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Emma says

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includes a scripture, the devotional thought, several additional scriptures and then a handful of questions with space for your responses as well as an image to color. Topics include relationships (friendships, family), identity, God's authority, prayer, reading the Bible. 31 sections and questions at the end of each section. It's divided into 31 sections and each section has a devotional, Scriptures for going deeper and then journal prompts. Journal allow one to write down what is going on in life.

Hand-Drawn Art for Coloring!

Features 60 hand-drawn pages featuring scripture for coloring, shading and inspiration.

Journal Prompts for Deeper Thought

Journal prompts throughout the devotional help readers reflect on the devotions they've prayed on and reflect on their own prayers for God.

Create-Your-Own Pages for Creative Souls

Several create-your-own pages packed into the back allow creative souls the outlet to draw, sketch, write and more!

I highly recommend reading.

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The Devoted Life: A Creative Devotional Journal by Marjorie Jackson is a wonderful well written 5 star book.

I am looking forward to reading more books by Marjorie Jackson.

Elaine says

Title: The Devoted Life: A Creative Devotional Journal

Author: Marjorie Jackson

Genre: Christian, Nonfiction, Journal, Devotional, Spiritual, Creative, Self-Help,

Plot: The market for devotionals is a very large one. We can search and find just about any type of devotional for every walk we might find ourselves on. There are devotionals for teen guys and girls, young adults, senior adults, kids, moms, for busy people, for the dark days of our lives, for gratitude and many other areas of life. Some of these devotionals come with built-in spaces for journaling our thoughts - usually just a few lines at the end of the chapter. Some come with companion journals but that is an extra purchase.

Enter Marjorie Jackson's little creation. Here we have, in a gorgeous dusty rose faux leather cover, a complete devotional journal. There are thirty-one sections with their own unique cover picture for us to color followed by a brief story or encouraging thoughts. Then come the fun journal prompts. After that comes another hand-drawn picture for us to fill in. At the back of the journal are some creative pages for us to do with as we please. And finally, what journal isn't complete with a lovely ribbon marker to keep our place?

Likes/Dislikes: I love journals. I have something of an addiction to smelling them, touching their gorgeous blank pages whispering of potential and hunting down the loveliest covers. So getting a hold of this extra special journal was a must for me. I really like the journal/coloring book combo that is going on here; it is unique and really makes me want to color all the pictures in. The introduction was admittedly two pages too long in my opinion and I feel like the space for each journal prompt is not enough. I like the 365 Questions journals even though the spaces are tiny in those, but I wanted longer journaling space with this. All in all, lovely but not really the journal for me.

Rating: G-all ages, geared more toward teens and adults.

Date Review Written: January 5th, 2019

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Lotus says

The Devoted Life by Marjorie Jackson is absolutely brilliant! This book is a young woman's devotional that also includes journal prompts and coloring pages. The devotions are divided into 31 sections each on their own topic. This makes it easy to skip around and read whatever devotion you need for the day.

Each section starts and ends with a picture to color. There is a verse before the devotional and also several "Scriptures For Going Deeper" after the devotional. Following the "Scriptures For Going Deeper" is the journal prompts.

I really enjoyed how the book features multiple journal prompts for every section. I also really liked that while each devotional had a single preceding it, it also had several after if you would like to read more. Both

of these things make it so you can do a quick devotional and journaling session or you can really take your time.

I give this book 5 stars. It is creative, practical, and wonderfully written. This is a wonderful gift for any young woman in your life.

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Susan Snodgrass says

"This is a very nice devotional. The entire book is not very long, but what is within its pages makes up for the length. It is very fulfilling, giving the reader pause for reflection. Divided into 31 devotions, each consisting of a scripture verse, a devotion and a few scriptures for going deeper, it also has a section with questions to journal that are relevant to the devotion. Then there are also 2 pages to color. All in all, a quite nice book for a good study and quiet time. I've enjoyed it very much indeed.

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Lesia Caputo says

This book is fabulous! It is like three books in one, a devotional, a journal, and a place to relax while contemplating the scripture while coloring/doodling/drawing. The title says it's a creative devotional journal, which describes it perfectly. The book has 31 sections for you to complete at your leisure - one per day or stretch out each section as long as you care to reflect. Some of the topics include Selfishness, Humility, Living Wisely, Being Teachable, Determining God's Will as the goal of the book is to show us how to live of lives fully devoted to Christ. Each section begins with a coloring page with the sections main idea, followed by the scripture and summary. After you're finished with the reading there are suggested Bible verses offered to dig a bit deeper, followed by journal prompts, and another coloring page. You can see that each section offers you plenty to do to possibly consider each message over time. I find that I enjoy stretching out each section for a week or more to really think about it. Obviously some sections will require more or less thought depending on you!

