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Teens across the nation have made this series from Robin Jones Gunn a bestseller! Readers can find out for themselves why the series is so popular as they, too, become friends with Christy Miller. She becomes the perfect role model for today's teens by making a commitment to Christ in the first book and then growing in her walk with the Lord in the next eleven books. Throughout the series, Christy learns about friendships, dating, becoming responsible, waiting on God, being faithful, and God's rewards for obedience.

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Abi says

Okay... I just finished this book, and my heart is racing and I feel such joy. You know that feeling?

The beginning of this book isn't too interesting, with Katie, Doug, Tracy, and Christy touring England.

The middle is a mix of interesting and dull moments.

BUT.... THE ENDING?!?! IT WAS AMAZING!! So, so, romantic. Loved it!

Claire Davis says

In this book She goes to Europe. When life takes a turn, will she ever stop thinking about Tood or will she get over him and move on with her life.... I LOVE THOSE SERIES AND NEVER WANTED TO STOP READING THEM!!!

Kara says

Over all I liked this series. I really liked this one in particular because they went to England for the most part. I am not only a sucker for teen books but if it takes place in England or Europe well, I want to read it even more. I really like seeing Christy grow through the circumstances she faced. And I really could relate to the guys she dated in the previous books like Rick I dated a guy like Rick the ironic thing is his name was Todd. But I really didn't date till I was in my 20s I wish I had read these when I was a teen, It would have been interesting to see if they would have prepared me in the future. But we can't go back we are who we are in what God took us through.

Well I guess that's it of this part of the series. I know there is more books about Todd and Christy I will probably wait to read them another time.

Daliana says

I absolutely loved this book, I am a huge fan of the relationship Christy and Todd have. I was very much surprised at the end. I love the author (Robin Jones Gunn) I have read every single book of this series. This was the last book and it was a very good book. I wish the author had included more of Todd, I understand the surprise at the end, but I wish we saw more of him! I love how God is always in Christy's life no matter what! I definitely recommend this book to anyone if you want a good teen christian novel!!

Laura says

Ah! The final installment in the Christy Miller Series (not to worry die-hard fans, you can still read about Christy's comings and goings in the Sierra Jensen Series.) I was very interested to see how Robin Jones Gunn would wrap up the series. I was surprised, but still happy with how things turned out. It wasn't the super-happy everything is going to be alright ending, but it didn't leave you wondering what would happen next. I enjoyed reading this "light" series and immediately started on the Sierra Jensen series.

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2008...>

Carmen says

There are questions at the end of the review that I need your help with, dear reader.

The grand finale of the Christy Miller series. It was not grand. o.O

It wasn't good, plot-wise. It's disjointed, there are just a bunch of little plots smashed together, and it focuses a lot on "Musical Boyfriends" and "girls who are friends get in a fight" drama. No me gusta.

Christy, her new boyfriend Doug, Katie, and Tracy are going on a mission trip to London. There's tons and tons of "Ooh, this is British" in the book. I just ignored it.

Then there's a lame plot of Katie and Tracy kind-of-fighting for no reason. Boring.

Then there's the fact that Christy's with Doug even though she still loves Todd, and Doug and Tracy are secretly in love with each other. What's that? A love octagon, or something?

At the end, (view spoiler)

HERE ARE THE BAD PARTS.

1.) Doug is the type of guy who can't tell his friends from his girlfriend. He's made a vow never to kiss until his wedding day, and he treats Christy exactly as he treats his friends. What makes him Boyfriend? Darned if I know. People in the book are always shocked they're a couple, because Christy is indistinguishable from his other friends. Also, I feel he talks down to Christy, the little woman that he has to guide and shape. It annoys Christy, and it annoys me.

2.) Apologizing. This book was full of people apologizing for no reason. Katie apologizes basically for existing. I like Katie and I'm sad that everyone makes her feel so ashamed just because she's a loud, enthusiastic person. THEN, Doug turns to Christy in church one day and says, "I haven't been honoring you properly." Christy's baffled, I'm baffled. I mean, the guy refuses to even kiss her (at least Todd kissed her). What could he possibly do to dishonor her? Later we find out he's been feeling love feelings for Tracy, but of course not acting on them in any way, not even talking about them. I feel like these people are creating problems for themselves because they need some excitement in their lives, or something.

3.) Doug says to Christy: *""When something is unattainable, sometimes that makes a guy want it so much that he thinks he can't rest until he conquers it."* He's talking about HER. Oh, great. She's an object now? An

'it?' Something he wants to "conquer" but once he has "it" he realizes he doesn't want "it" and wants Tracy instead? What a bunch of crap.

4.) *"Kneel," she suddenly said, turning toward Doug and startling him. "Kneel!"*

He slowly obliged, giving her a confused look as he went down beside her on one knee. If this were ANY OTHER novel I would be excited about this sudden development. Christy has not only grown a spine, but she wants to take over earth and is ordering people to kneel before her? And they obey?!?!? However, I know Christy too well by this point to think anything fun will happen. o.O Christy knights Doug as Sir Honesty and sends him off to find Tracy. I'M NOT JOKING SHE REALLY DOES.

