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Things used to be normal in Casper, Alabama. Charity Pittman was a regular fourteen-year-old, the perfect daughter, following in her preacher father's footsteps. But then Adrienne arrived, with her big-city ways and artsy ideas. Reverend Pittman thinks she's the devil incarnate. Charity thinks she's amazing.

But no one knows what to think of Adrienne when she claims she's seen Jesus.

In the heartening and humorous book that made the National Book Award shortlist, Han Nolan visits a small town that's praying for a miracle but heading for disaster.

Reader's guide and an interview with the author included.

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Andersreads says

Where is the 3 1/3 stars option? I liked the beginning, the topic, and the ending, but the book dragged in the middle. Think of Flannery O'Connor for a middle-schooler. The book is set in the deep south, and the main character lives in a small town where her father is the preacher, her mom has gone away to a birdcage collectors convention, and a former resident, Adrienne, returns to town. Charity looks up to Adrienne, an artist. When Adrienne has a vision, Charity is in the middle of a town divided between those who believe that Adrienne's vision is a sign of God, and those who think that people going to visit the chair to pray for help is idolatry. I found the ending moving, and will recommend this book to students looking for a thoughtful book centered around religion.

Catherine says

Han Nolan portrays her characters so well. I found it interesting that the main character was named Charity. This book reminded me of the witch trials with people caught in religious fervor.

I liked the changes in the characters, but I struggled to connect with any of them. I felt like an observer instead of being emotionally vested.

Damar hening Sunyiaji says

Ide ceritanya keren, tokoh tokohnya punya konflik yang unik seperti sharale, charita dan joe si gila yang entah anaknya menderita penyakit apa.

Kursi Tuhan yang dianggap kudus oleh warga alabama itu gak ada artinya bagi adriene.

Gak ada tokoh jahat, masing masing punya kepentingan dan nasib yang bikin greget.

Mungkin persoalan berat badan sharale bukan masalah besar, tapi tentu saja kadar masalah bagi tiap orang berbeda dan anggapan pun berbeda.

Endingnya mengagetkan, karena orang orang di alabama yang notabene nya baik hati itu terpaksa melakukan tindakan tindakan jahat demi kepentingan pribadi dan nasib orang orang tercintanya.

Stephanie Hutabarat says

This is really funny book! And not a thriller book. It's about a young 'artist' who came to small town and declare that she saw Jesus after fasting 1 month for inspiration. Really funny. 3 stars for this!

Erica says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Picked it up by happenstance at a used book store. Raises wonderful issues about faith -- the faith in which we are raised and the faith which we grow into. Interesting issues about

power, as well. And there are moments of sheer laughter. "It was me! It's because of the okra!" A literal interpretation of the bible can be terrifying for a child... for adults, too.

Linda says

This is a young adult novel, but is a wonderful quick read. As an artist myself I loved the off-beat artist character Nolan includes...again, the story is told from a young girl's perspective... trying to wrestle with faith, family, and loyalty. I read 2 other Nolan books after this, both were good, but I liked this one the best.

Selena_v says

Truth be told, I was actually hesitant to read this book. These types of books often makes me feel guilty for the things I've never done for God. But what actually got me reading this book is the last sentence to the summary, "...and Charity is stuck in the middle, questioning her father, her religion..."

A Christian book that talks about questioning their religion, ok.

This will be definitely something new.

The book starts off with the main character, Charity, meeting Adrienne. Adrienne is a artist and Charity instantly falls in love with her 'free and unique' style, but her dad thinks differently. Her dad is the small town's preacher, but is he the best preacher? She soon struggles between whether what her dad is saying and what the whole town seems to be saying. I really enjoyed the ending, it showed how something that looks so perfect and good can be sometimes be needing help from others around them.

"Send Me Down A Miracle," was a thought provoking book yet it had a wonderful plot to go with it. I would recommend this book looking for a short read with a identity crisis type of flow to it. Technically it is not my cup of tea, but if I ever feel in the mood of a quick and good read I know where to look.

Dan says

Well written book. The story, characters, and setting really drew me in. I felt like I really understood what this young southerner's perspective was. The daughter of a stern, stubborn, but caring, preacher. Charity desires to be some one important in the world, but what does that mean? Leaving home? Changing who you are? That's what Charity hopes to find out. Will the answers come from God, Jesus, her father, or the New York artist who is spending the summer? Charity aims to seek her destiny, and find out how the town of Casper will always be a part of her. Well written and excellent details created a fun reading experience for me. A little zany around the climax, but a fun read nevertheless. I would recommend this book to young readers.

Jeanna says

Okra!

Laura (Booksforbreakfast) says

Very good read - Very much infused with religion so I don't recommend it if you don't believe in God. It's about a girl named Charity who is the preacher's daughter and has always been a goody goody until Adrienne moves into town. She's very different and artistic, doesn't care what people think and Charity is drawn to her. Then Adrienne claims to have seen God in a chair in her home and it turns their town completely upside down.

Sigrid Ellis says

This book -- all the characters in it are very well-written, not caricatures. The plot doesn't take every neat turn one might expect. I liked it, I enjoyed reading it, and I finished it in a couple hours. A good, serious YA book.

Debbie says

Adrienne Dabney turns a small town upside down when she locks herself up in her house for several weeks without food or light. She emerges three weeks later, claiming to have seen a vision of Jesus.

Charity Pittman, a preacher's daughter, believes in the miracle, even though her father denounces Adrienne and her miracle. Charity learns much about life and herself as she observes the difference between saying you have faith and living like you do.

Thought-provoking.

Linda Shroyer says

Another novel from a young girl's perspective.....yes, it is a YA novel, so a quick read, but I loved the kooky New York artist who experiments with living in a sensory deprivation exercise. This fascinates our heroine, but is at odds with her preacher father.

Shella says

I think there is something sentimental about this book.. I don't know why, I feel closed to the character eventhough our story is really not related. a little sad..

a story about little girl in little village whose mother just runaway and left her family.
the book doesnt take my breath away, but cannot be kept out of my mind either

Nia says

I think that the girl in this story is very smart and she is very happy and intelligent to her family.
