

## **Rose of the Adriatic Book Reviews**

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### **“Great Atmosphere!**

“K.M. Daughters returns to the village of Valselo for this story of healing. Anna is a visionary. Matt is a doctor from the U.S. who not only doubts her visions but is determined to prove her a fake. Daughters deftly weaves faith, healing and mystery into this love story. Once again her skillful scene setting and descriptions send you to a tiny village and a beautiful time on the Adriatic!”

Reviewed by Tanya Stowe (California)

February 22, 2011

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### **“Fascinating Subject!**

Rose of the Adriatic is a lovely romance quite unlike any other than I've read. The heroine, Anna, is a visionary who converses with Mary, the Mother of Jesus on a daily basis. The hero is a doctor intent on proving her a fake. I know nothing about visionaries, miracles or faith healing, but all of these elements play a part in the story. It was fascinating. Rose of the Adriatic is not your ordinary Christian Romance. I'm definitely going to read Jewel of the Adriatic as well.”

Reviewed by Kara Lynn Russell

December 28, 2010

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### **“Rose of the Adriatic.....**

Having a devotion to Our Lady of Medjugorje, I was anxious to dive into K. M. Daughter's story, Rose of the Adriatic. This story is not based in Medjugorje itself, not are the characters based on the actual visionaries, but still retains the flavor of the town and the culture (please know I am NOT an expert on Medjugorje). Anna is a visionary who speaks to Mary on a daily basis. Matt is a skeptic who needs to prove her a fake so he can convince the founder of his research lab to return to the US. With such diverse points of view, of course the attraction they feel for each other is a major problem.”

Reviewed by T. M. Travis (Monrovia, CA)  
October 27, 2010

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**“This Sequel Doesn't Disappoint!**

KM Daughters does it again with this beautifully written sequel...Rose of the Adriatic.

Wonderfully crafted, Rose of the Adriatic brings a believer together with one who seemingly has no room for God. How will the two ever find common ground?

You won't want to miss this emotion-charged sequel.”

Reviewed by Mary Manners  
September 20, 2010

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**“Rose of the Adriatic.....**

Fantastic A Keeper!”

Reviewed by Kathleen Clare (Rutherford, NJ USA)  
September 10, 2010

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**“Rose of the Adriatic.....**

Miracles really do happen in this character-driven story by the writing team behind Daughters. The strength of faith and love prevail in this well-crafted book. Matt and Anna will capture your heart.

Dr. Matthew Robbins lost his faith years ago and is now a self-proclaimed skeptic out to disprove the visionary who claims to see the Virgin Mary. He runs tests, both with and without her approval, that fail to prove she is anything but what she claims. Even more disconcerting, he's developing feelings for the young woman.

Anna Babic is a normal young woman in every way except for her extraordinary ability to communicate with the mother of God. The miracles that have resulted lead her to believe she will live her life as an isolated visionary. But this brash man who questions her every move is stealing her heart. Can she hope for a life as a wife and mother? Will the price be too high?"

Reviewed by Donna M. Brown

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**“Love blooms in the unlikeliest of places.....**

How can a woman of faith and a broken man of science possibly find common ground? With love...

This is a great love story between two people who, at first glance, couldn't possibly be drawn toward one another. Heart achingly honest with God, these characters both really appealed to me. I recommend this book for anyone who loves inspirational romance or just a beautifully crafted love story.”

Reviewed by Teri A. Wilson "puppylove" (San Antonio, Texas)  
July 13, 2010

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**“Rose of the Adriatic.....**

Wounded and faithless, Dr. Matthew Robbins arrives in a small Croatian village determined to discredit the visionary who claims to see the Mother of God. Matt believes only proven facts, and he's sure Anna Babic is either lying or delusional. But, despite all his unpopular testing, he can't disprove Anna's visions--and what's worse, he finds himself falling for the beautiful visionary who speaks to the blessed Virgin Mary.

Anna has experienced skeptics in the past, and they've never left a lasting effect. But Matt is different. Despite his open disbelief and vehemence to discredit her, she finds herself hoping he'll change his mind.

Drawn together as if by a heavenly hand, can Anna choose a life as the wife to her unlikely match? Can Matt believe on faith alone that God loves him enough to heal him and free him to love Anna?

Three visionaries who talk to the Mother of God. One a priest, one a married woman and one a young single woman.

