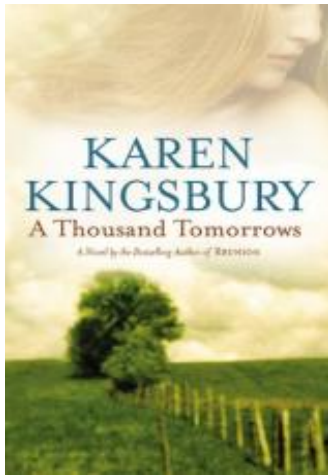


# A Thousand Tomorrows

by Karen Kingsbury

---



## About the Book

Cody Gunner is a nationally renowned bull rider-cocky, brash, a legend among his peers. On track to the top, Cody has rejected everything about his past-his famous father, his hurting mother, and every woman who ever came along. His heart has room only for his young handicapped brother.

Ali Daniels is the most recognized horsewoman in her sport. She embraces life, making the most of every moment and risking everything for her passion. Along the way, Ali seeks to fulfill the dreams of her little sister, a girl who died before she had a chance to live.

And so competing is all she needs until the day Cody discovers what Ali has been hiding so well. Reluctantly Ali allows Cody into her private world. Despite their fears, they bare their souls and love finds them in a way that it seldom finds anyone. In a breathless race for time, their love becomes the one part of them that will never fail, never die. In the end they find something brilliant and brief-a thousand tomorrows.

## Discussion Guide

1. Why do you think Cody buries his feelings inside when his father leaves?
2. Carl Joseph looks up to his older brother, Cody. But Cody learns some invaluable lessons from Carl Joseph. What kind of role does Carl Joseph play in Cody's life?
3. At the end of chapter two, we learn that Cody rides bulls because it is the only way he can live with his rage. Why do you think this is?

4. Why does Ali keep her illness a secret? How do you think keeping this secret makes her feel?
5. How did Ali's sister's death shape the person Ali became?
6. How do you feel about the way Ali's mother handled her daughter's choices? How would you have handled a sick child's decision to do something they loved that might shorten their life?
7. At the end of chapter four, Ali gives Cody bullriding advice. Why does Ali choose that moment to talk to him if they hadn't spoken in the two years they'd been competing side by side?
8. How do you think Cody's and Ali's isolation from their peers draws them together?
9. After his and Ali's lung surgeries, Cody forgives his father and reunites with his family. How does Ali's love influence his decision? On a personal level, have you experienced reconciliation in a key relationship? Explain.
10. In their last month together Ali gives her dearest possession, her horse Ace, to Cody. What does her gift symbolize to both her and Cody?
11. How does Cody show he has strong beliefs? How does Ali?
12. Cody and Ali know their life together is limited, yet they choose to enjoy each day as if there were no tomorrow. How do you think their lives would have changed had Ali lived longer?
13. If you knew someone you loved had only three years to live, would you marry him or her? Why? Why not?
14. What did this story teach you about cystic fibrosis? What personal experience do you have with this disease?
15. Has reading **A Thousand Tomorrows** affected your life in any way? How?

## Author Bio

Karen Kingsbury, #1 *New York Times* bestselling novelist, is America's favorite inspirational storyteller, with more than 25 million copies of her award-winning books in print. Her last dozen titles have topped bestseller lists, and many of her novels are under development as TV movies and major motion pictures. Her many *Baxter* books will be the subject of a new TV series --- "The Baxter Family" --- debuting later this year with Roma Downey, Mark Burnett and MGM Studios. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, Don, and their five sons, three of whom are adopted from Haiti. Their actress daughter, Kelsey, lives nearby and is married to Christian recording artist Kyle Kupecky. The couple recently welcomed their first child, Hudson.

## Critical Praise

"A THOUSAND TOMORROWS is a touching story and will bring the author many new fans."

---

## **A Thousand Tomorrows**

by Karen Kingsbury

**Publication Date:** April 5, 2006

**Paperback:** 256 pages

**Publisher:** Center Street

**ISBN-10:** 1931722803

**ISBN-13:** 9781931722803