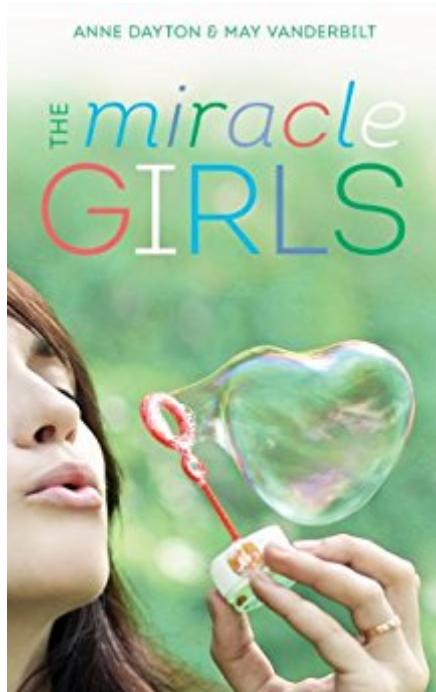


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# Miracle Girls: A Novel



## **Synopsis**

Fans of Melody Carlson, Rachel Hauck, Robin Jones Gunn, and Jenny B. Jones will surely love The Miracle Girls! A new town. A new school. Middle of nowhere. Ana Dominguezâ™ life couldnâ™t get worse. Then, she meets themâ™ Riley, Zoe, and Christine. Just like Ana, each girl is haunted by a secret, a moment that changed her life forever. Ana was born with a heart defect and never should have made it. Zoe saw her life flash before her eyes as she was dragged behind a horse. Christine walked away without a scratch from the car accident that killed her mother. Riley was pulled under by a wave but washed ashore unharmed. Each survived something that should have killed her. Each is a real life miracle. And Ana knows that God saved them for a reason. As Ana navigates the ups and down of freshman year, these four strangers are brought together in ways they never expected, and as they try to understand what it is God wants for them, they slowly discover that maybe what they needed all along was each other. A heartwarming story of faith, friendship, and following your heart, The Miracle Girls is a young adult novel that reminds us that miracles are all around us. The Miracle Girls is a four-book young adult fiction series. The novels focus around four very different girls, each living out her faith in the modern world.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the year Ana turns 15, in a new and unfamiliar town, her freshman year in high school, a whole class of people she doesn't know and a full load of growing up insecurities. Her mom is pointing her at becoming the school valedictorian and triumphantly sweeping on to Princeton, and, this year, planning Ana's world premier at her quinceanera party. Her papa is engrossed in reestablishing his law practice after the move, and Ana hears bits and pieces of worried conversation between her parents at night. The family's long-time cook, Maria, provides Ana with the guidance and perspective she needs to understand her parents and the assurance of love that makes all this change bearable. Ana's world is transforming around her; can she find her place in it? Soon Ana is thrown into a little group of girls who discover they have something pretty amazing in common: at one point in each of their lives, they have miraculously survived a catastrophe. As Zoe, red-headed daughter of two back-to-the-land flower children, puts it, "You guys, do you realize that all of us are, like, freaks of nature?" And they set off, together, on a journey toward adulthood. Not much that happens is of life-changing consequence in this novel, except to Ana, of course. But that is kind of the point. Anne Dayton and May Vanderbilt have given us a close, realistic and funny picture of the dramatic, life-changing transformation that is the core of everyone's "growing up". The year Ana "becomes a woman", as her Mexican tradition puts it, is a delightful read that will probably bring back memories of our own transformations, the hopes and fears and agonies and insecurity that accompany the miracle of finding out who we are and who we are becoming. I was looking for a book that would inspire Middle-Schoolers and introduce them to reading for enjoyment, and I'm certainly glad I found this one. Its one that might even serve as a bridge between parents and their own daughters when they're making their own slightly unsteady way into adulthood.

This book actually annoyed me in the start because of its Jesus-related stuffs. Don't get me wrong, I do respect others' religions, it's just that I'm not a religious person. So anyway, aside from that, this book is actually really great. The dramas, especially between Ana and her parents (Oh my God, her parents) and that of hers and her own feelings. It basically centers around these girls who realised that they actually are similar in a way that they're supposed to be dead, but by some miracle, they survived. Hence, it draws them closer. I actually envy people who has a close knit of friends that they could actually rely on. Anyway, yeah. Trust me, I was so pissed with Ana's parents at the start, the way they were so controlling, making me want to strangle them at times, HAHA. But yeah. And the fact that this book was written by two different authors, which always amazes me, because it's like two people combining their opinions and thoughts into this book. And yeah, HAHA this book is

awesome, and some parts of it actually made me cry. :')

While this book is probably meant for teens and I am waaay past my teens (my grandkids are all older than Ana), I really enjoyed this book. The angst of the teen years, wanting to fit in, being the new kid in school and hoping to find friends, are so believable in this book. And adding God to that mixture is an excellent ingredient. I really recommend this book.

Thank you for writing a book that my Freshman daughter can read and I don't have to worry about as the parent. I would highly recommend this book to Jr. high/high school age girls. It is clean and gives real life situations with real life consequences all with the underlying Christian theme. I even enjoyed it as an adult.

While it is true that this is a young adult novel, I think the story of friendships between the girls, Maria and Ana, and even the relationships with the parents are all important parts of the story and relatable by readers of all ages.

Probably written for teenagers or young adults, but has interest for older readers. Written from the perspective of Ana, an almost-fifteen year old high school freshman who has just moved to a small town, the story details her difficulties in fitting in and making friends, her struggles with demanding and strict parents, and with unrequited love. Coincidentally, she learns that three of her classmates have each had an episode in her life that could have been fatal, as did she. The four girls developed a friendship and called themselves "The Miracle Girls".

Every teenage girl will enjoy and relate to this book. I've read it quite a few times and loved it despite the cheesy title... lol. a feel-good book :)

What a sweet read. This book shows the many facets of young girls and their reactions to life, including their reactions to their parents. It shows the angst they go through as they mature and face life and its challenges. Well written with a Christian emphasis and how they interact and find their way through the intricate friendships in their lives.

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