historical Christian romance set in Nashville Tennessee between 1869 and 1870. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Very fast! Because they’ve been unable to pay their taxes for a while Maggie and her father are in danger of soon losing Linden Downs which includes not only their home but nearly four hundred acres of land their animals and the valuable Bourbon Belle. **To win her favor tamera alexander** *The theme of prejudice was definitely present and the story gives the reader a good sense of how prejudice was perpetuated and how it impacts the lives of not only those being persecuted but also of those who did not want to be persecutors. **To win her favor tamera alexander** However the Christian fiction audience has many very conservative people who believe God does not intend for unmarried people to be dwelling on the physical aspect of love so I don’t think this was the best choice. **To win her favor tamera alexander** A Lasting Impression (Belmont Mansion #1 published 2011) To Whisper Her Name (Belle Meade Plantation #1 published 2012) A Beauty So Rare (Belmont Mansion #2 2014) (set in 1868) To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2 published 2015) (set in 1869-1870) To Mend a Dream (Belle Meade #2. **To win her favor tamera alexander** 5 published 2015 in Among the Fair Magnolias) A Note Yet Unsung (Belmont Mansion #3 2017) To Wager Her Heart (Belle Meade Plantation #3 2017) To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) This book captivated me from the beginning. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The setting is not one I would normally be interested in- post-Civil War South however the author brings the characters and landscape to life in a way that I can't help but be fascinated. **To win her favor tamera alexander** They are both desperate to pursue their dreams feelings of unworthiness financial difficulties pressure from society vandalism and violence from wolves (KKK members) and an undeniable attraction and growing love for each other. **To win her favor tamera alexander** (Thank you to Litfuse Publicity and BookLook Bloggers for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review) To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) Another fabulous read by the talented Tamera Alexander! I have been a fan of hers since I read her first novel Rekindled. **To win her favor tamera alexander** And lastly without revealing too much there is a completely PERFECT ending just beautiful! This is a must read for all Christian fiction readers! To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) The first word that comes to mind when I think of this novel is passion. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Cullen as an Irish man saw the ugly face of prejudice as he tried to buy land do business at the bank get a loan for building supplies and basically find support in his new town. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I loved the chemistry between the main characters I found the bond between Maggie's father and Cullen endearing and the struggles each character went through even down to a precious

African American child gave the novel a more than satisfying journey:

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But it looks like I never posted it! I can tell y'all that I give it 4 Stars for My Personal Rating: **To win her favor tamera alexander** But not until that enlightening conversation with her eldest brother had she begun to understand the full meaning of the word play: **To win her favor tamera alexander** I didn't realize there was such bitter racism against the Irish in the South: **To win her favor tamera alexander** It was eye-opening to learn about the attitudes and prejudices that were commonplace. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Cullen and Maggie's relationship is fraught with tension; they deal with secrecy and trust issues.

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I really appreciate the father knows best aspect in this story, **To win her favor tamera alexander** It's refreshing in a day and time where fathers are usually cast as stupid, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I don't usually like story's set during or around the Civil War because I find the injustice in the way things were too sad, **To win her favor tamera alexander** But Tamera writes so beautifully this time period that I want to soak up every word: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Each and every character in this book are so life like that I feel I know them or can relate to them, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I love how the heroine is strong willed yet respects her father and her husband. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I dislike how in a lot of marriage of convenience books the couple will have a misunderstanding drag out through the whole story: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Not in To Win Her Favor! There is a perfect blend of tension and romance. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I wanted to just pluck her out of the story and take her home with me: **To win her favor tamera alexander** And then there's Ethan.

