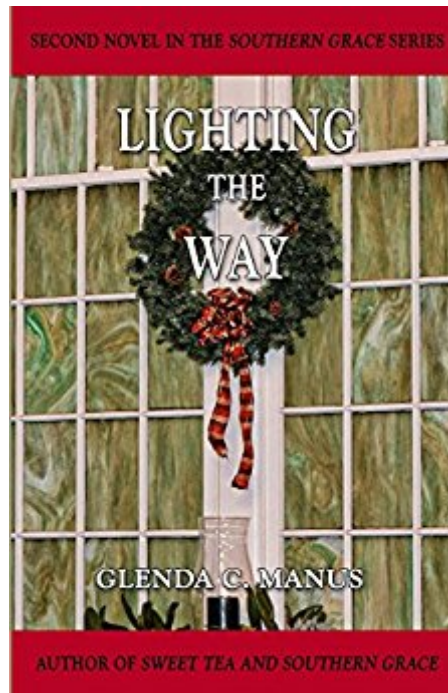




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Synopsis

The author of *Sweet Tea* and *Southern Grace*, Glenda Manus, delivers another emotionally charged work of fiction. *Lighting The Way* is the second of five novels in the Southern Grace Series, and once again focuses on Rev Rock, the Presbyterian minister in the quaint little town of Park Place, South Carolina and his new bride, Liz. It's the Christmas season and storefront displays, twinkling Christmas trees and busy shoppers liven up Main Street as the town prepares for its most exciting season of the year. Christmas parades, candle lit street lamps, and children's Christmas pageants pump up the holiday spirit, but not everyone in town is celebrating. Maria drifts into Park Place trying to escape an abusive husband. Broken in body and spirit, at first her goal is just to survive and protect the baby she's carrying, but as she's slowly introduced to the good people of this small Southern town, she comes to believe that kindness and compassion can lead her out of the darkness of her former life. Just as she seems to overcome the obstacles, she's once again gripped by fear when she spots her husband's car in town. How did he find her and what will she have to do to protect herself? Rev Rock and his faithful flock of Presbyterians in the little church with a bell tower help make this a Christmas story Maria will never forget. The other quirky characters that the readers have come to know and love from the first novel find themselves weaving in and out of *Lighting the Way*. Once again, these people will have you chuckling, and sometimes crying right along beside them as their hearts of gold are openly displayed in this well thought out and charming Southern novel.

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Customer Reviews

This is a self published book and there is a reason this author couldn't get a book deal with a publishing company. It's pretty bad. The story is disjointed and awkwardly crams the introduction of too many characters in just to get them introduced into the story line. And speaking of the story line...its ridiculously predictable and for having such a sweet and inviting title I was surprised at how much tragedy was introduced!! There was a tragic accident, cancer, a recurrence of cancer, a break up, a child thrown into an orphanage, a brain tumor and a heart attack all introduced in the first 50 pages! It was depressing to read in spite of the sweet southern setting. The author was obviously inspired by Jan Karon (The Mitford Series) but Mitford it is NOT! I bought the first 3 books in the series. I struggled to get through the first one. I probably won't read the other 2. There are too many good things out there waiting to be read to waste my time on these extremely mediocre books.

Good name for this one. Maria may not have seen the light but the Good Lord sure knew what he was doing! Characters are strong and believable. The setting is one to draw you in like a warm blanket. It becomes a cocoon for a wounded and lost very young lady. Something she would never have experienced without being lead to their loving community! Makes one wonder if they really exist somewhere other than an author's mind and heart. Comforting, easy read . Lovely.

I have thoroughly enjoyed both novels by Glenda Manus, Rev Rock is such a kind generous man, you instantly adore him. He and Liz are delightful. Kit, B.J., are so loving to Maria and baby Angelina...ever character has a special place in your heart as you read. The scriptures are perfectly placed throughout the Novel. A must read! /

Charming and peaceful story of small town life and characters, mostly predictable but generous in giving God the glory for guidance and delivery. In a perfect world, this could be the home town setting and atmosphere we all long for. Recommend you read the first (Sweet Tea ...) first and meet and follow the characters through all three books.

I love this sequel to Sweet Tea and Southern Grace. I started reading it the week before Thanksgiving and finished it in several days. It really put me in the Christmas spirit and I was sad to see it end. I found myself humming Christmas tunes and longing to put my tree up early. I bought several Christmas themed books on my Kindle after, hoping to capture the magic of Lighting the Way and keep me in that marvelous Christmas spirit, but they all failed. I was tempted to re-read it. I so enjoyed reuniting with the characters of Park Place and enjoyed meeting the new ones. This is definitely my favorite of the two books. I'm looking forward to the next one!

This was a good follow-up to the first book, but at times I became bored with the story. The happy ending was rather predictable.

I so enjoyed this book it was as good as the other books I've read. Looking forward to reading her next one.

I loved this book and the first one as well. It is so refreshing to read a good clean and yes religious book. I also like the small town friendship and love shared between the inhabitants - just wish all towns and cities could be like that. Storyline is wonderful and Ms. Magnus makes each of the characters come alive and you feel like you know them. I recommend this book to all; it will do your heart good.

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