



My Book Turned 1 Year Old This Month!

First off, I'd like to welcome everyone who signed up for my newsletter from the Bookfunnel "March into Free Women's Fiction Stories" promotion. I hope you enjoyed reading *Needing Hope*, the prequel to my debut novel *Virtuous Women*.

Virtuous Women came screaming into the world on March 5, 2024 after thirteen long years of labor (I know, right?). To celebrate, I'm giving away 100 copies of the ebook through a Goodreads Giveaway. (You can find the link at the bottom of this newsletter.) This giveaway ends on March 31, so don't delay.

And if you enter and don't win, don't worry. **From April 1 through April 5, the ebook version of *Virtuous Women* will be FREE on Amazon.** This offer is for subscribers to this newsletter only. I'm not publicizing it anywhere else, and I won't be sending out a reminder email.

If you'd like to help me celebrate, the best gift you can give is a review on Goodreads and/or Amazon. Reviews help authors like me more than you know. Even if you didn't acquire your copy through Amazon, you can still leave a review there (as long as you've spent at least \$50 on Amazon in the last year). If you've read *Needing Hope*, reviews are helpful for that, too. You can also copy and paste your review, and leave it on both sites. A review doesn't have to be long--just a sentence or two saying what you liked about the book.

Here are some examples of short reviews currently on Amazon:

"It started with the story of people I couldn't identify with at all, but as those characters fleshed out I began to understand them. By the time it ended I'd been through every emotion in the book."

"This book can be triggering for those who were raised in a religious cult. Many of the reviews indicate the book has a happy ending. I think the ending is realistic but not especially happy."

"Absolutely couldn't put it down. A fascinating dive into what it does and doesn't mean to be a virtuous woman."

Review *Virtuous Women* on Amazon [here](#).

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Another way you can help celebrate is by asking your local library to put a copy (paperback and/or digital) on their shelves. And, of course, if you're a member of a book club or know someone who is, suggest my book. I'm happy to show up via Zoom for library or book club events--send me the details [here](#).

Enough Marketing! I Went to Spain!

On Saturday my family got back from a week-long trip to Spain. None of us had been there before, but we all loved it. We split our time between Seville and Alicante. Both were amazing!



Seville is full of old world charm and, despite being Spain's fourth largest city, felt comfortable and homey. At one point we were in the city center trying to figure out how to spend a few low-key hours when a parade of South American dancers literally appeared before us! That kept us occupied until it was time for supper, then we went to the Metropol Parasol - Setas de Sevilla (Mushrooms of Seville) after dark to see astounding panoramic views of the city.



Alicante, despite being much smaller than Seville population-wise, felt like a bigger city. On the eastern coast of Spain, views from the Santa Barbara Castle showed us both the city and the Mediterranean.

