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**“THESE SISTERS ARE SPIRITED AND FUN ...
THEIR STORIES ENTERTAIN.”**

—*Publisher’s Weekly*

Desperate to stay home with her baby, Allie Harrod launches a new career. Sure, she dropped out of Girl Scouts because she was lousy at cookie sales, but makeup is different, right? She’ll do anything to make enough money to cover her share of the household bills, but how can she focus on her business when her list of problems is growing? None of her pre-baby clothes fit, her checking account is dwindling, and her mother-in-law has decided to move in! To top it off, her husband’s attractive coworker suddenly needs his help every weekend. Middle sister Joan insists that God has the answers to all her problems, but Allie isn’t so sure. Can she really trust him?

A lighthearted contemporary tale of family, faith, and fun, *Age before Beauty* is the second book in the Sister-to-Sister series from well-reviewed author Virginia Smith (ISBN: 978-0-8007-3233-2, \$13.99, February 2009).



Virginia Smith is a freelance writer, a speaker, and the contemporary worship leader for Voice of Joy Ministries in central Kentucky. She is the author of *Just As I Am* and *Stuck in the Middle*, and her articles have appeared in a variety of Christian magazines. She is a member of the Christian Writers Fellowship International and the American Christian Fiction Writers and splits her time between Lexington, Kentucky, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Endorsements for *Age before Beauty*

“*Age before Beauty* is a fun and touching story of motherhood, marriage, and sisterhood that will plop you right in the middle of Allie Harrod’s hectic world. With each new misadventure you’ll be cheering her on. Another entertaining novel in the Sister-to-Sister series.”--Sharon K. Souza, author of *Lying on Sunday* and *Every Good & Perfect Gift*

“*Age before Beauty* will have you smiling and then maybe wiping away a tear as you share Allie and Eric's romantic ups and downs while they travel down the road of new parenthood. And then the dreaded mother-in-law shows up. Virginia Smith entertains and enlightens through down-home characters you can welcome into your heart like family.”--Ann H. Gabhart, author of *The Outsider*

“*Age before Beauty* is a wonderful tale of a woman dealing with her problems with a touch of humor.”--Margaret Daley, author of *Forsaken Canyon*, *Buried Secrets*, *The Power of Love/The Courage to Dream*, and *Family Ever After*

“Virginia Smith’s *Age before Beauty* is a fun slice of family life with charming characters and an ending that will keep you smiling long after the book is done.”--Annie Jones, author of *Barefoot Brides*

“*Age before Beauty* has just the right combination of real life mixed with humor. Virginia Smith address the modern mom’s struggle—choosing whether to stay home with our children or follow our chosen career path. When career and family combine, watch out!

“As a work-at-home mom, I connected immediately with Allie’s struggle. I laughed my way through her mix-ups and mess-ups while sympathizing with what she was feeling. There’s something in this story for every mom.”--Jill Hart, Christian Work at Home, Inc.

“You’ll laugh, you’ll cry . . . well, you’ll mostly laugh as you join the plight of Allie Harrod, a stressed-out wife, mom, and entrepreneur who’s doing way too much but failing to do anything well at all. *Age before Beauty* is a whimsical and touching story that will have you cheering for Allie as she slowly discovers what is most important for both herself and her family.”--Melanie Dobson, author of *Together for Good*, *Going for Broke*, and *The Black Cloister*

“Virginia Smith’s gentle, realistic portrayal of the conflicts new mom Allie Harrod faces, laced with her warm humor and infused with a reassuring message of God’s everlasting love, make *Age before Beauty* another can’t-put-it-down read in the Sister-to-Sister series. Allie is every woman’s sister, in any season of life.”--Marilyn Hilton, author of *The Christian Girl’s Guide to Your Mom*

“In *Age before Beauty*, Virginia Smith strikes a beautiful balance between humor and poignancy in her tale of one woman’s struggle to be all: wife, mother, sister, and daughter. And that’s before her testy mother-in-law moves in. Fortunately, Allie is about to discover that by making room for God, she doesn’t have to go it alone.”--Tamara Leigh, award-winning author of *Splitting Harriet* and *Faking Grace*

“*Age before Beauty* is an entertaining, diverting story for anyone who’s ever felt pinched between two generations or pummeled by their checkbook . . . which would mean just about all of us.”--Allie Pleiter, author of *Queen Esther and the Second Graders of Doom* and *Bluegrass Hero*