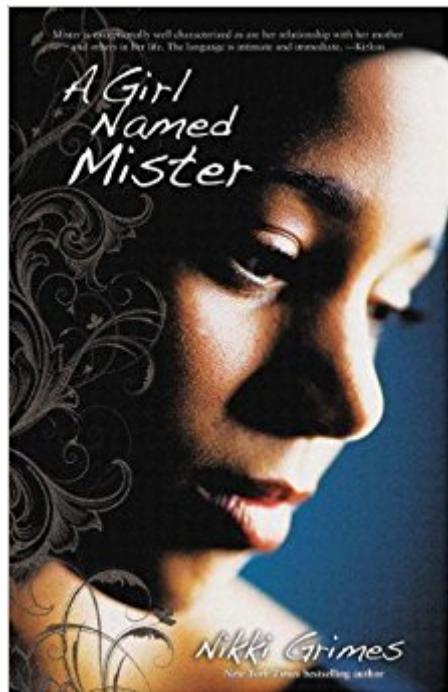


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# A Girl Named Mister



## **Synopsis**

Mary Rudine, called Mister by almost everyone, has attended church and sung in the choir for as long as she can remember. But then she meets Trey. His long lashes and smooth words make her question what she knows is right, and one mistake leaves her hiding a growing secret. Mary is excited about her upcoming wedding, and has done everything according to Jewish law. So when an angel appears one night and tells her "a virgin" she'll give birth, Mary can't help but feel confused, and soon finds herself struggling with the greatest blessing the world will ever know. Feeling abandoned, Mister is drawn to Mary's story, and together both young women discover the depth of God's love and the mysteries of his divine plan.

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Gr 8 Up "Mary Rudine, nicknamed Mister, enjoys going to church for the friends and the music, but her commitment to purity and her "good-girl" status are not enough to keep her from sleeping with her boyfriend. It only happens once "after that, Trey moves on and Mister is left with a guilty conscience. She turns to her church for support and forgiveness, which are freely given even when it becomes apparent that she is pregnant ("You'd think I grew a few extra mothers," she quips). Still feeling estranged from God, Mister turns to a fictionalized account of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and finds that the story resonates with her on many levels. As Mister's pregnancy progresses, she struggles with questions of what she should do, and whether giving her baby up for adoption would be the best choice. As she holds her newborn son, she marvels at the miracle of new life and chooses to trust God for what is best for her and her child, even if that means giving him up for

adoption. The lyrical free-verse format of the novel communicates the deep emotions surrounding the parallel stories of Mister and Mary, two teenagers who have to deal with explaining their unplanned pregnancies to their families and friends. Though the story is most likely to appeal to Christian teens, all readers will be able to sympathize with the girl's conflicting emotions about her baby, her boyfriend, and her mother as she struggles to balance pregnancy with a normal teenage life.â "Misti Tidman, Boyd County Public Library, Ashland, KYâ (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fourteen-year-old Mary Rudine, nicknamed M. R. and then just Mister, wears a promise ring, a symbol of her commitment to God and decision to wait for true love before she has sex. But in one brief moment, gorgeous, smooth-talking Trey, with his gentle, seductive hands, weakens her resolve, and she gets pregnant. In terrified denial, she picks up a book about the Virgin Mary, which details a similar struggle with her fate and her faith. In alternating, free-verse narratives, Grimes parallels the stories of both Marysâ "their joy and terror as they carry a child, the support they accept from those who love them, and above all, their struggle to trust in Godâ 's will for their lives. With each carefully chosen word, each well-crafted image, the familiar teen pregnancy story is made unique by its faith-based undertones, dual perspectives, and lyrical language. Grades 8-12. --Frances Bradburn --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

[http://www..com/gp/product/B003YFJ720/ref=cm\\_cr\\_rev\\_prod\\_img](http://www..com/gp/product/B003YFJ720/ref=cm_cr_rev_prod_img) This is one of the most beautiful poems I ever read, and I have a Ph.D. in English. Combining the thoughts of the pregnant fifteen-year-old with the poem she is reading about Mary being pregnant with Jesus, looking at her as her neighbors might have seen her, pregnant before marriage, obviously too far along for how long she has been married, while Mister, unmarried while the guy who impregnated her tries it on with other girls, lives with the same stares and whispers today, is a magnificent juxtaposition that works perfectly. If the rest of the book this came from is this good, it certainly ought to win some major awards. In the meantime, I suggest that ALL young women old enough to become pregnant read it. Yes, it's partly a matter of age as one critic suggested, but the fact is that if a girl is old enough to become pregnant, she might. If she reads this book, she might be a little less likely to make the bad decision Mister made, and might manage to spot the selfish male a little sooner.