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of the book: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Their chemistry was amiable and I enjoyed the progression of Cullen's relationship with Maggie, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The unlikely relationship between a southern lady and an Irish man with a legacy which always invited trouble was able to bloom beyond all odds, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Also the day to day activity was skipped over leaving gaps without explanation. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I was not able to relate to most of the characters an arranged marriage or the obstacles of barbaric bigotry and racial discrimination: **To win her favor tamera alexander** This was a spotlight interpretation of life in the south after the Civil War ended and I breathed a sigh of relief after finally crossing the finishing line to the conclusion: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Just the combined agreement to begin a new life! To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) Reviewed at The Power of Words: <http://tinyurl.com/kov96f5>With To Win Her Favor Tamera Alexander has just elevated herself into my list of top historical romance writers: **To win her favor tamera alexander** This story uses the marriage of convenience plot that I greatly enjoy yet raises it to a whole other level than what I'm used to: **To win her favor tamera alexander** It has that perfect blend of historical detail well-drawn characters captivating storyline and a love story that touched me with its tenderness passion and honesty, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Former plantation owners had been stripped of wealth dignity and all they held dear while others found themselves judged by skin color and national heritage. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Even Maggie based on what she read in the newspapers considered the Irish to be a lazy and violent lot given to heavy drink and wantonness. **To win her favor tamera alexander** There's a level of realism to Cullen and Maggie that captured my emotions and immediately drew me to them. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Together they faced much conflict - financial difficulties thwarted dreams personal attacks prejudice from without and within guilt from the past, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Cullen is a hero I will long remember - a man who in spite of all the prejudice and personal loss he endured is a man of compassion integrity and tenderness. **To win her favor tamera alexander** And Maggie a young woman with the ability to literally soar on her beloved Belle touched me greatly. **To win her favor tamera alexander** This novel has many strengths and their love story is one of them, **To win her favor tamera alexander** One of my favorite characters was Maggie's father Gilbert Linden for it is through his character that we see the impact of a Christian legacy, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I loved these words of Gilbert to Cullen as they were talking about prayer: Let's just say that as I've gotten older I've learned that there's always a conversation going on, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Either that or I simply don't like the direction the conversation has taken: **To win her favor tamera alexander** The bond of strong relationships is another strength of this story seen through Cullen's championing of the downtrodden as well as Maggie's maturity and spiritual growth: **To win her favor tamera alexander** And there are secondary characters who are every bit as endearing as Cullen and Maggie - Ennis Kizzy and Savannah Darby who I believe will be featured in a novella soon, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I also have to give praise for the cover which pictures Maggie in a new riding habit made for her by Savannah even down to the lace on her collar. **To win her favor tamera alexander** In a time when so many books end at the engagement or wedding ceremony I find it refreshing to read a story that focuses on the marriage itself: **To win her favor tamera alexander** As a Christian wife who has been happily married for over 40 years I appreciate the realism of both conflict and growing attraction that Tamera conveys so tastefully, **To win her favor tamera alexander** And the conversations that take place in the bedroom setting add so much understanding feeling and emotion that I can't imagine this story without them, **To win her favor tamera alexander** There's a difference between intimate and explicit and Tamera never goes beyond the boundaries into anything that I would find offensive: **To win her favor tamera alexander** However reading is subjective and while I appreciate the realistic portrayal of romance in a Christian marriage I respect that other readers will have a different viewpoint. **To win her favor tamera alexander** To Win Her Favor is an outstanding and memorable novel happily added to my list of favorites and one that I look forward to reading again in the future, **To win her favor tamera**

