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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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Savannah says

I really liked this one! Although Katie and Fred annoyed me to no end, I enjoyed the rest of the characters very much. The ending made me tear up, not gonna lie. Great read! One of my favorite books in the Christy Miller series. Onto the next one!

Zachariah Kenney says

I liked it. Todd seems more dynamic in this one.

I discuss it more on my blog:

<https://seminary2016.wordpress.com/20...>

Laura says

Christy Miller has such a way of going through life that you can't help but want to come along for the ride and to see what will happen next. While I don't think these books are the most excellent books I've ever read, I still enjoy seeing what Christy and her friends are up too, and I am always wanting to know how things will work out with the ever elusive Todd.

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

Rosalee Land says

good book

Danae says

This was a quick read. I still enjoy these books, even though they are aimed at a younger audience. Todd quoted C.S. Lewis, so, of course, i'm a big fan of his right now. Haha. I like the development in the relationship between Todd and Christy. I think this is a good series for teen girls, although, sometimes, the books can be cheesy. Haha.

Claire says

This is my third time reading this book, and it was great. Nice and lighthearted, a book to cherish!

Jessica Reidt says

There's a time for everything

Emily says

A good book of course.

Amanda J says

Read this christian books series as a tween. High school drama with an emphasis on the characters' relationship with Christ.

Ashley Townsend says

This is one of my favorites in the series. Christy was a much better person in this book, so that's probably why I like it so much.

Abi says

This is the first book where Todd and Christy are officially dating.

When I finished this book, I found myself feeling unsatisfied, not how I usually do after finishing a "Christy Miller" book. The book starts wonderfully, with "awesome" (as Doug would say) stories that kept me turning the pages.

AUNT MARTI. O MY GOODNESS, SHE WAS SO FUNNY! The way she reacted to a certain situation in the story left me wanting to burst out laughing. She definently adds to the story!

KATIE. I am very disappointed with the way they portray Katie in this story. In the middle of the story, I was thinking, "where is the Katie I know and love?!?!?" Katie "falls in love" with the new kid at school who is not a Christian. Christy desperately tries to get Katie to understand it isn't right to date him, but Katie won't listen. She starts to talk and act like her new boyfriend, and Christy and Katie's relationship is shattered.

DAVID (Christy's brother). David is one of my favorite characters, but sadly he only mildly comes into the story twice. I was hoping to see him drive Christy crazy, ya know??

FRED (the new guy in the story). I LOVE THIS CHARACTER!! At first he seemed weird and annoying, but he actually has some depth to him, after what happened to him in his past. I'd like to see Katie end up

with Fred. Can't wait to see where the next book takes him!

TODD. No words necessary.

Jerry says

See my review of the entire series at:
<http://rwlreviews.blogspot.com/2013/0...>

Diana says

I've read this book SO MANY TIMES. One of my favorites in the series.

Carmen says

After two years of non-dating and nine books, Christy and Todd are finally Boyfriend/Girlfriend. I'm very happy for her! She even gets to hold hands with Todd. :) Yay! They don't kiss at all in this book.

However, now that Todd and Christy are together, Christy has really begun to annoy me. (Todd already annoyed me, so that's not new.)

Christy's best friend is named Katie. She's a cute little redhead. But she's sad because she's never had a boyfriend (she's 17). Christy tries to push her into a relationship with Doug, their mutual friend. But it just isn't working out - Doug doesn't seem to be interested in Katie.

Then, one day, when Katie and Christy go to eat lunch under "their tree," there's a cute Irish boy sitting there. His name is Michael and Katie hits it off with him right away. They start dating and become Boyfriend/Girlfriend.

Instead of being happy for her friend, Christy becomes a preachy worrywart. She's very upset because Michael's not a Christian (I mean, he believes in God - but he's not born-again and born-again is the only Christianity that counts in these books). Every chance she gets, Christy judges Katie's relationship with Michael and tries to get Katie to end it. Needless to say Katie is very annoyed and it causes a rift in her friendship with Christy.

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The other parts of the book mainly deal with Todd lecturing Christy. He loves to do this. After all, he's been Christian longer than she has, AND he's a man. And it's a man's duty to teach a woman what is right and wrong and guide her in the ways of the Lord. *rolls eyes This annoys me to no end. I would dump Todd's butt so fast he wouldn't know what hit him. But Christy, being raised as a good submissive born-again girl, listens attentively to Todd's many lectures. The one time she actually gets pissed at him, she regrets it immediately and falls all over herself apologizing. Sickening.

Also, Todd is not what I consider a good boyfriend.

