

Jewel Of The Adriatic Book Reviews

(14 customer reviews)

“Great Descriptions!

Colin O'Reilly's aging aunt talks him into accompanying her to Valselo on her annual pilgrimage. She thinks it will be good for him to take a break from his high-powered career as a soap opera doctor and she thinks he needs to escape the equally high-powered publicity of his divorce from his ex-wife. Colin agrees and hopes for a break but what he doesn't expect is to encounter the beautiful Croatian woman, Maya...and healing. This lovely story unfolds softly and peacefully. There's an atmosphere of beauty and peace that captures your emotions and keeps you turning the pages. K.M. Daughters has a flair for great descriptions and you won't want to miss a minute of it.”

Reviewed by Tanya Stowe (California)
February 22, 2011

“A very unique plot!

Are you looking for a unique story? Then you've found the right book. I was amazed and intrigued at the premise of the story (which you can find above).

I am not of Catholic faith, but the way this story is written, I never felt left out nor at a loss for understanding. I loved how the authors of this inspirational novel not only showed us a growing love between a man and a woman, but also the love that Christ has for each one of us.

The characters are well developed and the story flowed easy from page to page. By the time I finished the book, I felt like I knew both Colin and Maya. I'm off to start the next book in this series.”

Reviewed by Joann Carter "love2read" (Vermont USA)
October 5, 2010

“A Beautifully Written Story of Faith!

K.M. Daughters has written a unique story of love, faith, and redemption. The story is beautifully told, and quite thought-provoking. I enjoyed the perspective and really got into the characters. I didn't want to see it end, and neither will you.

Don't miss the sequel...Rose of the Adriatic.”

Reviewed by Mary Manners
September 20, 2010

“Compelling and Unique!

I would not usually pick up a story with a Catholic point of view, even though I was raised in the Catholic faith. But this story is a unique read that makes one think while enjoying a compelling, romantic tale.”

Reviewed by R. Bayne "romance author"
May 30, 2010

“A pilgrimage to love.....

On a pilgrimage because of his dying mother's wish, Colin is unbelieving in God and the miracles proclaimed at this shrine to Mary, the Mother of God. Used to being the star in a popular TV show, he is unknown in this small village. When he meets Maya, he sees she is transformed by something he simply doesn't believe in. How can a high-powered fashion designer be humbled by something no one else sees? Yet through his visit, God begins to work, and Colin slowly comes to find peace with the Father...and love for Maya.

Reviewed by Sandy
May 17, 2010

“Exploring the God of the Impossible!

First, a disclaimer: I'm a life-long, practicing Catholic. In fact, my sister-in-law went on a pilgrimage to Yugoslavia years ago, to sites of Marian apparitions very similar to those described in this book; therefore, reading Jewel of the Adriatic was of particular interest for me. That being said, I must give K.M. Daughters outstanding praise for the seamless way they integrated the elements of mystery and true faith along with the traditional of a beautifully spun romance. Faith-filled, uplifting, mysterious and compelling are all words I'd use to describe this book. Very highly recommended, and please enjoy!! Kudos, KM - outstanding job!"

Reviewed by Marianne T. Evans "Marmo" (Suburban Detroit, Michigan, USA)
May 11, 2010

"Miracles, Apparitions & Prophecy!

What a lovely story of faith as seen through the eyes of a Catholic. Many people disregard evidence of apparitions and mock Catholics for their devotion to Mary - it is beautiful to see both a book and a publisher that allows for this unique and glorious sign of faith and revelation to the faithful!"

Reviewed by Pamela S Thibodeaux Author of 'The Inheritance' (Iowa, LA)
May 7, 2010

"A Lovely Story!!!

K.M. Daughters has written a lovely story of faith lost and regained, of love created and blessed by this faith.

When Colin agrees to accompany his elderly aunt on her annual pilgrimage in place of his mother, who recently died, he does it strictly out of love for her, refusing to allow a crack in his armor against religion.

Maya dearly loved Maggie O'Reilly and is overjoyed to see her son taking his mother's place on the journey. She finds, however, that he is holding his feelings close, being deliberately disagreeable and not nearly as faithful as he should be. Maya, in her quiet, loving way, begins to chip away at his amour, with or without the benefit of his knowledge.

