

Going for Broke

Author: Melanie Dobson

A Christian woman hides a dirty little secret... How could she have sunk so low—and lost so much?



COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (May 1, 2006)—Leia Carlisle can't tell anyone her secret. After a debilitating ski injury, she loses her job as an airline pilot and turns to gambling for its empowering adrenaline rush. But the more she gambles, the more Leia thrives on the rush of euphoric wins until the obsession consumes her. If she doesn't overcome this addiction, the game will destroy Leia's family, her faith—and her life.

“As I researched the gambling industry, I was shocked at the numbers of people caught in this addiction,” admits author **Melanie Dobson**. “I pray the story will be an eye-opener for people who read it as well as help the friends and families of gambling addicts understand how the person they love was trapped by a ‘game.’ While others have exposed the devastating statistics of gambling, **Going for Broke** demonstrates how this addiction can destroy a Christian woman and her family.”

Going For Broke is a novel that will educate and inspire its readers, demonstrating how a Christian woman can become trapped by gambling. A useful resource to help friends and family members of a problem gambler understand the addiction, it's the only CBA novel that describes the devastation of a gambling addiction.

“I was amazed at the insight Melanie Dobson had regarding this hidden addiction. Her sensitivity, yet witty portrayal of the main character captures the reality of what many female gamblers experience. Going for Broke is a must read for anyone who has a friend or family member with a gambling problem.”

—Eileen Fox, Gambling Counselor

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While working at Focus on the Family, **Melanie Dobson** became aware and concerned about the statistics of women in gambling. From her vantage point there she saw the devastation of destroyed lives and wanted her first fiction with Cook to reflect that, and hopefully help women with this struggle. Melanie is the owner of the publicity firm Dobson Media and is the author of several other titles including *Latte for One and Loving It!* (Cook 2000) and *Together for Good* (Spring 2006) She was also the feature writer for the Ford Motor Companies coffee table book titled *No Boundaries* (almost 100,000 copies in print).

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