A young doctor who wants to disprove the "miracles" performed in the name of God, but who finds more than he bargained for.

Dr Matt Robbins boss Harry, has left the research lab he founded and moves to Valselo to help the visionaries who have cured his wife. Matt follows, determined to prove to Harry there is a reasonable explanation.

Despite his conviction there is no such thing as a miracle, Matt is unable to find a scientific reason for what happens in Valselo. Anna, the young woman who is the most prominent visionary seems quite ordinary but her trances when she talks to the Mother of God seem to be genuine.

Anna gives Matt permission to test her but he still can't find fault with what she does. Neither Anna nor Matt can believe it when they begin to fall in love.

This book is definitely inspirational, but I didn't feel as if I was being preached to. The religious aspect was just part of the story. I liked that Anna was a normal, cheerful young woman, who liked to jog, look after her roses but couldn't cook to save herself.

Matt on the other hand was a strong, stern type who had allowed an unfortunate event in his childhood to turn him away from God and his parents. He resists all Anna's attempts to bring him back into the fold, but can't resist the temptation of Anna herself.

This is a lighthearted novel with a touch of sadness, a lot of love and the faith of God throughout the story. The last few chapters are at times quite poignant, and also unexpected. I would recommend this story not only to lovers of inspirational romances, but also to those who like contemporary romance. It's well worth the read."

Reviewed by Orchid  
By K.M. Daughters  
July 11, 2010

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### **“Visions....of love!**

Take a spiritually embattled doctor, pair him with a devoted, anointed visionary, and emotional fireworks ensue. But God's life-altering presence goes to work as well, creating a path of unity for the beautiful, yet conflicted hearts of Matt Robbins and Anna Babic. Matt is determined to prove Anna's visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be false, but the deeper he delves into this mystery of faith, the more he is drawn to Anna,

and his own faith walk. Beautifully written, powerful, I highly recommend Rose - and offer once again my genuine respect and kudos to KM Daughters!"

June 19, 2010

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

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### **“God opens a window to the soul..**

Anna sees Mary, the Mother of God on a daily basis. Miracles happen and each day is a blessing to her. When Matt comes into her life, a scientist with no belief in God because he feels there is no hard proof, how can Anna fall in love with such a man? But she does, and she fears losing the holy connection with her eternal Father. With visions and signs, Anna and Matt come to know that a hardened heart is no problem with God's grace. Matt's heart is turned when he witnesses his own miracle, and Anna's soul receives a balm of peace when her own prayers are answered. When this unlikely pair relies on God's vision for their future, love comes in an emotionally compelling story that keeps the reader going until the end.”

May 17, 2010

Reviewed by Sandy

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### **“A Beautiful Love Story!**

I read many books and at times I'll re-read the good ones but most of them end up in the give away box when the time comes to weed out the numerous titles I collect in a year. Occasionally I'll come across what I consider a great book ~ a keeper.

Rose of the Adriatic is more than a lovely romance between a spiritually bankrupt hero and the faith-filled visionary heroine. It is a story of God's amazing love for His creation, Jesus' unending love for us and the Blessed Mother's love for her Son as well as us, her children - for the Bible states by grace we are children of God, therefore by grace we are also children of Mary.

In reading this novel I fell in love all over again~with God, my Father; with Jesus Christ, my Lord & Savior and the lover of my soul; and with my Blessed Mother.

This is one book I'll keep and read over and over - it'll always grace my shelves.”

Reviewed by Pamela S Thibodeaux Pamela S Thibodeaux -Author of The Inheritance  
"Inspirational with an Ed... (Iowa, LA)  
May 9, 2010

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**“Great story!!!**

This is what Dee Dailey from The Romance Studio says about Rose of The Adriatic: "Dr. Matthew Robbins gave up on God and his family when he was eight years old. Science is something he can depend on. It can be proven, seen, tested. When his best friend and mentor seems to succumb to a visionary in Valselo Matt is determined to prove the whole thing is a hoax and get his friend back. His confidence is shaken when none of his scientific determinations are any help. Anna Babic seems to be someone special, a person the humanity and searching part of Matt is drawn to in a way he never expected.

K. M. Daughters writes an excellent tale that could be the life of any visionary we have heard or read about around the world. The personalization of the tale helps the reader see the life of Anna as spiritual but human. The Mother of God appears to speak to her in a special way during their times together but at other times she's just a young woman we can relate to in so many ways. She has hopes and dreams which Matt becomes a big part of.