It's such a beautiful book too which gives the reader even more pleasure with a pretty pink leather-like soft cover. This book is marketed to teens and young adults but I am enjoying it as an older adult, it's a fun and interactive way to get your scripture teachings and reflection time. I'm really enjoying this book and highly recommend it!

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Becky Van Daniker says

"The Devoted Life" by Marjorie Jackson is a super cute devotional journal. This beautiful devotional is geared towards teenage girls, but would also be perfect for adult women. I'm considering using myself.

The book's cover is imitation leather which is gorgeous and adds to the fun of coloring and writing in this journal. It is also the perfect size for carrying around in a purse or for traveling purposes. There is a pink ribbon bookmark attached as well. Each section includes speech in hand-drawn bubble letters along with an illustration to color. I highly recommend colored pencils for this as markers bleed through.

Each day is divided into different topics. Topics include relationships (friendships & family), giving God our everything, prayer, reading the Bible, God's authority, and so forth. The author gives at three verses to tie in her short note of the day's topic. She also includes personal and thought-provoking questions to journal about. These questions would be perfect for discussion as well.

She also has an entire section where you can create your own illustrations or add your own thoughts. The author is both encouraging and challenging readers to grow in their walks.

Overall, this is one I'd highly recommend.

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Sarah says

Described as being for teen girls, "The Devoted Life" works just as well for adult women. This is the first "creative devotional journal" that I have ever explored, and it is very neat! The book itself is slim, which is handy for carrying in a purse or bag, and the imitation leather gives the book a more forgiving binding that allows for coloring and writing inside without too much hassle. Normally I would prefer a spiral-bound setup with this type of interactive book, but the imitation leather really does work quite well here. There is even a pink ribbon bookmark attached to the binding. Each section title appears in hand-drawn bubble letters, along with occasional small illustrations, to color; as such, the text is somewhat difficult to read, but I imagine that it would be easier once the letters are colored.

Each devotional consists of a Bible verse followed by a one-page commentary and three Scriptures for further study. There are five journal prompts related to the devotional, and out of these, at least one or two would be good for groups as well as individual reflection. The topics are easy to relate to and bring up common issues that everyone has dealt with at one time or another. Following the prompts, the Bible verse from the beginning of the devotional is drawn out for coloring. At the end of the book there are 9 pages with simple borders to "Create Your Own Hand-Lettered Scripture Art". Just flipping through the book, it might seem a bit bland, but it lacks color because that's where the reader's creativity comes into play! What a fun, meaningful journal-devotional combination!

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Jill says

Marjorie Jackson's "A Devoted Life" is a 31-day creative journaling experience that will teach you how to live a life fully devoted to Christ. Each day, or section, gives you an opportunity to be creative by coloring

inspirational quotes or Scripture or using creative writing, or journaling, with prompts that will guide your creative process. The section also includes a short devotional covering topics relating to being devoted to Christ, such as prayer, Bible reading, forgiveness, determining God's will, etc., as well as a list of Scriptures that will help you go deeper with your study.

The world is trying to mislead us into thinking that devotion to Christ and making Him a priority in our lives is not important, but it is, in fact, the most important thing we can do in this life. While the 31 sections can be used daily, you can also take each section slowly and cover the topics in more depth.

The imitation leather cover is a gorgeous rose color. You can make the inside your own whether you color, or write, or both. "The Devoted Life" is a great gift for yourself or someone special. It will be treasured.

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Sarah says

The Devoted Life by Marjorie Jackson is a creative devotional journal that opens the reader to experience God in a different way. This devotional is perfect for those who are creative by nature and for those who desire to be more creative. The devotional journal contains 31 sections on faith, fear, the Bible, prayer, selfishness, humility, submitting authority, true beauty and so much more. This devotional is intended for young adult females. However, as an adult married female, I enjoyed this devotional. In this journal are over 60 scripture coloring pages to help the reader experience God in a creative medium.

The journal is a rose gold leather cover that is flexible and bendable, which I love. It also has a white ribbon to help bookmark your page. This amazing devotional is a great book to help strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

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Anne Rightler says

Marjorie Jackson has compiled a lovely creative coloring journal and topical devotional book in this volume. Beginning with an introductory word about our relationship with Jesus and the gift of salvation, the author encourages the user of this journal to take a journey with her to deepen that relationship and grow spiritually. The book itself is a soft cover of imitation leather and is just over 200 pages--pages that are filled with a variety of ways to be creative in being intentional in one's devotional life. There are 60 hand-drawn scripture verses pictures for coloring as well as a number of blank pages for one's own creative drawings or writings. The book is divided into 30 sections with each section having thoughts from the author, scriptures for going deeper, journal prompts to stimulate the reader's own thoughts regarding the subject of the section, and the coloring pages. Some of the subjects included are The Power of the Tongue, Doing It All Unto Him, and Why Share Your Faith and others that encourage thought about family, identity, and ministry. I like that this devotional journal can be an excellent choice for a gift to encourage a young believer or as a tool for a mature Christian to continue to deepen her relationship with Jesus.

