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## **Mounting Bills and Limitless Problems Place a Marriage in a Tide of Turmoil!**

*Essence* best-selling author Patricia Haley returns with fall release **Still Waters!**

WASHINGTON, DC ( September 2005) BET BOOKS, publisher of the inspirational imprint **New Spirit**, delivers an edgy new novel about a couple's battle to hold together their family amidst emotional and financial mayhem. A riveting tale about a marriage founded on faith but now on the brink of destruction, ***Still Waters*** arrives in bookstores this November.

When **Laurie** married **Greg**, she was certain they would live happily ever after. Greg was charming, loving, and everything Laurie thought she'd ever need. Now twelve years have passed and Laurie and Greg have six sons to show for it. Supporting such a large family is tough on Greg's graphic designer salary, but the Wrights make do—until the stress of living so close to the brink takes its toll. Laurie doesn't know how much longer she can cope with Greg's moods— or if she even wants to try....

Overworked and underpaid, **Greg** is itching to reach beyond his dead-end job and give Laurie and the boys everything they deserve. But he knows he can't thrive at work when he and Laurie barely talk anymore. When Laurie gets a job to help make ends meet, Greg feels like he's losing her forever. All Greg wants is for Laurie to love him the way she once did. But when things go from bad to worse, Laurie and Greg's marriage will be tested as it's never been tested before. The crossroads they face will be one with many choices, but will it lead each of them forever down different roads?

*How had she gone from the loving wife, excited about a happily ever after future with Greg nearly thirteen years ago, to this woman, scared of her own shadow. There was more to life, and she was going to find it. Greg had spewed his last venom her way. No more. The remaining drops, which had snuck into her space, were swatted away, sending a message of discouragement to any other tears, which might be contemplating the journey. Her spirit cried out. She wasn't a victim. She was young, smart, a nice person, and she had a job. She could take care of herself even if Greg couldn't. That much she was beginning to believe. The darkness which had been strangling light from the room was loosening its grip. She got up and opened the blinds, setting hope free. She vowed to herself and her soul that her next five years would not be like her former five. Only death would come between her and happiness; and at this time, if that's what it took, so be it, because living with bitterness and fear day after day was death.*



**Still Waters cont.**

What happens when a family already in the midst of a compromising storm is delivered another life altering blow? In *Still Waters*, Haley boldly creates a story which confronts very real, very hard issues between men, women, marriage and faith. "*Still Waters* is a drama which challenges the boundaries of infidelity and abuse," declares author Patricia Haley. "It demonstrates that given the right set of circumstances and deep-rooted hurts and frustrations, anyone can be driven to life-threatening acts beyond rational thinking, but thank God for the grace that covers our mistakes."

As with her other best selling inspirational novels, Haley has once again skillfully crafted a realistic story about a relationship in turmoil offering faith as a means of mending and moving forward. "Patricia Haley has written an accurate and touching portrayal of a family teetering on the edge of an emotional and financial crisis" declares senior editor Glenda Howard. "Intensely moving and complex, this story will stay with you long after you've turned the last page." *Still Waters* is available nationwide in November.

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*Still Waters* will be published in November 2005 in trade paperback format (1-58314-623-7). \$15 U.S./\$21 CAN).

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