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Finally And Forever (Katie Weldon Series)



Synopsis

What was she thinking? Katie Weldon wonders if she was crazy to spontaneously fly off to Africa on a mission trip. Suddenly she is dealing with a new culture, a world she's never experienced and Eli, a friend who is quickly becoming much more. It's all overwhelming and exciting. As her life turns topsy-turvy, however, she begins to think this might be exactly what she needs. Here, God might give her a glimpse into His will for her life. But just as Kenya and its people find a place in her heart, and her relationship with Eli begins to get serious, Katie is faced with unanswered questions from her past and unresolved issues with Eli. Is she really headed down the same path into the future he is? It doesn't look like it. Why can't she finally and forever settle into a set direction? Living in this new and captivating place, one thing she knows for sure: anything might be possible. Finally and Forever is the final book in the Katie Weldon Series.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up-Following the advice of her friend Christy, Katie follows her heart to see if the answers to some of life's questions lie in missionary work. She makes the spontaneous decision to join Eli, a fellow classmate and potential beau, in Kenya after their college graduation. Her initial impression of the country is marred by her uncomfortable journey from the airport but that changes when she is warmly welcomed by Eli's parents at their conference center, Brockhurst. Almost instantly Katie begins to fall in love with both Eli and Kenya. As her relationship with him grows, she begins to see

a long-term future for herself within his family and as a contributor to the well-digging projects associated with Brockhurst. However, her faith is shaken when it becomes obvious that she and Eli have differing career interests that could lead them in opposite directions. Katie's spiritual and emotional journey is a universal one that will resonate with many teen girls. However, some readers will be turned off by outdated cultural references and word choices. Those readers will also be suspicious of the idealization of the simplicity of Kenyan culture. Christian faith and values are an overt part of the plot and provide the foundation for Katie's decisions. However, readers do not need to be versed in the Christian faith or the previous books to enjoy the romantic journey.-Lynn Rashid, Marriotts Ridge High School, Marriottsville, MD (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Over the past 25 years Robin has written 82 books with almost 4.5 million copies sold worldwide. To her great delight, Robin's books are doing exactly what she always hoped to do they are traveling around the world and telling people about God's love. She is doing the same. Over the past ten years Robin has been invited to speak at events around the US and Canada as well as in South America, Africa, Europe and Australia. Robin and her husband have two grown children and have been married for 35 years. They live in Hawaii where she continues to write and speak.

With *Finally* and *Forever*, Katie Weldon jumps into a plane next to Eli and heads to Africa on an adventure of a lifetime. While I enjoyed seeing and hanging out with Katie again, I did feel like their romance was quick, but then again, Eli had been praying for Katie for over a year now. Katie's emotions seemed really quick in my opinion. While I enjoyed seeing Katie happy, I think Gunn could have spent more novels exploring the Katie and Eli relationship. But the characters are like good cup of coffee, rich, creamy, and comforting just like I like my stories. Since I do adore these characters and their stories, I still rate this book pretty high and recommend them to everyone.

I have purchased over a hundred books on my iPad using the Kindle app, and this is the first time that I've been compelled to write a review. To be honest, I'm actually sad that this saga is over. I grew up reading the Christy Miller series, her journey with Todd, and ultimately their college and subsequent marriage. I was thrilled years ago to see that Robin launched a series for Katie, since I often felt that her personality sometime over shadowed the lead characters. After reading the 3rd book, I waited in anticipation for the author to close Katie's chapter. She didn't disappoint. From

Katie's journey with Christy in Escondido, Europe, Rancho Cordova University, and now Africa, I felt that her journey towards her future was perfectly captured. Eli is by far the best match, and I'm so happy that I was able to witness her culture shock, discovering her passion, and ultimately coming to terms with the compromise between her and Eli. It was even interesting to witness her interaction between her ex-high school boyfriend and his role in her future. My only critique about this book, is that the last few chapters were mostly about Katie discovering her way. I've noticed that Robin tends to do this in both her Christy and Katie series. The lead character spends the last few chapters soul searching and then the ending feels rushed in almost the last few pages as she reunites with her SO. Since this is the last Katie book, I would have loved a little more detail about Eli's process (I love his no muss no fuss way of thinking) and how he reached his conclusion. We got clarity from Todd in the Christy Miller series and I would have liked it with Eli, who is probably tied now (in my esteem) with Todd. I know that will probably not see another Katie book, but hopefully Robin will throw her and Eli together during a future series.

All of Christ Miller Series and the spin offs from them / are great. They are inspiring so see that young adults can put God first and make Him the center of their life.

I loved the Chisty Miller series and this is a great one about her best friend, Katie!

I've been reading Robin's books since middle school, starting with the Christy Miller series. I was beyond excited when I saw that she had written the college series and Katie Weldon series more recently. I loved how Katie grew and changed over the years. Like many other girls, I grew up with Christy and Katie, and felt their experiences and life lessons mirrored in my own growing pains. This whole series was fantastic and I thought the ending was just right. I don't like endings to be too clean, neat and expected; but I also like happy endings and that is exactly what this is. Like the rest of the series, there is plenty of humor, real-life drama, and heart-felt lessons about God, people and ourselves in this book. I always cry at least once in every book Robin writes. She just has a way of touching the deepest part of your heart with truth, and I think that is a gift from God. Highly recommended!

Moms, don't miss out on some awesome bonding time with you teen (13+). Start with the Christy Miller series and move onto the Katie Weldon and Sierra Jensen series that are birthed from the Christy Miller series. My daughter and I would read a few chapters separately and then discuss what

these gals were learning through life experiences. The books equipped both of us for how to handle those same situations. And it was fun to meet a young man and whisper "he's a Todd" or a "God lover". You'll have to read to understand. Moms, you will love the read as much as your daughter!

My 16 year old daughter has said this was her favorite book and has read it several times. It is the last book in a series so I recommend getting the previous books first. Just look up the author and find out the names in the series.

Robin Jones Gunn is my favorite author how she writes and connects a majority of her books together is amazing. The last installment of the Katie Weldon is no exemption. For those who have been cheering Katie on since Christi Miller series will not be disappointed :)

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