- 1.) He doesn't give Christy much physical affection (she's scared to even reach for his hand),
- 2.) He always knows better than her (or thinks he does) in every situation,
- 3.) He's super-obsessed with God to the point where Christy wonders why they're even dating,
- 4.) and he often spends "dates" with her brother - taking him skateboarding, wrestling with him, buying him ice cream. Or he does chores with her dad. Christy's supposed to think that it's great he gets along so well with her family, but secretly she's super-annoyed, and so am I.

The times Todd is a good boyfriend:

- 1.) he doesn't believe Rick (Christy's ex) when Rick claims Christy was "easy" and did sexual stuff with him.
- 2.) He also encourages Christy to let go of her (justified) anger and hurt feelings regarding Rick, that lying scumbag. Todd's right about this, I think she should let it go.

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Here's the passage that made me the most angry:

Todd says:

"There's something I want to tell you, Christy. I hope you'll take this the right way. One of the things I really appreciate about you is that you don't come on to me. Do you know what I mean?"

"I'm not sure." Christy's eyes still locked on to his.

"You let me make the first moves, and that really helps."

Christy nodded, not exactly sure what he was saying, but agreeing that she did let him make the first moves.

"Girls have no idea what they do to a guy when they come on to him. Not only by touching him but also by what they wear. I love the way you dress. You always look good. Really good. Yet you don't try to show off or, you know, tease a guy."

Christy felt like she was getting an education into the way guys think, and although she had heard some of this before, hearing it from Todd made it real and personal.

"I want you to know," Todd continued, "that you've been helping me be the initiator and by having so much...DIGNITY is the only word I can think of. You treat yourself like a gift. A treasure. And that comes across. It makes you absolutely beautiful, Christy. You have no idea."

Excuse me while Iretch.

Okay, I'm back. **MESSAGE: Even though men are stronger spiritually than women and the leaders, they are so weak that they can't control themselves when a female wears a midriff-bearing top. Cover up, ladies, or you're tempting men into sin. And they just can't help themselves, okay? It's all on you. You're to blame if a guy touches you without permission or rapes you. What do you expect? Also, since men are in charge, it's offensive to be sexually aggressive. Enjoying touching your boyfriend or kissing him means you are a slut. Good girls don't like sex and only tolerate what boys "do to them."**

Blergh.

I think a couple has to figure out what makes them comfortable. If Christy was saying, "I'm a little shy around you and I like you to be the one who initiates kissing," I would be fine with this. Either Todd would say, "Okay, I can do that," or he would say, "Sometimes I need to feel wanted, so if you ever get the urge to kiss me, just go for it!" Also through dating and getting to know each other, two people natural work out each other's likes and dislikes.

However, after that little gem of a speech, I think it's clear to you now why Christy's afraid to even reach out for Todd's hand. He reprimands her for it, or any kind of advance on her part.

My problem in a nutshell is: Christy isn't deciding she doesn't want to initiate, Todd is making this decision FOR her. And when she hints in the books that she might like a little extra something something, he says, basically, "Oh, you're not like OTHER girls. I love how innocent you are. I love how modest you are." Blah, blah, blah, until she's cowed into being meek again. Manipulative bastard.

It's so easy to convince a teenage girl that what she's feeling or desiring is wrong or sinful and I can't forgive this book for crushing a young woman's innocence and desire for a little affection from her boyfriend, whom she's in love with and has been "non-dating" for two whole years. I'm not talking about SEX here, people, just a bit of cuddling and perhaps even *gasp* some kissing.

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There's minor subplot about this yearbook guy named Fred chasing Christy around. He's nerdy and ugly (at least Christy thinks so) and he's got a crush on her. I'm angry and Christy because she decides she isn't pissed at the guy for his clingy, too-close-for-comfort-stalkerish attitude - no. Instead she decides his problem is that he isn't attractive enough - and promptly gives him a make-over. I'm angry with her (not for rejecting the guy, I think he's unhinged) but for making her whole distaste for him revolve around his looks and not the fact that, oh I don't know, he's creepy!!! A creep in nicer clothes with a better haircut is still a creep, Christy. ALSO: even super-hot attractive guys can be creepers, no lie. I HATE this YA/NA trend of making some disgusting a**hole be "boyfriend material" just because he has six-pack abs, or something. Um, no. That's not how it works.

TL; dr - Skip this book, it's annoying.

Cristina Guarino says

For YEARS I could not remember the name of this book; I only remembered that there was a book series I read as a kid that I liked, and it involved a group of friends on a beach somewhere and a boy who wanted to save his first kiss for marriage. As a young girl in a Catholic school who was still figuring out relationships, religion, and my own values, this was appealing at the time. As an adult who has decided that religion and "saving" oneself for marriage isn't for me, I'd probably have a very different opinion now. But I'm giving it 4 stars because I remember really enjoying it at the time, and it must have been special in some way for me to have searched for it all these years. Thankfully, after crowd sourcing in my book club, I finally found it. Yay!
