

**EMILIE RICHARDS CELEBRATES FAMILY, LOVE, CREATIVITY AND HOME IN
SISTER'S CHOICE, THE LATEST OF HER
SHENANDOAH ALBUM NOVELS,
PUBLISHED IN JULY 2008 BY MIRA Books**

The Debut of this New Novel also Heralds the Arrival of the Latest *Quilt Along With Emilie Richards: Sister's Choice*, a companion non-fiction book from Leisure Arts

Emilie Richards' name resonates with the hundreds of thousands of readers who have embraced her works of romance and family fiction since her first book, **Brendan's Song**, was published in 1985. Now, they're anticipating **SISTER'S CHOICE**, the latest *Shenandoah Album* novel, published in hardcover this July from Mira.

Inspired by quilt makers, her own quilting, and her passion for the Valley, the *Shenandoah Album* books also draw upon Emilie's experiences as a counselor, as a VISTA volunteer in the Ozarks, and with the women there who insisted she learn to quilt.

Each of these family dramas takes the name of a traditional quilt pattern and celebrates life, love, wisdom and triumph. **Wedding Ring** set the stage, receiving praise from readers and reviewers, including Booklist, which says Emilie "pieces together each woman's story as artfully as a quilter creates a quilt...her characterizations are transcendent, endowed with warmth and compassion." **Endless Chain** (2005), **Lover's Knot** (2006), and **Touching Stars** (2007) followed.

Marking this publication, Emilie contributes to Leisure Arts' non fiction **Quilt Along with Emilie Richards: Sister's Choice**, the latest of their pattern books celebrating the *Shenandoah Album* novels.

SISTER'S CHOICE tells of two women at a crossroads, facing a test of trust with the power to define their relationship. Estranged for nine years, **Lover's Knot's** Kendra and younger sister, Jamie, are finally beginning to heal past hurts and forge new bonds. Their renewed ties are strained when Jamie offers Kendra the fondest wish of her heart—the gift of a child. Jamie is willing to be the surrogate for her sister and her husband Isaac. But can Kendra trust her once-wayward sister to fulfill her promise?

Cautiously, afraid of what the decision will mean, they agree to try. Neither realizes this is the first of many life-changing choices they will soon face, including one that can mean life or death.

As the wife of a minister, this award-winning author has moved frequently. Settled now in northern Virginia, the family has lived in six other states—Florida, Louisiana, California, Arkansas, Ohio and Pennsylvania—and in Australia.

At appearances, signings and on emilierichards.com, Emilie displays a “Sister’s Choice” lap quilt, created to raise funds to fight breast cancer, and tells readers how to participate.

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