5.) All this "men have to be the initiators, women have to be the responders" garbage. Do you know why Doug and Tracy broke up? Because she wrote him a poem. It's a sweet little poem, not weird or anything. But apparently it's TOO BOLD and TOO FORWARD to write your boyfriend (who refuses to even kiss you, by the way) a poem. What a slutty thing to do. That little hussy. Only evil, non-Christian girls would DARE right poetry to a man! *rolls eyes What the f*** is this s***? Do people actually, somewhere in the world, buy into this crap!?!? It boggles the mind. My mind is boggled. Of course, he breaks up with her right away, and sets his sights on Christy, the unattainable "thing" that he wants to "conquer." Blergh!

6.) Christy's dad saying to her: *"Christina, I know you'll be wearing white on that day (your wedding day). I'll never be able to tell you how proud I am of you."*

Do you know what I hear when he says that? *"You are valuable because you are untouched. If you have sex or do sexual stuff with a boy, you are dirty, damaged, and not worth my love."*

Way to go, Dad. Great message there.

QUESTIONS:

I need some help with these questions! If you know/have a theory about the answer, please chime in. NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOOK IS NECESSARY.

1.) Merja - Finnish girl's name. How do you pronounce this? A minor character in the book, it annoyed me that I didn't know how to say this in my head.

2.) Katie keeps saying over and over in these books: "God is weird, and we are tweaked." For the life of me I can't figure out if "tweaked" is a polite way to say screwed/f*cked or if she means that humans are bent in some way? But what would that have to do with God being weird? I'm just so confused. Has anyone heard this phrase before? Any idea of what she's trying to convey here? It's used repeatedly and never explained.

Francis says

Best last book ever and I totally didn't expect Todd showing up like that, I knew he'd show up but not that way. I love this series I've learned so much through out reading it. I love Robin's writing so much and the messages about God she has in her books are amazing and very true :)

Alexa says

Brilliant ending to the Christy Miller series! I feel like I've learned so much while traveling with her. I

absolutely love these books! Can't tell you what happens at the end because of spoilers, but if you are a fan you will love it! Again, I recommend these books for all Christian girls. SO good, and you learn so much!

Gabby says

This series is the best series for young teens!! I love it! This was at first not one of my favorites, but by the end it definitely is!

Cheyenne says

Loved this book!!! What a satisfying story throughout, and an ending that made me tear up. Onto the next one! :)

Marcia says

I liked the bits about London but I really don't like this character at all. She seems way too wishy-washy and insipid for my liking and I'm really glad this is the last of the books I had!

That sounds terrible but it's true.

Tashawna says

It was really good to finally get my hands on the final book of the Christy Miller series! This one was really good- perhaps one of the best book of the series! Maybe it's because Christy is more mature, and because they're on a missions trip to Europe. ;) The end was wonderful as well! I need to get a hold of the College Years books now!

Meredith says

This is the final book in the first part of the series and I have to say it was my favorite. The older Christy got the better the books were in my opinion. Maybe because of my age, I know I'm above the intended audience. This one threw me off at first because of the jump in time at the beginning. I wish there had been one in between. I have to say the last three books were my favorite and this one was great. Excited to read the next series!

Brandi says

Just WOW! The last two chapters really got me! The fact that Christy trusted God on this trip & that God

was bringing her and Todd back together was great! Plus the trees "clapping" when the two meet up again, just like the trees "clapped" when her dad told her how proud he was of her almost made me cry! Just WOW!

Graceh says

A Promise is Forever by Robin Jones Gunn is a Christian based book. Her books are about the life of Christy Miller and her love life, love for God, her friends, and family. This book is about 19 year old Christy Miller going to Europe with her three closest friends, Katie, Tracy, and Doug. They are going on a three week mission trip to teach others about the Lord. The three of them start out with exploring the streets of London to get a feel for what life is like there. Christy is in a relationship with Doug, her ex-boyfriend Todd's best friend, and she can't wait to get in a deeper relationship with him until she finds out he has a heart for Tracy. Later in the book Christy is changed to a new group and has to leave her friends, she is nervous for this move, but it's totally a "God-thing" as Katie would say because she runs into Todd and the romance starts all over again!! Two things I enjoyed very much about this book is when Christy got to go teach others about the Lord! The second thing I loved about this story is when she saw Todd again, I didn't see it coming and not only did it make her happy it also made be fill with excitement. One thing I disliked about this book was that when she saw Todd again I wish that the story line kept going, and not just stop right there. Readers that would like this book are Christian readers or people who need God in their lives. It gives amazing messages that would help people get through things that they are struggling with. I am really enjoying and loving this book series, I think Robin Jones Gunn is such a gifted writer.