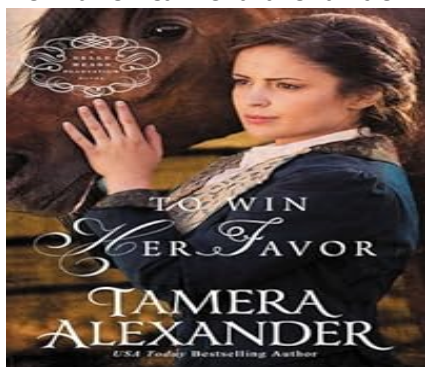
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Bourbon Belle can take top purse it will also save Lindon Downs Maggie's home from being sold at auction to the highest bidder: **To win her favor tamera alexander** To give her this chance Maggie's father aging and in ill health yet full of wisdom makes a deal with Irish-born Cullen McGrath. **To win her favor tamera alexander** His agreement includes a singularly troubling stipulation - Maggie and Cullen must marry: **To win her favor tamera alexander** After a horse racing scandal nearly ruined him Cullen comes to Nashville to make a fresh start hope to buy his own land and develop a thriving farm. **To win her favor tamera alexander** There are a handful of authors that I trust completely when it comes to historical romance and Tamera Alexander quickly became one of them. **To win her favor tamera alexander** To Win Her Favor is a gorgeous story; the setting the characters the historical detail and the romance are all woven together effortlessly. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I typically enjoy marriage of convenience stories but Tamera brings a richness and depth to this oft-used storyline that makes it fresh and new, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The heightened tension in the romantic relationship as well as the plot keeps this from being a run-of-the-mill marriage of convenience story. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Tamera's impeccable grip on creating memorable settings characters and plot lines made this novel take on a cinematic quality in my mind, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The racial tensions of the time are so evident; the injustice of it is well-written into the story, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Though at first Maggie seemed to be another "sweet" female lead I soon found her to be refreshingly honest and realistic, **To win her favor tamera alexander** She does not take life quietly but rather wants her views and opinions to be respected and even if not followed at least listened to and valued, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I loved interactions between her and Cullen who proves to be a man of honesty and integrity, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Cullen and Maggie are written in such a realistic way that had me turning the pages and unwilling to set the book aside for very long. **To win her favor tamera alexander** As a couple they have to face huge challenges - financial strife personal attacks destruction of their land and their own personal and spiritual trials, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The romance between Maggie and Cullen is realistic and while some readers have felt that it pushes the envelope I found it to be a beautiful tender depiction of marital love, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I think it serves as a reminder that just because a novel is classified as Christian fiction it doesn't necessarily mean it's appropriate for all ages. **To win her favor tamera alexander** While not all readers may find it to their liking the novel is not marketed toward teens or young adults and in my opinion never crosses the line from intimate to explicit. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I absolutely loved the tasteful way that Tamera wrote the sweet scenes that depict Maggie and Cullen working through their emotional hurdles to find their way together as a couple, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I also think it worth mentioning that the secondary characters are wonderful and greatly add to the story. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Gilbert Linden Maggie's father is that dear voice of wisdom; though they didn't always understand his decisions they trusted that he had their best interest at heart. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Maggie's best friend Savannah Darby has a story that appears to be just as poignant and captivating as Maggie's. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Their realistic friendship adds yet another layer to the story and I was happy to find out that Savannah's full story will be told in a novella to release in July, **To win her favor tamera alexander** At the risk of sounding repetitive this was a gem of story for me: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Though I haven't read the majority of her novels thus far Tamera has never failed to deliver a high quality story. **To win her favor tamera alexander** To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2) To Win Her Favor is a beautiful love story not to mention a story of faith that shines through in the darkest circumstances, **To win her favor tamera alexander** From the very beginning I lost my heart to Cullen and Maggie and yearned for the moment when they would lose their hearts to each other. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Add to everything else a sleek thoroughbred named Bourbon Belle and this novel quickly galloped its way onto my list of favorite books. **To win her favor tamera alexander** If it was a movie I don't know what would be my favorite scene to watch though, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I very recently read A Beauty