I so identified with this narrative right from the beginning, having once lost my own faith. The story is credible and well written. Colin O'Reilly is a wonderful hero who makes you sit up and take notice. Not an overly-macho, muscle-bound alpha, but a quiet, thoughtful man, a mental alpha, deep in his soul.”

Reviewed by The Long and Short of it Reviews-Inspire Author
May 7, 2010

“With God, all things are possible!

Daytime TV star Colin O'Reilly is angry. He's angry his job makes women think he's shallow, angry his ex-wife left him...and angry at God, for allowing his mother to die. But something calls him to a tiny village in Bosnia-Herzegovina where Mary, The Mother Of God is said to have appeared.

Maya Lidivic is one of the children in her small village who was visited by the Blessed Mother. Her life is dedicated to spreading the word of peace through the power of God. Now a high-powered fashion designer in New York, she makes an annual pilgrimage every summer to her home to bring the faithful up a mountain to experience the glory of Mary.

Colin isn't sure he believes in God anymore. Maya is certain that God will bring her the love of her life. Can two people with such diametrically opposed views be brought together? With God, all things are possible...”

Reviewed by Merry Stahel
May 6, 2010

“You do not want to miss the sequel to this book Rose of Adriatic!

Jewel Of The Adriatic is an inspiring story of a healing. This is also a love story. K.M. Daughters successful describes a relationship built on faith. Jewel Of The Adriatic is beautifully written. The characters are endearing. Jewel Of The Adriatic is truly an inspiring read.”

Reviewed by Readers Favorite "Readers Favorite" (Hawesville, KY USA)
August 24, 2009

“Jewel of the Adriatic.....

I really liked this book. It was a quick read that took me on a wonderful journey to such a peace filled place. I recommend the pictures on the website to bring the whole vision together.”

Reviewed by JM (Orland Park, IL)
September 13, 2008

“AMAZING READ!

I have been blessed to have this book enter my world. It was a recommendation from a family member, and let me tell you, I am recommending this book to ALL! It is truly and inspirational novel evolving God, Mary and her Son, and love. This book is not only for those who have faith, but for those who are seeking faith. Knowing personally that there are miracles in Fatima (and have read other miracles all over the world), I felt that this book did an amazing job on blending both true documented stories with fiction. This book inspires you to reach out for faith, something the main character Colin so needed and gained. And what is better then to feel loved, and to find love?

I would love to recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys romance novels, faith, and/or inspiration. This book is a smooth read, which really does not allow you to put it down. The authors use of description allows you to enter into an amazing warm world filled with love and adventure. I am praying that K.M. Daughters follows up with a sequel to this book!”

Reviewed by Emilie Procsal (Illinois)
September 9, 2008

“Faith filled and fun!

I truly enjoyed my experience of reading Jewel of the Adriatic by K.M. Daughters. Let me say, up front, that the book contains the fictitious account of a Marian appearance. The authors are careful to point out that while their novel is based upon and inspired by

their travels to the sites of approved Marian apparitions, the book is indeed a work of fiction.

That being said, this is a story of faith, of healing and of growing love - both for another person and in one's own relationship with God. The main characters must each overcome trials from previous broken relationships and hurts to truly learn to love themselves and one another.

The story is light, fun and quick paced, which enables the reader to become quickly engrossed in the story to the point that I read the book in two sittings and was left wanting more of this story and of these characters.

I sincerely hope that K.M. Daughters will follow up with either a sequel or with another work of faith inspired fiction.

Thank you for a lovely reading experience!"

Reviewed by Lisa M. Hendey "Lisa, CatholicMom.com Webmaster" (Fresno, CA United States)
September 4, 2008

"Amazing first novel!

This book is a page turner from the start! I found myself entranced by the story line. The descriptions of the town and the people made me want to go on a pilgrimage as well to the town of Valselo. I found myself rooting for the main characters of Colin and Maya as well as wanting to hear more about the other characters. An excellent first novel by KM Daughters! I can't wait for the next book!"

Reviewed by Kirsten E. Zeitler "Fan" (Chicago, IL)
August 4, 2008