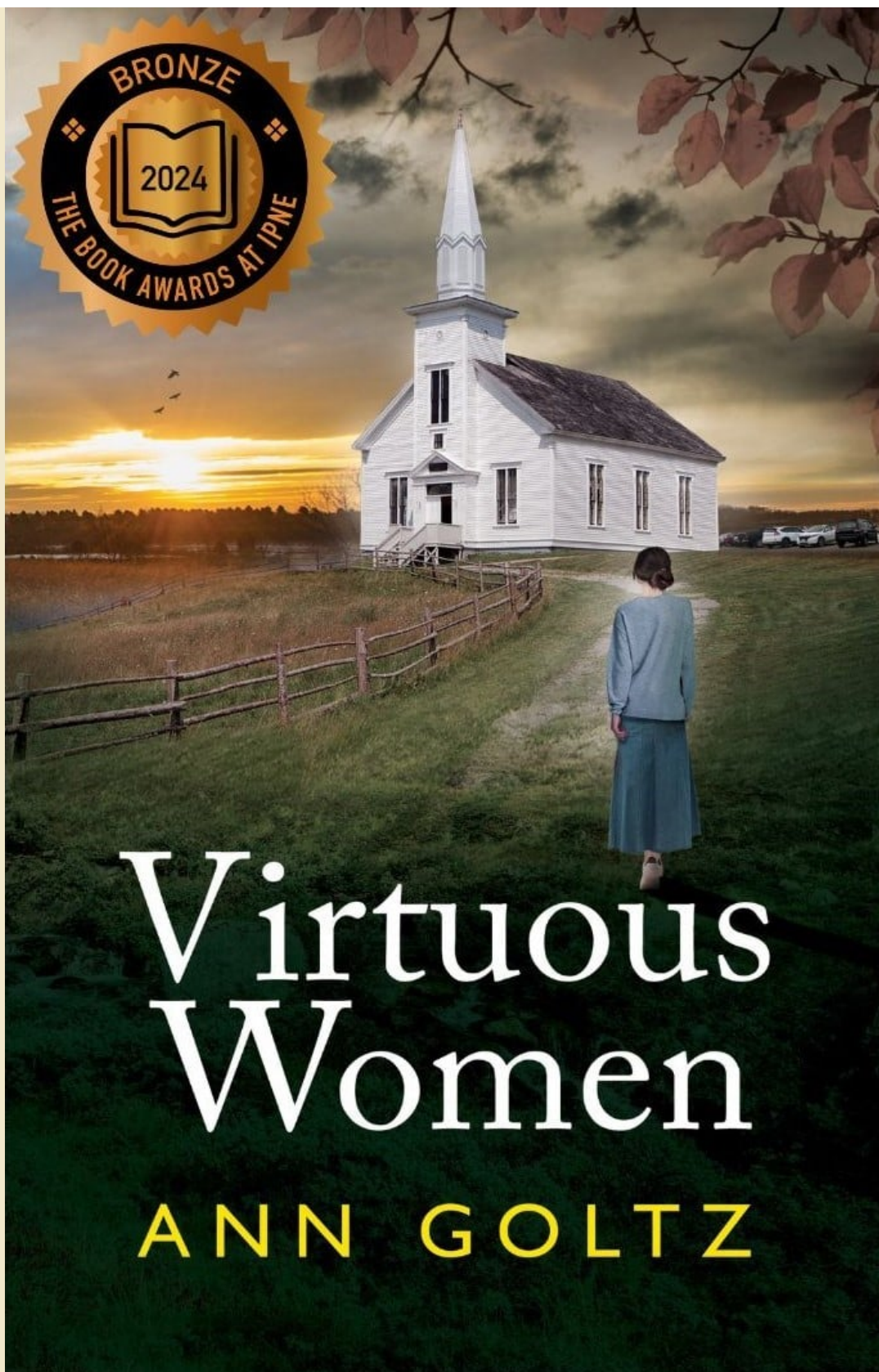


We also enjoyed the cuisine and, absolutely, the coffee. On Wednesday night the kids were tired, so Tom and I left them at the hotel and did our

weekly date night Spain-style. We wandered around Alicante, had tapas for supper, and stumbled upon the Explanada de Espana, this beautiful tiled pedestrian walkway.



It was a short trip, but we'd definitely like to go back.



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I've decided to reduce my reliance on Amazon for sales. My books will still be there for those who prefer that retailer, but I'll be removing the ebook version of *Virtuous Women* from Kindle Unlimited at the end of its current run (April 23). After that, the ebook will still be available for purchase on Amazon, but it will also be available on Google Play, the iStore, and Kobo. The paperback is already widely available, and I've used Ingram Spark as my distributor from the beginning. That means that Amazon only makes money from my books when you buy from Amazon.

I'm also looking into a way to do direct sales from my website for both the ebook and the paperback. Stay tuned for more information about that!

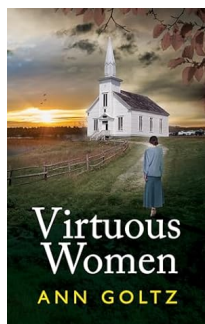
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Virtuous Women
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Giveaway ends March 31, 2025.

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