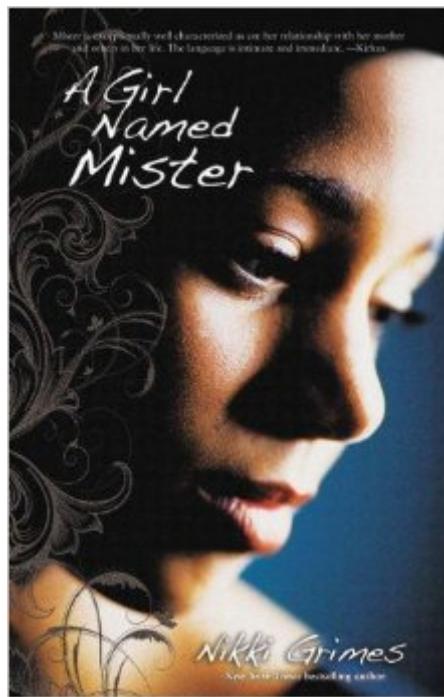


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A Girl Named Mister



Synopsis

Mary Rudine, called Mister by almost everyone, has attended church and sung in the choir for as long as she can remember. But then she meets Trey. His long lashes and smooth words make her question what she knows is right, and one mistake leaves her hiding a growing secret. Mary is excited about her upcoming wedding, and has done everything according to Jewish law. So when an angel appears one night and tells her "a virgin" she'll give birth, Mary can't help but feel confused, and soon finds herself struggling with the greatest blessing the world will ever know. Feeling abandoned, Mister is drawn to Mary's story, and together both young women discover the depth of God's love and the mysteries of his divine plan.

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If you've ever made a mistake in your life, completed some task that would make your parents cringe, you'll appreciate this book. Yes, it's written from a Christian point of view, but it's not overly done. What I feel in M.R. is a young lady that is loved but wants, like all teenagers, more of everything. She doubts all beliefs that didn't originate from her young brain-just like many teenagers. This book made me think back to my younger years: the good, the bad and the oh sooo ugly...I loved the writing style. I loved this book in its totality. Buy this book and give it to your mom for Christmas, your teenage daughter just because, the mom of a teenage daughterOn so many levels, this book is needed in many households.

Formatted like a poetic diary, this book follows two Marys in very different times, but with one very similar situation. Mary Rudine, nicknamed Mister, is a sophomore in high school hoping to earn a

volleyball scholarship to college. She's active in her church choir and youth group; she can't remember a time without church! Then Trey comes into the picture. His smooth words and long lashes soon make her question what she knows is right. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, she inches toward one big mistake that leaves her with lasting consequences. It is about that time that her mother gives her a book of poetry. Feeling abandoned and alone, Mister gets lost in the story of another Mary. This Mary has done everything according to Jewish law and eagerly awaits her coming wedding to Joseph, but an angel's visit leaves her confused and struggling with the consequences of the angel's prophecy. She, a virgin, will give birth? Together both Marys discover the depth of God's love while facing the mysteries of His plans.

WHAT I LIKE: Because it is written in first person, this book feels very intimate, like as a reader you've jumped into Mister's skin. The author did a tremendous job of character development, which is crucial when dealing with a hot topic like teen pregnancy. Raw and realistic, the book shows how easily people can be drawn away from their convictions. Even Christians can slip into dangerous patterns that lead to sin and enormous consequences that upset her entire world. Even without the pregnancy, Mister's choices alienated her from her friends, her church and her family. The book shows the true struggle that comes with teen pregnancy, the difficulty in making life-altering decisions at such a young age. I really like the parallel between Mary (Jesus' mother) and Mister. The link there was quite beautiful. A great emphasis is on the character of God and the abundance of His love and grace. I've never before read a novel written entirely in poetry. At first, I didn't think I would like it; I was sure the format would drive me crazy. But it didn't! Once I got started, I couldn't put it down.

WHAT I DISLIKE: There are two instances of cursing. While I agree these words add grit and authenticity to the characters, I would have preferred their absence. Also, some parts of the text are extremely sensual in nature. As an adult, I didn't have a problem with them, but I did question at what age I would allow my daughter to read this. Portions may be too explicit for immature readers.

OVERALL RATING: Very Good. Parents should take specific note of this book's content and evaluate their child's readiness for it. Obviously, the book specifically tackles sex before marriage and teen pregnancy. Some of the text is sensual in nature, perhaps more than some parents will appreciate. The book also talks about adoption, abortion, stoning, and includes two instances of cursing.

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http://www..com/gp/product/B003YFJ720/ref=cm_cr_rev_prod_img This is one of the most beautiful poems I ever read, and I have a Ph.D. in English. Combining the thoughts of the pregnant fifteen-year-old with the poem she is reading about Mary being pregnant with Jesus, looking at her

as her neighbors might have seen her, pregnant before marriage, obviously too far along for how long she has been married, while Mister, unmarried while the guy who impregnated her tries it on with other girls, lives with the same stares and whispers today, is a magnificent juxtaposition that works perfectly. If the rest of the book this came from is this good, it certainly ought to win some major awards. In the meantime, I suggest that ALL young women old enough to become pregnant read it. Yes, it's partly a matter of age as one critic suggested, but the fact is that if a girl is old enough to become pregnant, she might. If she reads this book, she might be a little less likely to make the bad decision Mister made, and might manage to spot the selfish male a little sooner.

Mary Rudine nick named as Mister, is a young Christian girl, and is determined to save her special gift till marriage. She wears a purity ring to symbolize her vow with God. Try becomes her boyfriend and swipes her off her feet and her vow is broken. Pregnant and abandoned by Try, Mister feels she has become seperated from God despite the support of her family and church. She turns to a book about Mary the mother of Jesus and finds support and comfort in the story. The story of "A Girl Named Mister" is told in lyrical free verse. It is focused on the group of girls in grades 8 through 12.

My book club read this book a few months ago. We all found this story to be wonderfully written and heartfelt. A few of our members could totally relate to Mister's dilemma and the choices she made. I loved how the story of Mary & Joseph was intertwined with Mister's story. I think any parent who needs to have the "Birds & The Bees" discussion with their children should have them read this book first then have "The Talk"

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