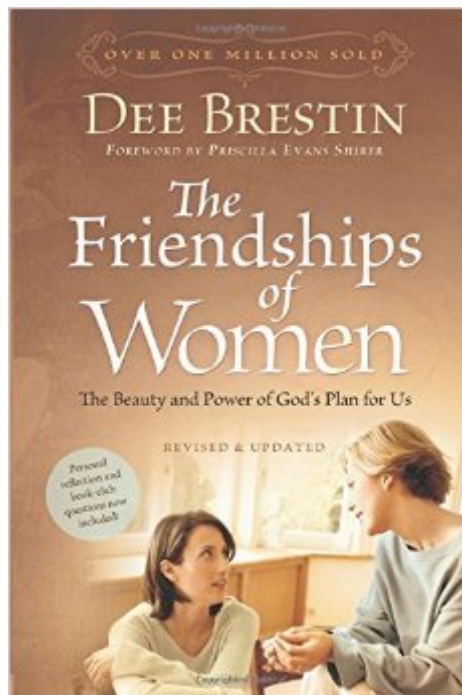


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# The Friendships Of Women: The Beauty And Power Of God's Plan For Us (Dee Brestin's Series)



## Synopsis

Do you long for kindred spirit friends? For deeper friendships? To overcome the pain in your friendships? In the foreword to this best-selling classic, Priscilla Shirer writes: Like a carefully crafted piece of art or a delicately woven tapestry, this wonderful book has stood the test of time. It's deeply biblical, thought-provoking truths have touched hundreds of thousands of women just like me who want to understand friendships, be on guard for its perils, become prepared for its challenges, and be recipients of its blessings. There are small group questions at the close of each chapter -- it's the perfect study for bonding with your sisters in Christ. There is a corresponding Bible study for women who are willing to do extensive homework.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book as part of a women's group study. The book touches on the differences between the friendships of men and those of women, homosexuality, "best" friends, seasonal friends, greeting and parting scenes with friends, hurt in friendships, mean girls, vulnerability, loyalty, mentoring, and friendships in the bible of Mary & Elizabeth, Ruth & Naomi, and David & Jonathan. Each chapter includes study questions at the end, which you can use for your own journaling or as discussion questions in a book club/ women's group. The book is well written and flows nicely with the author not holding back on her personal experiences, hurts, and joys over her lifetime. If you are a Christian woman, and you have or would like to have friends, this book is worth reading. The Friendships of Women is also an excellent choice in a small group setting as it will give you lots to

talk about!

I started reading this book because chapter 4 (entitled "Relational Idolatry") was recommended to me. The chapter provided some much-needed conviction about my tendency to idolize people and relationships, which was more frequently expressed as me being too willing to be accommodating. Because Ch. 4 was so convicting, I bought the book to see what else Dee Brestin had to say. The benefit of buying this book now is that it's the 2nd edition, 20 years removed from the 1st edition. Brestin's maturity is clear throughout the content, and she has a very warm, engaging writing style without being wishy-washy about her convictions. My only objection was to the excessive touchy-feely-ness of some parts of the book, but most of what she had to say were things I needed to hear. I really enjoyed reading the book and shared it with family members and friends so I could have people to discuss it with. I read this book on my own, but it could easily be used as group study material as well (there are reflection questions at the end of each chapter). The men I know wouldn't find this book interesting, but I could think of several women I know who would benefit greatly from reading it.

Great words of wisdom, but some chapters were quite strange as they suggested "clingy" women are geared towards homosexuality. Not sure how that fit into the framework of the book..

Highly recommended. It is a challenge to your heart on how you behave with your friends. She gives biblical examples on how God wants our friendship to look like. If you want to know how to become a better friend this is the book for you..

I love Dee's updated version. I read the eariler edtion, but felt that the new one was more relevant & compassionate. I finished reading it, but plan to go back and continue to refer to it. It's a must read for any woman who wants to be a better friend!

This author shares insight into the kinds of friendships women have and why they may be of that sort. There are great illustrations and funny stories that give the reader great pleasure with understanding of the author's point of view. Actually, after reading this book, I would love it if Dee Brestin was chosen to be my friend!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I appreciated the relaxed style in which it was written. The personal

stories were a great benefit. It really has encouraged me to be more purposeful in developing relationships. I highly recommend the book.

This is an insightful book for us women to see biblical truth on friendship--why we need our girlfriends and what healthy friendships look like. I have given copies to several friends, and they all loved and learned from the book as well. Highly recommended.

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