

*The Sowing Season* by Katie Powner

Living in a small town surrounded by farms, we can vividly imagine the situations of the main characters of this book. Gerrit Laninga is 63 and has just had to sell the family farm, unable to work any harder and also unable to make the farm a success. This unwanted early retirement leaves him at a loss and deeply bitter, feeling he is a total failure. His neighbor is Rae Walters, a fifteen-year-old only child who has succeeded at every challenge in her young life, but still feels she can never please her parents, especially her father. Now she has a shameful secret: she is completely petrified to try to learn to drive. How can she fail at what every sixteen-year-old dreams of doing? Their stories intertwine in surprising and entertaining ways. A work of Christian fiction, but not “the usual.”