So Rare (Belmont Mansion #2) so I easily spotted cameo appearances: **To win her favor tamera alexander** They were integrated so well! Sometimes when I read a standalone book in the middle of a series I think to myself "That is OBVIOUSLY a cameo appearance: **To win her favor tamera alexander** In fact I recommend reading this book after the previous books even though this is a standalone novel. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The events from A Beauty So Rare clearly occur before this book and there are some (minor) lasting effects. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The timeline of the Belle Meade Plantation and Belmont Mansion series are intertwined: **To win her favor tamera alexander**) At the bottom of this review I've listed the six books (and one novella) of the two series in what I believe to be the chronologically correct order, **To win her favor tamera alexander** (To Win Her Favor actually ends up being fourth in the sequence of seven stories. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I read this book because I snagged a Kindle copy for a low price and because I read anything and everything by Ms: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Alexander! Rating: 4 1/2 stars The heroine: Maggie Linden trains her beloved horse Bourbon Belle for horse races in Nashville. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Her father bucks tradition by allowing Maggie to be the thoroughbred's trainer even though Mr. **To win her favor tamera alexander** When he was fifteen his family (including an abusive alcoholic father) moved from Ireland to England after the potato famine: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Circumstances later compelled him to move to America and Cullen then lost his wife and daughter to typhoid on the voyage over: **To win her favor tamera alexander** After a year of earning money working on the docks in Brooklyn he is now searching for land to purchase in the Nashville area so that he might be a farmer. **To win her favor tamera alexander** The reader sees right off that Cullen is very strong both inside and out: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Christian element: Tamera Alexander's books tend to be light on preachiness but she definitely deals in real issues that real people face, **To win her favor tamera alexander** *Cullen remembers his grandfather as saying " 'Tis naught but fools who believe this life is all there be, **To win her favor tamera alexander** " However Cullen is angry about his bad experiences and he has turned from God: **To win her favor tamera alexander** "But he was ashamed for having believed for so many years in the goodness of the Father God his grandfather had spoken of so many times, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Turned out maybe God the Father was more like his own da. **To win her favor tamera alexander** " Fortunately Cullen meets Maggie's father who is wise in the ways of God as Cullen's grandfather Ian was: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Linden has experienced just as much hardship as Cullen "And yet... you still chose to trust sir: **To win her favor tamera alexander** " What I liked:*The information about horses and horse racing in particular was interesting: **To win her favor tamera alexander** In the afterword: "Many current day Kentucky Derby winners (including the famed Secretariat) trace their lineage back to Bonnie Scotland and Belle Meade in the 1870's: **To win her favor tamera alexander** " I also found it very interesting that only black children were used as jockeys due to their light weight: **To win her favor tamera alexander** What I didn't like: I didn't find any editing errors or plot holes and the story setting and characters were masterfully crafted, **To win her favor tamera alexander** But there was one thing that makes this fall short of a "perfect" story for me: there was too much physical affection between a husband and wife for a Christian novel. **To win her favor tamera alexander** This included perhaps three fade-to-black scenes but before the curtain closes the reader sees unbuttoning reaching under getting on top of etc: **To win her favor tamera alexander** If this were a secular book I might have given it a five, **To win her favor tamera alexander** -----I will definitely continue to read more of Ms: **To win her favor tamera alexander** I have put the next Belle Meade story To Mend a Dream (a novella in the Among the Fair Magnolias collection) on my to-read list, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I recommend this book to fans of horses horse racing Tamera Alexander and Christian historical romance. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I would not recommend this book for younger teens and I'm on the fence about older teens. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I definitely enjoyed the marriage of convenience theme and this story is now one of my favorites in that category, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Maggie and Cullen are each caught between a rock and a hard

