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Rose of the Adriatic

In *Rose of the Adriatic*, author K.M Daughters takes us back to the setting of her debut novel, *Jewel of the Adriatic*. Hundreds of pilgrims each year journey to the village of Valselo, Croatia where three visionaries have daily visits with Mary, Mother of God.

Anna Babic is one of the Visionaries. Young, beautiful and fully devoted to Our Lady and to serving God; Anna is treated like a celebrity by villagers and visitors alike. Matt Robins is a non-believer whose faith was shattered as a child. He has travelled from the U.S. for one reason; to prove the daily conversations are nothing more than pure nonsense. Matt is a doctor, a scientist and stem cell researcher. Rumors of miracle cures do nothing to convince him to call off his testing of Anna in hopes of finding scientific proof of a hoax.

From the first meeting with Anna, Matt cannot help but be mesmerized by her beauty and her honest soul. His attraction to her is immediate and he endeavors to shake off his reaction to her in order to carry out his work. Anna is certain that Our Lady has called Matt to Valselo to find his lost faith. Anna wants nothing more than to serve God and to one day have a family of her own. She begins to believe that Matt may be the man meant for her. Day by day, Matt works harder to finish his work, and to ignore his growing feelings for Anna.

Can Matt continue to disregard all that he sees and feels? Can he keep up his conviction to finding a fraud? Is this skeptical American the answer to Anna's prayers for a husband and family? Can she help him to open his heart and mind to his faith?

Rose of the Adriatic is a wonderful story of lost and regained faith and of a love created. I highly recommend it to those who loved *Jewel* and to anyone who enjoys faith-inspired fiction.

Reviewed by William Potter for Reader's Choice Reviews- 5 Stars

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