This is a wonderful tale of the ways faith may work in life. No hocus pocus, just healing and a deep spirituality that helps people live better. The people of the town and pilgrims seeking healing provide a colorful background to the romance that grows between Anna and Matt. The spiritual journey Matt walks in trying to deny the visions while still seeming to cling to the hope he finds is sensitively done. Even those who truly believe are challenged by things that happen in life. This tale is deeply spiritual while still being an excellent romance and well told story."

Reviewed by Inspire Author  
May 7, 2010

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“Faith is belief in the unseen.....

Anna is a visionary - a woman who has seen and spoken with Mary, the mother of Jesus, since she was a child. Miracles and healings happen when she speaks.

Matt Robbins is a scientist, a doctor who does research to save lives. Tracking down his ex-boss in a little village in Croatia, he tries to lure the man away from the religious people who've been taken in by the woman who claims to talk to Jesus' own mother.

But somehow, Matt finds himself falling in love with Anna. Anna, who not only rocks his physical world, but who's devotion to God rocks his soul to its very core. Can Matt let go and let God? Can he simply accept the miracles he is seeing? And can Ann learn to love a skeptic who cannot shatter her faith, but has already shattered her heart?

This emotionally wrenching story of God's love in the face of disbelief will make you turn every page until you breathe a sigh of relief at the happy ending.”

Reviewed by Merry Stahel  
May 6, 2010

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**“KM Never Disappoints.....**

KM Daughters creates riveting and wonderful character driven stories that prevent you from putting the book down. This is one author who NEVER disappoints and is on the top of my reading list.”

Reviewed by AJ Stewart (Sacramento, CA USA)  
December 15, 2009

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**“The Power of Faith and Love Revealed!**

Dr. Matthew Robbins is on a single-minded quest to prove that the visions of the gifted Anna Babic are merely a hoax. Matthew, burdened by an intrinsic sense of doubt resulting from a shattered faith, has been a disbeliever since childhood, and he refuses to believe that Anna is anything but a liar. Anna, highly regarded as a visionary in her community, is an honest and pure spirit whose religious convictions have brought Matthew into a direct line of conflict with her. But in the midst of his efforts to prove her wrong, Matthew begins to experience an unexpected turn in his perspective: though he seems incapable of surrendering his pessimism even in the wake of such overwhelming evidence to the contrary, he cannot help but admire Anna's genuine nature and gentle faithfulness. And Anna is starting to believe that Matthew is the man with whom she is destined to spend her life. Will this renowned visionary and her greatest critic find a

connection that transcends the boundaries of belief? Can genuine faith heal even the greatest scars of doubt?

In the new faith-based romance by K.M. Daughters, *Rose of the Adriatic*, the conflict between faith and doubt takes the form of a seemingly impossible romance between the critical intellect and the faithful visionary. This collision of varying convictions is bound to captivate readers of all sorts, from those who find appeal in faith-based romances to those whose greatest passion is the story of an impossibly complex love.

K.M. Daughters, a pair of sisters who write cooperatively, are known for inspirational stories centered around a strong belief in love's potential to overcome even the greatest of barriers. "This tale is deeply spiritual while still being an excellent romance and well told story," writes Dee Dailey of The Romance Studio. Based upon an earlier novel entitled *Jewel of the Adriatic*, this award winning, praiseworthy novel is bound to capture the attention of readers of all sorts with its careful attention to faith's inherent power and ability to heal strong spiritual gashes in even the greatest and most firm disbelievers."

Reviewed by Sheila Clover "Book Trailer Lady" (Kentucky)  
September 29, 2009

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### **“Inspirational.....**

Dr. Matt Robbins was only a child when he lost faith in God. He travels to Valselo where it is reported that people are miraculously being healed. He intends to prove it isn't true. He sees evidence of the healings. He begins to question his lack of faith.

*Rose of The Adriatic* is a story of a faith lost and regained, of miracles and love. Once I began reading this story I could not put it down. I hope to see more books put out by Ms. Daughters.”

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

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### **“Rose of the Adriatic-A Faith-inspired Gem!**

In *Rose of the Adriatic*, author K.M Daughters takes us back to the setting of her debut novel, *Jewel of the Adriatic*. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, 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 traveled 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. Rumours 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 Reader's Choice Book Reviews "RCBR"  
July 24, 2009

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