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Kelly Bridgewater says

The Devoted Life by Marjorie Jackson is a creative journal. It combines pictures to color, if you're into that type of thing, which I'm not, and a journal pages with questions to consider after reading a little entry to better develop your Christian walk. Some of the questions are deep with Biblical quotations to back them up. I enjoy some of the concept, but it feels a little too rushed in some sections. I wish there was more meat to some of the sections. It would be nice to develop some of the ideas more instead of jumping right into the next colored page. The cover is nice and beautifully bond. I looked forward to a creative way to journal and spend time with God, but I don't think this is the one for me. Overall, readers that like to have a few minutes with God every morning might think this is the perfect journal for them. I just like more depth to my study.

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C.E. Hart says

It's fitting that my first book review of 2019 is of an interactive book, because one of my focuses this year is to better exercise my right brain (creative side.)

I love journals, devotionals, coloring books—or any source that gets my creative and spiritual juices flowing. **The Devoted Life** is a creative devotional journal designed to encourage and inspire. It includes thought-provoking Scripture verses, journaling prompts, coloring pages, and meditations. It is designed for teens, but there's no reason I have to be young to enjoy it.

The leather-like cover is flexible and pretty, and the attached ribbon place-marker is a nice perk. There isn't a single thing I don't love about this book.

“Life is Good with a God Who is Great!”

Author: Marjorie Jackson

Publisher: Shiloh Run Press

Pages: 208

Opening Line (introduction): *Devotion means letting our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls be utterly infected with passion for and loyalty to the object of our dedication.*

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Jaymie says

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Each entry includes a scripture, the devotional thought, several additional scriptures and then a handful of questions with space to jot responses as well as an image to color. Topics include relationships (friendships, family), identity, God's authority, prayer, reading the Bible, etc.

This devotional has a good format and good content, but I believe the reading level is too high for the target audience. I did a reading level assessment on three random entries, and they ranged from 11.1 (Junior year of high school) to 13.9 (end of Freshman year of college).

I had plenty of teen students who were strong readers and would have enjoyed a devotional like this, but I had plenty who would NOT have been able to work through the intricate text and would likely have given up. The questions were better suited for the age group (5.2-6.3 reading level), but even the beginning of the introduction to the book was written at a 9th grade level. Most contemporary fiction for adults runs in the 5th/6th grade range. I tested some random sample devotionals from two books for adults - Jesus Calling (5.2-7.6) and A Moment to Breathe (4.9-5.0) that fall in that range.

I think this would be fantastic for college students, and I believe the content would work for that older age group. And strong teen readers will be able to dig into this rich resource and get a lot out of it. But I think the writing may put off other readers who may struggle with it. I wish the book better reflected the full range of teen readers when it was put together.

Connie Saunders says

"The Devoted Life" is targeted for young adults but I am many years past this age group and I am thrilled with this book! It is labeled as a creative journal and there are 208 pages that allow you to explore your own creativity. "The Devoted Life" is divided into 31 sections and the beginning page of each section lists the topic and offers you a page to color. This is followed by a Bible verse that is applicable to the topic and devotional thoughts to add to your worship time. Additional scriptures allow you to go deeper into study and journal prompts help spur your thinking and offer a place to record your own thoughts. The final page of each section is another coloring page and it features the Bible scripture that began the section. This journal concludes with several blank pages that offer you a place to feature your own special verses and create your own special pages.

I am very impressed with both the outward appearance and the inward quality of this book. The imitation-leather cover is a beautiful pink color and it is soft enough to allow the journal to be easily written in. This is a wonderful choice for anyone wanting to enhance their worship time and I look forward to using my own copy in the new year ahead. I also believe that "The Devoted Life: A Creative Devotional Journal" will be great for gift-giving also!

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Donelisa says

Spiritually and Creatively Provoking

The Devoted Life by Marjorie Jackson is a creative devotional journal that draws the audience closer to God and brings us back to a life that is devoted and dedicated to God. Jesus should be the center of our lives, the center of our devotion and not just “a compartment of one’s life”. In creating this journal, Marjorie Jackson hopes that “our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls will be utterly infected with passion for and loyalty to the object of our dedication.” The devotional journal contains 31 sections, each with a different theme which would ideally correspond to a different day. The topics are all something that is applicable to the intended audience’s life. Throughout the day, I often find myself dwelling upon the theme as I relate it to the things I encounter. The devotionals draw me spiritually deeper and the verses listed after every devotional come alive with power. The journal prompts or discussion questions cause you to reflect and ponder. Included in the journal are over 60 scripture coloring pages to unleash your creative genius. Each section begins and ends with a coloring. The journal is enclosed in a rose gold leather cover. Overall, this journal is an amazing tool to deepen your passion for Jesus that would also make a perfect gift!

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