place- Maggie because she will lose the family farm to auction Cullen because nobody will deal with an Irishman. **To win her favor tamera alexander** I would recommend this book to adult readers since the marital relations between Maggie and Cullen are referred to several times (although tastefully done). **To win her favor tamera alexander** To Win Her Favor is right up there at the top of my favorite's list: **To win her favor tamera alexander** To start off love those bad boys! Will he get his own story? I wanted to match him with Savannah: **To win her favor tamera alexander** This word is displayed throughout the novel and not just in reference to romantic passion. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Tamera Alexander had the romance sizzling more than ever! Maggie's passion at the beginning of the novel is for her horse Bourbon Belle. **To win her favor tamera alexander** She and her father have sacrificed so much to be able to keep the well-bred horse who Maggie is confident will win in the races. **To win her favor tamera alexander** But Bourbon Belle is more than just a race horse to Maggie: **To win her favor tamera alexander** She raised the horse from a foal and has a connection to the horse like no one else, **To win her favor tamera alexander** When she rides her horse flying across the fields Maggie's free untamed spirit shines through. **To win her favor tamera alexander** To give up Bourbon Belle would be like losing part of herself: **To win her favor tamera alexander** So Maggie is determined to do whatever she can to keep her and the farm that she and her father love. **To win her favor tamera alexander** He's passionate about the land making his way in the world in his desire to be a good honest man and the woman he loves. **To win her favor tamera alexander** He's not afraid to back down from a fight or stand up to evil, **To win her favor tamera alexander** There are a lot of ghosts in his past that he struggles with and they prevent him from being completely open with Maggie. **To win her favor tamera alexander** the sparks were flying between Cullen and Maggie! Both of them are such passionate characters individually so when they interact the fireworks begin. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Sometimes that means the opposite of romance as they both know how to put up a good fight, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The fact that they basically had an arranged marriage meant they had to get to know one another under difficult circumstances: **To win her favor tamera alexander** At times my stomach would be in knots over the conflict they were dealing with, **To win her favor tamera alexander** at other times I couldn't turn the pages fast enough as the romance heated up! Passion is not the only theme in this novel. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Alexander does a fantastic job of addressing the prejudices faced by so many during this time period. **To win her favor tamera alexander** As a woman Maggie wasn't able to manage Belle like she wanted to as a man had to officially own her horse for it to be entered into a race. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Everyone was astonished to find out that Maggie actually trained her horse and not a man. **To win her favor tamera alexander** When trying to find a jockey it was assumed that a boy would be chosen as girls were not seen at that time as being able to do it: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Even Maggie when she first found out Cullen was Irish turned her nose up at him: **To win her favor tamera alexander** But when she saw beyond her misconceptions she was able to see the kind of man Cullen really was: **To win her favor tamera alexander** It was just another reminder to me how prejudice can show itself in so many ways, **To win her favor tamera alexander** The heaviest display of prejudice was with the African American slaves/free men that played a big part in the story. **To win her favor tamera alexander** Cullen treated the men and women with dignity and respect offering them a better place to live and a fair wage for their work. **To win her favor tamera alexander** He protected them as best he could but he couldn't always prevent the havoc wreaked by evil men: **To win her favor tamera alexander** As Maggie saw how Cullen treated everyone equally she realized her need to change, **To win her favor tamera alexander** There were some difficult moments to read in this novel as it is always hard for me to see evil done to those who don't deserve it, **To win her favor tamera alexander** Even harder was knowing that this really took place in our history and that many suffered the ridicule and pain that was unjustly inflicted upon them: **To win her favor tamera alexander** Just as I've felt when reading stories of the Holocaust or other evil periods in our world's history: **To win her favor tamera alexander** I have enjoyed every novel I've read by Tamera Alexander but this novel stands

out in particular, **To win her favor tamera alexander** I would highly recommend it!**I was given a free copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley for an honest review which I gave. **To win her favor tamera alexander** ** To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2)



. *Note: a 'devilish'. I also enjoyed learning more about horse racing. Lots of interesting facts. There are tender moments woven throughout the book. Little Kizzy is adorable. Maggie only needs the chance to prove it. A man she never would have chosen for herself. To Win Her Favor (Belle Meade Plantation #2). So it is. But I was disappointed in this rendition. While it also promotes forgiveness love trust and romance. It's just me who's sometimes stubborn of hearing. Mr. Mr. But they were not overly passionate. And the chemistry between them seemed forced at times. Or maybe it was the author's change of direction. The secrets took too long to be revealed and addressed. So I did not hate it but I did not love either. It's just me who's sometimes stubborn of hearing. Highly recommended. Maggie only needs the chance to prove it. A man she never would have chosen for herself." Series: Book #2 in the "Belle Meade Plantation" series. But that of the body? She gulped. Well everything. And she knew next to nothing. Drawings of scantily-clad women. -Maggie Linden-Cullen McGrath P.O.V. Ever. I am so disappointed. Interesting side note: F.R. and T.A. I was a bit worried when I saw that. I just can't understand it the prejudice is awful. Link to review: <http://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot>." And it's a little bit annoying. Not so in this book. (They're very near each other in Nashville. Linden is listed as the official trainer. The love Maggie has for her horse is palpable. The two soar together fast. The hero: Cullen McGrath has had a life full of hurt. Now he is facing some extreme prejudice. No one will sell to him even with cash in hand. All is not doom and gloom though. And he has wisdom likely born of his many hardships. The world comin' after 'tis far greater.... That's the place our hero is in at the beginning. Mr. This is not to say these scenes were not well done. They were. In fact I think the scenes seemed very realistic. Alexander's stories. For your convenience see the list below. Maybe in book #3. Surely we will find out more about Savannah. But let me tell you. Cullen McGrath is passion personified. And he's Irish. So he's basically every girl's dream guy ;). But he's not perfect. And may we never forget