If you've ever made a mistake in your life, completed some task that would make your parents

cringe, you'll appreciate this book. Yes, it's written from a Christian point of view, but it's not overly done. What I feel in M.R. is a young lady that is loved but wants, like all teenagers, more of everything. She doubts all beliefs that didn't originate from her young brain-just like many teenagers. This book made me think back to my younger years: the good, the bad and the oh sooo ugly...I loved the writing style. I loved this book in its totality. Buy this book and give it to your mom for Christmas, your teenage daughter just because, the mom of a teenage daughter ....On so many levels, this book is needed in many households.

Mary Rudine: First it was Mary, then it was M.R. Mister is all anybody calls me now... Mister wears a purity ring. She has made the choice to save herself for the man she marries, but then she meets Trey and finds out that a commitment to abstain from sex can be more difficult to keep than she thought. Before Trey, Mister was a good Christian girl. After Trey, she was still a good Christian girl even though she didn't think so; she just made a bad choice. A few sweet, soft-spoken words and sensual touches from a good-looking guy and Mister compromised her beliefs. A momentary lapse of reason and she allowed herself to be used. She didn't realize that at the time, because she believed Trey really cared about her. She needed to find a way to move on without guilt or shame. Mary, Mary was a book of poetry about Christ's mother and it belonged to Mister's mother. Mister read it faithfully and it was in those pages where she found comfort and answers to her questions. A Girl Named Mister is written in verse. This format worked better in some chapters than others. What I mean is that certain chapters had more of a poetic feel. SOFT was my favorite. Mister made a mistake that teenage girls make every day. She regretted her choice and she wasn't sure how to cope with her pregnancy. She is a very realistic character and there will be readers - Christian or not - who will identify with her. I found out about this story when a Facebook friend brought the free e-book to my attention (My mobile phone had a Free Kindle app. I am so amazed at technology these days!) Even though I'm not really into poetry like I used to be many years ago, I enjoyed this book. I liked it so much, in fact, that I purchased the hardcover soon after I read the e-book. It is a must read for teenage girls and their parents. I highly recommend it! Parents: There is a bit of profanity and sexual content.

A Girl Named Mister was a free Kindle download last month. It's a good short story that can be read in about 2-3 hours. It's written like a poem, so many of the pages have no more than about 50 words on them. A girl named mister is about 15-year-old Mister who makes a commitment to remain a virgin until marriage, but she is distressed when she discovers that she is pregnant with her new

boyfriend's baby. The boyfriend leaves her after she refuses to continue having a sexual relationship with him. The book's ending was too abrupt and incomplete. The book leaves into an excerpt on another novel. Not a very original storyline; this one has been told over and over again.

Mary Rudine nick named as Mister, is a young Christian girl, and is determined to save her special gift till marriage. She wears a purity ring to symbolize her vow with God. Try becomes her boyfriend and swipes her off her feet and her vow is broken. Pregnant and abandoned by Try, Mister feels she has become separated from God despite the support of her family and church. She turns to a book about Mary the mother of Jesus and finds support and comfort in the story. The story of "A Girl Named Mister" is told in lyrical free verse. It is focused on the group of girls in grades 8 through 12.

I liked the concept of this book. The writing style was different than anything I've read but I liked it. I recommend this book to teens, male or female. It's an issue that is hard to address for both parents and teens. Reading the struggle that this character had and the beliefs that she had based on what her mother told her was an eye opener. Also the male perspective in this book was all too common. Overall it was very true to the subject matter.

My book club read this book a few months ago. We all found this story to be wonderfully written and heartfelt. A few of our members could totally relate to Mister's dilemma and the choices she made. I loved how the story of Mary & Joseph was intertwined with Mister's story. I think any parent who needs to have the "Birds & The Bees" discussion with their children should have them read this book first then have "The Talk".

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