
Author Bio

Born in Ames, Iowa, Kirsten spent her childhood in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where her parents were Lutheran missionaries, and her high school years in Edina, Minnesota. She studied math, English and piano at St. Olaf College, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Kirsten has pursued a career in business and currently works on mergers and acquisitions with private equity firms.

Thy Father's Will is Kirsten's first novel. Inspired by a letter written by her great-aunt Charlotte, *Thy Father's Will* is a work of fiction based on the final years of Kirsten's great-grandfather's life. Using family letters, newspapers, probate files and other historical records, Kirsten unearthed real people, pieced together actual events and researched the historical period, and from that skeleton of history, imagined personalities, conversations and interactions.

Kirsten lives with her husband and two dogs on the north shore of Lake Superior, where she is the pianist in her Lutheran church and enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing and kayaking.